Hauser Leaders Program

The Hauser Leaders Program at the Center for Public Leadership (CPL) hosts a unique portfolio of high-profile leaders-in-practice from across the public, nonprofit, and private sectors. Hauser Leaders spend their time at Harvard Kennedy School advising students and engaging with faculty during richly programmed visits throughout the academic year.

Through leading interactive workshops and study groups, engaging key external stakeholders, and advising students and alums, Hauser Leaders advance CPL’s mission to develop principled, effective public leaders who make positive change in the world. Hauser Leaders also inform Harvard curriculum by speaking in the classroom, engaging in research and case development, and sharing expertise with faculty.

"My time as a Hauser Leader at the Center for Public Leadership was wonderful and meaningful, especially the opportunity to interact with so many inspiring Harvard Kennedy School students. In our conversations, we discussed the fact that moral leadership is hard and requires courage, conviction, coalition building, and wrestling with nuance to strengthen the capacities to lead effectively."

Dov Seidman
Founder and Chairman, The HOW Institute for Society and LRN

Since the Hauser Leaders Program began in 2014, CPL has welcomed more than 40 Hauser Leaders into the CPL community. Hauser Leaders are influential voices in various sectors and professions, from journalism and the arts to business and government.

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Fall 2023 Hauser Leaders

Dame Jacinda Ardern
40th Prime Minister, New Zealand (2017-2023)

Colette Pichon Battle
Vision and Initiatives Partner, Taproot Earth

LTC(R) Alexander Vindman
Former Director of European Affairs, U.S. National Security Council (2018-2020)

Honorable Mark Wolf
Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts; Chair, Integrity Initiatives International