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Peter Frumkin is Professor of Public Affairs and Director of the RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin. His research and teaching focus on nonprofit management, community service, and philanthropy. At the RGK Center, he oversees multiple educational and outreach programs connecting the University of Texas to practitioners and students.

He is the author of articles on all aspects of philanthropy, including the formulation of grantmaking strategy, the changing profile of major individual donors, theories of philanthropic leverage, the professionalization movement within foundations, and other topics. He has lectured on philanthropy at meetings of grantmakers across the country and served as a consultant to foundations and individual donors on strategy and evaluation. His book, *Strategic Giving: The Art and Science of Philanthropy*, was published by the University of Chicago Press. It has been touted by reviewers as the “benchmark text for the field” and “the most penetrating exploration of contemporary philanthropy now available.”

Professor Frumkin is the author of *On Being Nonprofit* (Harvard University Press, 2002). This book considers the changing roles and responsibilities of nonprofit organizations in American democracy and the evolution of public policies shaping the sector’s growth. He has also authored numerous articles on topics related to nonprofit management, including ones focusing on compensation policies in nonprofit organizations, the effective deployment of volunteers, the impact of fundraising strategies on nonprofit revenue generation, and the effects of public funding on nonprofit mission definition.

This past year, two new books by Frumkin have been published: *Serving Country and Community* (Harvard University Press), which examines the effectiveness of the national service programs AmeriCorps and VISTA, and *The Essence of Strategic Giving: A Practical Guide for Donors and Fundraisers* (University of Chicago Press), which provides a roadmap for how to improve the effectiveness of philanthropy.

Prior to coming to the LBJ School, Frumkin taught at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government and served as a senior fellow at the New America Foundation. Before academics, he worked as a foundation program officer, a nonprofit manager, and as a program evaluator in both nonprofit and public agencies. Professor Frumkin received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago.