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Professor Dennis R Young holds the Bernard B and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair of Private Enterprise at Georgia State University and is a Professor of Public Management and Policy at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. He was presented with the 2004 ARNOVA Award for Distinguished Achievement and Leadership in Nonprofit and Voluntary from ARNOVA. This award honors his pioneering work in nonprofit entrepreneurship and social enterprise as well as his entrepreneurship in establishing and creating nonprofit programs, centers, and journals.

One of Young's most influential books, *If Not For Profit, For What?*, lays the groundwork for nonprofit entrepreneurship and social enterprise. He argues that the objectives of nonprofit organizations are determined by the missions of their entrepreneurs, who establish the organizational culture and/or write the articles of incorporation and the bylaws. He has written many articles and several books, including co-authoring *Corporate Philanthropy at the Crossroads*, and *Economics for Nonprofit Managers*, and all had significant influences on how scholars think of nonprofits, as well as how nonprofit managers practices.

More importantly, he is an entrepreneur himself in establishing and developing nonprofit as a field of study and into a systematic knowledge. He provided extraordinary leadership in building the program on nonprofits at Case Western Reserve University—an innovative program that combines outstanding faculty from inter-disciplines. He is also the founding CEO and former president of the National Center on Nonprofit Enterprise based in Arlington, Virginia. During his terms and effort, several programs were developed: the first freestanding Nonprofit

Management Masters degree; an Executive Education program that served many national nonprofit organizations; a research program that attracted grants from Kellogg and the Lilly Endowment.

He is also the founder of two influential nonprofit journals: *Nonprofit Management and Leadership* and *Nonprofit Policy Forum*. The journals continue to be the central research-based journals for nonprofit management studies and have played a critical role in the development of the knowledge base for this field. He was recently named to the *NonProfit Times* "Power and Influence Top 50" list.