



Biography: Dr. David Bray, Chair of the Loomis Accelerator and Distinguished Fellow

Dr. Bray is a [Distinguished Fellow and Chair of the Accelerator with the Alfred Lee Loomis Innovation Council](#) at the non-partisan Henry L. Stimson Center. He is also a Fellow with the National Academy of Public Administration who previously served as both a [non-partisan Senior Executive](#) and Senior National Intelligence Service Executive. He is Principal at LeadDoAdapt Ventures and a Senior Advisor to the General Catalyst Institute. David has served in a variety of leadership roles in turbulent environments, including [bioterrorism preparedness and response from 2000-2005](#) and time on the ground in Afghanistan in 2009.

David previously served as the [Executive Director for the bipartisan National Commission for the Review of the R&D Efforts of the U.S. Intelligence Community](#), provided [non-partisan leadership as a federal agency CIO](#), and worked with the U.S. Navy and Marines on improving organizational adaptability as well as other national security-related issues. He has received both the [Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award](#) and the [National Intelligence Exceptional Achievement Medal](#). He received his PhD from [Emory University's Goizueta Business school](#) and completed two post-docs on Leadership for a Networked World and Collective Intelligence with Harvard and MIT.

He accepted a leadership role in December 2019 to direct the [successful bipartisan Commission on the Geopolitical Impacts of New Technologies and Data](#) that included Senator Warner, Senator Portman, Rep. DelBene, and Rep. McCaul. From 2017 to the start of 2020, David also served as Executive Director for the [People-Centered Internet coalition Chaired by Internet co-originator Vint Cerf](#) and was named a Senior Fellow with the Institute for Human-Machine Cognition starting in 2018. Business Insider has named him one of the [top "24 Americans Who Are Changing the World" under 40](#) and he was named a [Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum](#).

David recently collaborated with the Hon. Ellen McCarthy on "[Organizational Vulnerabilities and Reform Options](#) for the U.S. Intelligence Community" examining the impact of global AI advances on national security. For twelve different startups, he has served as [President, CEO, Chief Strategy Officer, and Strategic Advisor](#) roles. He and his wife Diane live in Virginia with their young son.