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Kirsten A Grønbjerg holds the Efroymson Chair in Philanthropy at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University and is also a Professor of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at the Indiana University Bloomington. She received the highest award for Distinguished Achievement and Leadership in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research from the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). This award recognizes her pioneering work in social service organizations and nonprofit database enhancement as well as praises her leadership in developing philanthropy as a field of study and practice.

In her early ground breaking research, she made the first attempt to map the complex flows of funding to nonprofits, in her 1993 book, *Understanding Nonprofit Funding: Managing Revenues in Social Services and Community Development Organizations* (Jossey-Bass) and received the 1995 ARNOVA Outstanding Book Award. Through her continued effort, she has also completed research on how nonprofit organizations manage funding relations, the facility needs of nonprofit human service organizations, the structure of private child and youth service organizations, longitudinal changes in the grants and contract system of a large state human service agency, and public and philanthropic planning and funding structures in human services.

She has also focused her studies on the structure of public and nonprofit human service systems. She is currently working on a major project to examine the scope and community dimensions of the Indiana nonprofit sector and has also completed work on Chicago and Illinois nonprofits, most recently as director of the Illinois Nonprofit Sector Survey in collaboration with the Donors Forum of Chicago and the Center on Philanthropy.

She was the 2005 Program Chair for the Public and Nonprofit Division of the Academy of Management and the 2007 Chair of the Division, and has also served on the Executive Council for the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). She has served on the Board of United Way of Chicago where she was coordinating chairperson for needs assessment for the Chicago area. She has also served as consultant to research projects developed around the world, such as Denmark, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.