

Georgia Sorenson, Ph.D.

Georgia Sorenson is Visiting Research Professor in Leadership Studies and the University of Maryland School of Law and Distinguished Leadership Scholar at the James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership. Sorenson served as the Inaugural Chair and Professor of Transformation of the U.S. Army in 2005-2006. From 2002-2004, she served as the Visiting Senior Scholar at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond. She also held faculty appointments at Williams College and elsewhere.

Sorenson is the founder of the James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership more than 25 years ago. The mission of the Burns Academy is to “foster leadership scholarship and education, with particular attention paid to groups historically underrepresented in public leadership.” She is also co-founder (with Lorraine Matusak and James MacGregor Burns) of the International Leadership Association and has served on many non-profit boards.

An architect of the leadership studies field, Sorenson is co-editor (with George Goethals and James MacGregor Burns) of the 4-volume multi-award winning *Encyclopedia of Leadership*, published by SAGE Books (2004). Her most recent theoretical work (with Goethals) is *The Quest for a General Theory of Leadership* (Elgar, 2006). Sorenson serves on the editorial board of numerous refereed journals including *Leadership* (US Editor), *Leadership Quarterly* (Associate Editor) and *Leadership Review*. Her most recent book, *Strategic Leadership, A General’s Art* (with Mark Grandstaff) on military leadership, came out in early 2009.

During her tenure as director of the Burns Academy, Sorenson was responsible for over \$20 million dollars in grants from the federal and state governments and from private foundations and individuals. She was PI on more than \$17 million dollars in grant money.

Before joining academia, Sorenson was a Senior Policy Analyst in the Carter White House and served on the President’s Productivity Council. Sorenson, a longtime Washingtonian, is a frequent commentator on leadership, women’s leadership, and presidential politics in the popular media.