

## J. Scott Moody is new CEO at The Maine Heritage Policy Center

The Maine Heritage Policy Center announced on July 2 the appointment of J. Scott Moody as chief executive officer of MHPC.

Supporters are already familiar with Scott, who has served as MHPC's chief economist for six years, directing numerous studies in tax and regulatory policy.

Moody replaces former CEO Lance Dutson, who left MHPC when he was offered the opportunity to run Charlie Summers' campaign for U.S. Senate.

"MHPC's board, our staff and our many supporters across the state look forward to work-



J. Scott Moody

ing with him to advance our common interests in free markets and a free society," said Peter Anania, chairman of the MHPC Board of Directors.

## "Left Turn: How Liberal Media Bias Distorts the American Mind"

MHPC hosted a luncheon on June 28 with Dr. Tim Groseclose, author of "Left Turn: How Liberal Media Bias Distorts the American Mind."

A professor of political science and economics at UCLA, Groseclose has constructed precise, quantitative measures of the slants of media outlets. He has also devised a method of measuring where politicians and voters land on

the bias scale. Take his "Political Quotient" quiz to see just how conservative you are. See [www.themainewire.com/2012/06/compute-political-quotient/](http://www.themainewire.com/2012/06/compute-political-quotient/)



Dr. Tim Groseclose

## MHPC REPORT Maine's "Rich" are Working Couples, Small Business Owners

By J. Scott Moody

Maine's high-earning individuals are married couples with dual incomes and risk-taking entrepreneurs who create jobs. This contrasts with cries denouncing "tax cuts for the rich" in response to modest income tax relief passed last year.

"This report shows how important a reduced income-tax burden is to hard-working Maine families and small businesses," said Scott Moody. "The big-government advocates on the left are yelling about tax cuts for the 'rich', but they don't understand that the people helped most by income-tax reductions are entrepreneurs who create jobs."

## MHPC celebrates the legacy of Dr. Milton Friedman Heritage Foundation expert speaks on school choice

The Maine Heritage Policy Center joined an international effort, "Friedman Legacy for Freedom Day", by hosting an expert on school choice from The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C.

The luncheon event, which is held annually on Friedman's birthday to celebrate the legacy the Nobel Prize-winning economist, was held Tuesday, July 31 at DiMillo's On the Water in Portland.

Friedman, who would have been 100 that day, was the father of the school-voucher idea.

Lindsey Burke, a Will Skillman Fellow in Education at The Heritage Foundation, discussed the need for local control in Maine's education system and the goal of empowering parents through school choice.

More than 50 educators, legislators, business people and Maine Education Commissioner Stephen Bowen attended the luncheon event.



MHPC CEO Scott Moody (l. to r.) with Lindsey Burke of The Heritage Foundation and Amanda Clark, research and development associate at MHPC.

## "ObamaCare: Maine's Stake In The Fight"

Joel Allumbaugh, director of MHPC's Center for Health Reform Initiatives, explained how ObamaCare would adversely affect Maine.

He spoke at two events, first at a luncheon in Portland on May 24, then at a dinner in Auburn on June 11.

At the Auburn dinner, David Crocker, director of MHPC's Center for Constitutional Government, added legal perspective about the Supreme Court's decision to uphold ObamaCare.

Joel summed up Obama Care's affect on Maine in an editorial published July 23 in the Bangor Daily News: "Obamacare: higher taxes, expensive premiums and added burden for business".