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Press release

New Director of the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship announced

Saïd Business School, University of Oxford

Today, the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship at Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford announced the appointment of Pamela Hartigan as its new Director.

Ms Hartigan is a well known figure in the field of social entrepreneurship, most recently as Founding Managing Director of the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship and as Founding Partner & Director of Volans. For more information, see <http://www.volans.com/>.

On making the announcement Stephan Chambers, Chairman of the Skoll Centre said: 'I am delighted that Pamela Hartigan will join us as the Director of the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship. She has significant expertise in the practice of social entrepreneurship and has made an important contribution to identifying and supporting the world's leading entrepreneurs, whose efforts have achieved transformational social change.'

Sally Osberg, President and CEO of the Skoll Foundation commented: 'We can think of no one better suited to lead the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship forward than Pamela Hartigan. In attacking critical global issues, from massive social inequity to climate change, water scarcity, and nuclear proliferation, social entrepreneurs demonstrate the power of creative solutions to effect transformational change. Pamela's deep knowledge and work in social entrepreneurship give her the background, networks and insight that are key to ensuring the Skoll Centre delivers on its promise to advance this emerging field in ways that benefit these innovators on the front lines.'

Pamela Hartigan will take up her post in January 2009. She said: 'The Skoll Centre at Saïd Business School provides an unprecedented platform for spearheading and showcasing evidence based research done by leading scholars on the contribution social entrepreneurship makes to the host of challenges that now face us. It is in a unique position to convene both researchers and practitioners - not just once a year at the Skoll World Forum, but year-long. What further attracted me to the Skoll Centre was the chance to work with future leaders, particularly those currently doing MBAs.'

The Dean of Saïd Business School, Professor Colin Mayer, said: 'We are delighted to welcome Pamela to this significant role within the School. The Skoll Centre has made a tremendous contribution to the field of Social Entrepreneurship and has already established itself as one of the leading centres in the field. Pamela will be an outstanding person to take the Centre forward to its next stage of development and we very much look forward working with her in realizing its full potential.'

Pamela Hartigan is available for interview or comment. For further details please contact the press office:

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Notes to Editors

1. About Pamela Hartigan

A graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in Washington, D.C., Pamela also holds degrees in Education and Public Health and a Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology. Pamela is an Adjunct Professor at Columbia Business School in the Social Enterprise Program and sits on the Global Advisory Board of Endeavor, as well as on the boards of Mobile Metrix (US and Brazil), Ventures in Development (China), INDEX in Denmark, and the Lex Mundi Pro Bono Foundation (Global).

Pamela is widely published, authoring articles for scientific and mainstream publications in the areas of health and development as well as social entrepreneurship. Her book on entrepreneurial solutions, co-authored with [John Elkington](#), describes the evolution and work of leading social entrepreneurs and their important links to markets. [*The Power of Unreasonable People: How Social Entrepreneurs Create Markets that Change the World*](#), was published by Harvard Business School Press in February 2008.

2. About the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship

The Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship was launched in November 2003 at Saïd Business School, Oxford University, to promote the advancement of social entrepreneurship worldwide. It was created with a donation of £4.44m by the Skoll Foundation, the largest funding ever received by a business school for an international programme in social entrepreneurship. For more information, see www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/skoll/.

3. About Saïd Business School

Established in 1996 the Saïd Business School is one of Europe's youngest and most entrepreneurial business schools with a reputation for innovative business education. An integral part of Oxford University, the School embodies the academic rigour and forward thinking that has made Oxford a world leader in education. The School has an established reputation for research in a wide range of areas, including finance and accounting, organisational analysis, international management, strategy and operations management. The school is dedicated to developing a new generation of business leaders and entrepreneurs and conducting research not only into the nature of business, but the connections between business and the wider world. In the *Financial Times* ranking of MBA programmes (Jan 08), Saïd is ranked 19th in the world. This achievement follows the School's success in HM Treasury's 2005 ranking of the top 50 MBA programmes in the world, where it finished number one out of all the UK business schools. In BusinessWeek's rankings of non-US business schools (Nov 2008) Saïd entered the top tier and was ranked 10th. In the university league table published by *The Guardian* (May 2008), Saïd ranked first of all UK universities for undergraduate business for the fifth successive year. The University of Oxford has ranked top for business studies in *The Times* annual report in six of the last seven years. For more information, see www.sbs.ox.ac.uk.