

# **Nora L. Silver**

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Specialist in leadership and social impact

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## **About**

Nora Silver is Founder, Faculty Director, and Adjunct Professor of the Center for Social Sector Leadership. She teaches Social Sector Solutions, Impact Investing Practicum, and Large Scale Social Change: Social Movements, for which she is an Aspen Pioneer Faculty Award winner. Silver is a serial entrepreneur, having founded a number of nonprofit social enterprises. She was founder of a unique collaboration of corporate, community, and family foundations united to strengthen and diversify volunteerism in the U.S. She also founded a groundbreaking enterprise that examined traditional notions of community service and taught a broad range of organizations to better engage volunteers. Early in her career, she served as Executive Director of a domestic violence organization, taught Spanish in an inner city school, and worked as a psychotherapist in private practice. As an organizational consultant, she has worked with hundreds of organizations worldwide—including nonprofits, businesses, education, governments, foundations, and universities—on strategy and organizational development, cross-sector collaboration, community engagement, and board and executive development. She served as a senior trainer for the Peter F. Drucker Foundation. Silver holds a Ph.D. in organizational and clinical psychology. She is the author of "Telling the Whole Story: Voices of Ethnic Volunteers in America," and "At the Heart: The New Volunteer Challenge to Community Agencies." She has also authored papers on multi-sector leadership, nonprofit networks, and next-generation social sector leadership.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Multi-Sector Leadership, Networks for Social Impact, Next-Generation Social Sector Leadership, Cross-sector Collaborations

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## **Selected External Service & Affiliations**

Provide strategy and organizational consulting to nonprofits, foundations, businesses, governments, and universities, including: American Red Cross, Consumers Union, Corporation for National Service (AmeriCorps), Georgetown University, Government of Singapore, National Judicial College, Office of the Governor of Hawaii, United Way of America, UPS Foundation, Walter and Elise Haas Fund, YMCA of the USA and others, Boards and advisory boards: Greater Good Science Center, G2 Insurance, Learning by Giving Foundation

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## **Positions Held**

### **At Haas since 2003**

2014 ? present, Faculty Director, Center for Social Sector Leadership, Haas School of Business  
2006 ? present, Adjunct Professor, Haas School of Business 2003 ? 2014, Founder and Executive Director, Center for Social Sector Leadership, Haas School of Business 2007, Visiting Professor, University of Klagenfurt, Vienna Dialogic 1990 ? 2003, Founder and Director, The Volunteerism Project, San Francisco, CA 1998 ? 2001, Senior Trainer, Peter F. Drucker Foundation 1985 ? 1989, Founder and Director, PAVE Alameda County 1982 ? 1985, Executive Director, Tri-Valley Haven for Women, Livermore, CA 1975 ? 1982, Instructor, Chabot College, Hayward, CA

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### **Education**

#### **Professional School of Psychology**

PhD Psychology

#### **San Francisco State University**

MA Human Relations

#### **George Washington University**

BA Education and Spanish

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### **Honors & Awards**

#### **Aspen Institute Faculty Pioneer Award**

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