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Ira Harkavy is Associate Vice President and founding Director of the Barbara and Edward Netter Center for Community Partnerships, University of Pennsylvania. As Director of the Netter Center since 1992, Harkavy has helped to develop academically based community service courses as well as participatory action research projects that involve creating university-assisted community schools in Penn's local community of West Philadelphia.

An historian with extensive experience building university-community-school partnerships, Harkavy teaches in history, urban studies, and Africana studies, and in the Graduate School of Education. Harkavy is a member of the National Science Foundation's Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (CEOSE); Harvard College National Advisory Board for Public Service; International Consortium on Higher Education, Civic Responsibility, and Democracy (US Chair); Widener University Board of Trustees; and the Anchor Institutions Task Force (Chair); and a Senior Fellow of the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics. His recent publications include *Dewey's Dream: Universities and Democracies in an Age of Education Reform* (2007, co-authored with Lee Benson and John Puckett), *Higher Education and Democratic Culture: Citizenship, Human Rights and Civic Responsibility* (2007, co-edited with Josef Huber), *The Obesity Culture: Strategies for Change, Public Health and University-Community Partnerships*, (2009, co-authored with Francis Johnston), and *Reimagining Democratic Societies: A New Era of Personal and Social Responsibility* (2013, co-edited with Sjur Bergan and Hilligje van't Land).

Among other honors, Harkavy is the recipient of the University of Pennsylvania's Alumni Award of Merit, Campus Compact's Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service Learning, and a Fulbright Senior Specialist Grant. Under his directorship, the Netter Center for Community Partnerships received the inaugural William T. Grant Foundation Youth Development Prize awarded by The National Academies, and a Best Practices/Outstanding Achievement Award from HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research. In addition, with Dr. Harkavy's and the Netter Center's leadership, Penn has twice received the Presidential Award in Higher Education Community Service (2008 and 2012) and was named a "Best Neighbor" University (2009) by the national *Survey of Best College and University Civic Partnerships*.

Harkavy received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in History from the University of Pennsylvania.