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Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise to Host Venezuelan Asylum Seeker Jorge Galicia

Free session from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Tues., April 21 to be held in Harmon Hall at Lindenwood University.

- WHO:** Local community leaders, faculty, staff, and students will have an opportunity to attend an informative, engaging presentation at [Lindenwood University](http://www.lindenwood.edu), featuring [Jorge Galicia](#). A Venezuelan Asylum Seeker, Galicia also bills himself as a Christian, lawyer, and freedom fighter. Galicia had to leave his life in Venezuela after an oppressive regime crippled the economy, caused widespread starvation, blanketed the nation in blackouts, and silenced and jailed those who dared to speak out and criticize the government. With an eyewitness perspective, he answers the question: **How did a country with so much wealth and promise completely collapse? Could it happen in the United States? His answer will surprise you!**
- WHAT:** Before socialism devastated his country, Jorge Galicia lived a life not unlike that of middle-class Americans. But now, he is one of 4 million Venezuelans, who have fled their country following its economic, social, and political collapse. Living under a socialist tyranny showed Galicia the dangers of letting the State grow. From a young age, he has been speaking out about the very real damages caused by socialism and has made it his life's mission to win the fight. As a member of *Estudiantes por la Libertad* (Students for Liberty Latin America), he served as coordinator from 2015-16 and senior leader from 2016-17. Today, he travels to college campuses speaking out and sharing his story.
- WHERE &** **Lindenwood University – Dunseth Auditorium in Harmon Hall** (209 South Kingshighway in St. Charles, MO) -- <http://www.lindenwood.edu/about/our-campus/campus-map/> (Bldg #24).
- WHEN:** **Tuesday, April 21 – 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**
- ALSO:** As a part of the Galicia's presentation, there will be an opportunity for an interactive Q&A. This upcoming event is free and open to the general public; registration is not required. According to [Dale Walton](#), Professor of International Relations at Lindenwood and Senior Research Fellow at the [Hammond Institute](#), Galicia's presentation is made possible by The Fund for American Studies (TFAS.org/Venezuela). For questions or more information, contact Carol Felzien, Director of Administration, at 636-627-2915 or via email at CFelzien@lindenwood.edu.

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