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Catherine Casserly, Ph.D. is a former CEO of Creative Commons. She is passionate about how openness and global knowledge sharing can promote learning. An early architect of the open educational resources (OER) field, she managed investments totaling more than \$100M for the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

Casserly is dedicated to supporting learning opportunities for all through openness and knowledge sharing. Casserly works as an independent strategist with foundations and organizations to leverage the emerging opportunities afforded by the Internet to develop new pathways for lifelong learning.

Casserly spearheaded work in the areas of transparency and technology as Vice President of Innovation and Open Networks at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. She is a founding board member of the Digital Public Library of America and Peer-2-Peer University. Casserly earned her Ph.D. in the economics of education from Stanford University.

Through February 2014 Casserly was CEO of Creative Commons, a global non-profit that empowers people and institutions to share their creative, scholarly, and other knowledge assets. Previously, Casserly directed the Open Educational Resources Initiative at The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and spearheading work in transparency and technology as Vice-President at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Early in her career Casserly was a teacher of mathematics in Kingston, Jamaica. She earned her Ph.D. in the Economics of Education from Stanford University and holds a B.A. in Mathematics from Boston College. Casserly is a founding board member of the Digital Public Library of America and Peer-2-Peer University. Casserly is also a part of 2015 National Educational Technology Plan Face-to-Face Technical Working Group Meeting.