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Enduring Ventures



University of Oxford - Said
Business School

About

Entrepreneur, technologist, global citizen, and builder of world positive companies.

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Experience

Co-CEO

Enduring Ventures

Sep 2019 – Present · 1 yr 11 mos

San Francisco Bay Area

We buy beautiful businesses and hold them forever. We are a holding company in the model of Berkshire Hathaway, working to build a more sustainable economy where wealth and economic growth is broadly shared. We recruit, train and coach amazing and non-traditional CEOs. We champion employee ownership, profit sharing and community/mutual ownership in the businesses we buy.



Zola

9 yrs 9 mos

Director Board Of Directors

Oct 2019 – Present · 1 yr 10 mos

Chief Technology Officer

Jan 2019 – Sep 2019 · 9 mos

San Francisco, CA

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Better World Books

16 yrs 11 mos

Chairman Of The Board

Jan 2011 – Jul 2019 · 8 yrs 7 mos

San Francisco Bay Area

Co-Founder

Sep 2002 – Sep 2011 · 9 yrs 1 mo

South Bend, Indiana Area

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Advisor, Community Power, GSMA Development Fund

GSM Association

Jul 2011 – Sep 2011 · 3 mos

London, United Kingdom

Advising the GSMA Development Fund on best practice business models for Community Power from Mobile. This program leverages the massive distributed network of mobile network operators to supply electrical services to areas far



Board Member

Books For Africa

Sep 2003 – Sep 2009 · 6 yrs 1 mo

Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul Area

Served on the board of Books For Africa for six years, helping distribute millions of much-needed books throughout the African continent. Traveled on delegations to Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi and South Africa.

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Education



University of Oxford - Said Business School

MBA

2010 – 2011

Activities and Societies: Skoll Scholar in Social Entrepreneurship, Producer - TEDxOxbridge, Chairman - Oxford Business Network for Entrepreneurship



University of Notre Dame

BA, MIS / Minor in Anthropology, Honors

1997 – 2001



