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David has a broad professional background, spanning the private, public, and education sectors. Most recently, he was Vice President, College Advancement & Chief External Relations Officer with [Bow Valley College](#), where he built strong connections in the Calgary community.

From 2009 to 2015 he served as President & CEO of Canada's [Public Policy Forum](#), a non-governmental organization dedicated to improving the quality of government through multi-sectoral dialogue. Before that he served as vice president at three Canadian universities: [Queen's](#), [Ottawa](#), and [Simon Fraser](#). Directing fundraising and external relations at each institution, he achieved notable successes in strategic positioning and fund development.

David served as a Member of the British Columbia Legislature from 1991-1996, where he was Opposition House Leader and a watchdog on a broad range of issues including advanced education, resource management, labour relations, and governance. He previously gained experience in parliamentary procedure and legislative processes as Deputy Clerk of the Saskatchewan Legislature.

David also has significant private sector business experience that includes executive positions within Western Canadian resource industries, including vice president of marketing and general manager of industrial relations.

An award-winning writer and author, he is a Governor and Fellow of the [Royal Canadian Geographical Society](#) and previously served on the boards of the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra, the Great Canadian Theatre Company, the Parliamentary Centre, the Vancouver Aquarium and Marine Science Centre, and the Vancouver Art Gallery.

David's expertise is in the areas of convening, fundraising and public policy.

The father of two daughters, he is married to author and women's advocate, [Shari Graydon](#).