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## Happy Birthday, Walter Williams!

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Walter Williams, the great George Mason University economist, outspoken champion of free-market ideas, and Reason Foundation trustee emeritus, turns 75 years old today. As the Cato Institute's Ed Crane notes in a [celebratory birthday post](#), “on issues ranging from deregulation of the economy to legalizing drugs, Walter Williams is a passionate, laissez-fair libertarian.” Happy birthday!

For a sample of Williams' wit and wisdom, see [my review](#) of his new autobiography *Up From the Projects*, and watch Nick Gillespie's great interview with Williams about his life and work.

