



Senior Fellow

Harold S. Williams is former President of The Rensselaerville Institute, an internationally respected development institution based in upstate New York. In the area of community development, the Institute has enabled over 500 small towns throughout the United States to use a self-help approach to solving water and wastewater problems. These entrepreneurial projects have been featured in such media as Parade Magazine (a cover story), The New York Times, and CBS Television.

In organizational development, Hal has led The Institute into a series of projects to spark innovation in government and non-profit as well as corporate settings. Hal is the founder and editor of INNOVATING, the quarterly journal and is lead author of Outcome Funding: A New Approach to Targeted Grantmaking, a book widely read and used in its U.K. as well as North American editions. He served as lead consultant to a U.S. Presidential Commission and consults directly with governors and agency heads in a variety of state and municipal governments.

In the summer of 2000, Hal collaborated with Gillian Williams and Tony Amato to develop School Turnaround. He went on to guide and advise the development of the program, as well as present the concepts at national educational conferences such as AASA.

Hal is a graduate of Stanford University, where he founded that school's FM radio station and served as West Coast Director of the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System.