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Lindsay is a social impact leader with two decades of experience spanning grassroots community non-profits, multinational private sector firms, and academic and policy-adjacent institutions. Her niche area of expertise is creating ways for public, non-profit, philanthropic, and private sector stakeholders to discover and achieve collective ends.

She received her PhD in Political Science from the University of Chicago, with an area focus on civic responsibility, institutional change, democratic theory, and mixed-methods research.

Her work has been recognized with awards and fellowships from the Mellon Foundation, the Marguerite Casey Foundation, and the United Nations - Chicago for achievements in "Innovation, Industry, and Infrastructure" in social development. She is a mentor in the [Institute of Politics](#)' Women in Public Service program, and an Advisory Board member at the [Outdoor Alliance](#). Lindsay lives in Washington D.C. (...but as a 20 year Chicagoan and Wisconsinite by birth, she calls the Midwest home).