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Short-form biography

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Brooks is the author of 11 books, including the national bestsellers "Love Your Enemies" (2019), "The Conservative Heart" (2015), and "The Road to Freedom" (2012). He has also published dozens of academic journal articles and the textbook "Social Entrepreneurship" (2008). He is a columnist for The Atlantic, host of the podcast "The Art of Happiness with Arthur Brooks," and subject of the 2019 documentary film "The Pursuit," which *Variety* named as one of the "Best Documentaries on Netflix" in August 2019. He gives more than 100 speeches per year around the U.S., Europe, and Asia.

Previously, Brooks was the Louis A. Bantle Professor of Business and Government at Syracuse University, where he taught economics and social entrepreneurship. Prior to his work in academia and public policy, he spent 12 years as a professional French hornist in the United States and Spain.

Brooks holds a Ph.D. and an M.Phil. in policy analysis from the Pardee RAND Graduate School. He also holds an M.A. in economics from Florida Atlantic University and a B.A. in economics from Thomas Edison State College.

Long-form biography

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Brooks began his career as a classical French hornist, leaving college at 19, touring and recording with the Annapolis Brass Quintet and later the City Orchestra of Barcelona. In his late twenties, while still performing, he returned to school, earning a BA through distance learning at Thomas Edison State College, and then an MA in economics from Florida Atlantic University. At 31, he left music and earned an MPhil and PhD in public policy analysis from the Rand Graduate School, during which time he worked as an analyst for the Rand Corporation's Project Air Force.

Brooks then spent 10 years as a university professor, becoming a full professor at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs in his seventh year out of graduate school and

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occupying the Louis A. Bantle Chair in Business and Government. During this decade, Brooks published 60 peer-reviewed articles and several books, including the textbook "Social Entrepreneurship" (2008).

In 2009, Brooks became the 11th president of AEI, also holding the Beth and Ravenel Curry Chair in Free Enterprise. Under his leadership, the Institute more than doubled its annual revenues, deepened its outreach to leaders across the ideological spectrum, and expanded its research portfolio to include work on poverty, happiness, and human potential. During this period, he was selected as one of Fortune Magazine's "50 World's Greatest Leaders" and was awarded six honorary doctorates.

Originally from Seattle, Brooks currently lives in Newton, Massachusetts, with his wife Ester Munt-Brooks, who is a native of Barcelona. They have three children, Joaquim, Carlos, and Marina.