



## 2015 BRADLEY PRIZES

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### **Statement of Nomination: Jason Riley**

It is with great enthusiasm that I nominate new MI senior fellow Jason Riley for the 2015 Bradley Prizes. In recent years, Riley has become one of America's leading journalists focused on the issue of black intergenerational poverty—one of our nation's most wrenching and longstanding social problems. As you know, political correctness has long discouraged an open and honest conversation about challenges facing the black community, particularly in regard to areas such as educational attainment, employment, crime, and family structure. Riley stands out for his courage in approaching the sensitive issue of race with rigor and following the facts where they lead. In his 2014 book, *Please Stop Helping Us: How Liberals Make It Harder for Blacks to Succeed*, published by Encounter Books, Riley advances the idea that blacks ultimately must help themselves by developing the same habits, attitudes, and behaviors that other groups acquired in order to rise. As an MI senior fellow, Riley is working to promote a positive message about the potential of black self-development, through constant writing, appearances on radio and TV, an annual conference, and a national speaking tour that includes college and university campuses. The Manhattan Institute is pleased to provide Riley with the opportunity to build on his past efforts and continue to influence the public discourse about how citizens of all backgrounds might participate successfully in American institutions and the nation's free-enterprise economic system.

## **Jason Riley**

### **Biographical Sketch**

In February 2015, Jason Riley became a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. Prior to joining MI, he was a member of *The Wall Street Journal* Editorial Board and Fox News contributor. He joined the paper in 1994 as a copyreader on the national news desk in New York. He moved to the editorial page in 1995 as copyreader and later became a copy editor. In April 1996, he was named to the newly created position of editorial interactive editor and maintained the editorial and Leisure & Arts section of WSJ.com. He was named a senior editorial page writer in March 2000, and member of the Editorial Board in 2005. In 2014, his book, *Please Stop Helping Us: How Liberals Make It Harder for Blacks to Succeed*, was published by Encounter Books. Born in Buffalo, New York, Riley earned a bachelor's degree in English from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He has also worked for *USA Today* and the *Buffalo News*.

### Praise for *Please Stop Helping Us*

"*Please Stop Helping Us* by Jason Riley is a much-needed fundamental education on the facts about race in America. It is an honest discussion of race in plain English, without the evasive rhetoric and outright cant that have become the norm in these politically correct times. It packs a lot of facts and a lot of wisdom into 204 pages of very easily understood writing. I cannot think of any book that has said so much in so few pages since Milton Friedman's *Capitalism and Freedom* back in 1962. This book would be an especially valuable gift for someone who has just graduated from a college that pushes the usual politically correct line on racial issues. A few doses of the truth can work wonders." Thomas Sowell, Hoover Institution

"From affirmative action to welfare, a devastating examination of the real-life effects of good intentions gone terribly wrong. This thoughtful, lucid, and often restrained account of the wreckage produced by racial politics marks Jason Riley as one of the nation's rising political writers." Charles Krauthammer, Fox News contributor

"There are people who labor under the impression that the last word on race issues in modern America is work by writers like Cornel West and Michael Eric Dyson. Too few understand that after one has sampled them, true enlightenment can come only by also reading work like this book by Jason Riley. The current civil rights orthodoxy is longer on custom than concrete goals. *Please Stop Helping Us* shows us why." John McWhorter, Columbia University and former MI senior fellow

"Jason Riley has written a superb book about government policies that are intended to help blacks, but have instead gone on to injure them with the helping hand. I was particularly taken by the sophistication, scholarly competence, and fresh thinking around these very complex issues. This fine book is a major contribution to our thinking about black socioeconomic progress." Robert Woodson, Sr., founder and president, Center for Neighborhood Enterprise