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Professor Leslie Lenkowsky is a Professor of Public Affairs and Philanthropic Studies in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University, and a founder and co-director of the certificate program in social entrepreneurship in nonprofit and public benefit organizations. In addition to his contribution to the nonprofit sector, he has had extraordinary experiences in the government, being appointed by U.S. Presidents, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush.

Professor Lenkowsky was tabbed by President Clinton and Bush to serve as the chief executive officer of the Commission on National and Community Service. The mission of this federal agency is to engage Americans in meeting unmet domestic needs through voluntary service and to renew the ethic of civic responsibility in the United States. Under his leadership, the Corporation operated three major programs: AmeriCorps, Learn & Serve America, and Senior Corps. It has a budget of approximately \$1 billion and employs over 600 people, with offices in Washington and every state. During his term, close to two million Americans were estimated to be involved in these programs.

He had served for seven years as president of the Hudson Institute, an internationally renowned public policy research institution headquartered in Indianapolis. During Dr. Lenkowsky's tenure there, Hudson developed an innovative set of programs aimed at providing practical solutions to the nation's most pressing domestic problems, such as crime, welfare dependency, and inadequate educational skills. Among his other positions, Dr. Lenkowsky has served as President of the Institute for Educational Affairs, Deputy Director of the United States Information Agency, research fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, adjunct faculty member at Georgetown University, director of the Philanthropy Roundtable, and Director of

Research at the Smith Richardson Foundation. He has also served on a number of for-profit and non-profit boards.

His experiences in the government, think tanks, and nonprofits brought a unique skill set to the academic field. As a leading scholar on philanthropy, his writing has appeared in such publications as Commentary, The Weekly Standard, The Wall Street Journal, The Public Interest, The Chronicle of Philanthropy and the Indianapolis Business Journal, and he has spoken frequently to educational and philanthropic groups throughout the United States. He has also cultivated many young scholars in philanthropic studies while he served as a Professor of Philanthropic Studies and Public Policy and the director of the Ph.D. program in philanthropic studies at Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis.