

Letitia A. Long



Executive in Residence, Brookings Executive Education Former Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

In the fall of 2016 Letitia Long joined Brookings Executive Education (BEE) as an Executive in Residence. In her new role, Long works with faculty at Washington University in St. Louis to deliver cutting-edge, research-based curriculum to equip public leaders with the knowledge and tools they will need to lead during times of transition and instability. Among the courses she teaches is Visioning and Leading Change, which provides leaders in the public sector with tools and processes to successfully facilitate organizational change.

Letitia A. Long served as the fifth Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), and was the first woman to lead a major US intelligence agency. This appointment culminated a career that spanned all aspects of organizational leadership, business functions, and global operations. She led the NGA during a critical period of transition and has deep experience in strategic planning, policy development, leading change in complex organizations, executive development and succession planning with an emphasis on diversity operations, budget planning and execution, and innovation and risk management.

Starting her career in Naval Intelligence, Ms. Long went on to serve as the Deputy Director of Naval Intelligence, and then the first Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence (Policy, Requirements and Resources), the first Chief Information Officer at the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Deputy Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Ms. Long is the recipient of numerous awards to include the Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive, two Presidential Rank Awards of Meritorious Executive, two DoD Medals for Distinguished Service and three National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medals. She has been decorated with the Medal of Merit by the King of Norway, appointed to the rank of Chevalier in the National Order of the Legion of Honor of France and awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland.

Ms Long currently sits on the boards of Raytheon Company, Urthecast Corporation and Noblis, Inc. She is also on the board of the Virginia Tech School of Public and International Affairs.

Ms. Long earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Virginia Tech, a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the Catholic University of America and was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Strategic Intelligence by the National Intelligence University.