

***Helping improve quality of life for people  
wherever they live, work, learn, play, stay well, and visit!***

**Impact.** Burt Woolf’s professional passion supports colleges and universities, K-12 Schools, private nonprofits, communities, companies, and voluntary organizations, associations, public agencies, and individuals to make a difference for a better world by helping them (a) set a clear mission and vision for action; (b) solve problems and address issues in collaboration with stakeholders; and (c) build and nurture resourceful, productive relationships to produce high performance results. This intention threads through every executive position he has ever held and every consulting assignment he has ever undertaken. Burt’s career – as senior and chief executive, coach, and consultant in service to others – has been an ongoing creative source of his own personal learning, meaning-making and self-actualization.



**Practice.** Using his *Accelerated Consensus*<sup>®</sup> facilitated creative problem-solving process and his *Box of Possibilities*<sup>®</sup> model of transformative leadership, Burt has helped dozens of higher education institutions, public agencies, nonprofit groups, and professional associations throughout the United States focus to have a greater impact and make a bigger difference in the world. These approaches have proven to be effective in refining mission and vision statements; completing impact-driven strategic plans; transforming organizational culture and structure; assessing institutional and team performance; building unified and motivated management teams; developing internal leadership; motivating employees; and generating product/program innovations.

**Domain Expertise.** Burt’s professional work and scholarship have intersected with many different fields and professional practices in the public, nonprofit, educational, and commercial sectors:

- **Higher Education**
  - Administration (esp. Auxiliary Services)
  - Multidisciplinary Research Projects
- **Nonprofit Organizational Development**  
(Leadership excellence; transformation of institutional culture; vision/strategic planning; assessment and restructuring)
- **Conservation and preservation of the natural and built environment**
- **Community and economic development**
- **Public sector tourism and hospitality**  
(destination planning and development)
- **Sustainable agriculture and local food systems**
- **Arts, culture, and heritage planning**
- **Outdoor recreation and leisure activities**
- **Professional associations**

**Education**

University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
College of Education

University of California Los Angeles  
Anderson School of Management

Amherst College

Harvard University

Culinary Institute of America (Hyde Park, NY)

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), 2011

*Transformative Learning and Educational Leadership*

MS Management

*Nonprofit Administration*

BA *cum laude*, Political Science

Professional Certificate in Arts Administration

Certificates in Professional Cooking

## Professional Experience

### Facilitator, Coach, Consultant, Adviser

<b>Burt Woolf (sole proprietor)</b>	<b>Independent Consultant</b>	<b>2011 – Present</b>
<b>Center for Quality of Life</b>	<b>Chief Principal and Founder</b>	<b>2003 – Present</b>
<b>QL Consulting, Inc.</b>	<b>President and Founder</b>	<b>1993 – 2007</b>
<b>Economics Research Associates</b>	<b>Senior Associate</b>	<b>1988 – 1993</b>

Consultant, coach, facilitator, and executive advisor on team culture, organizational/community development, and personal transformation. (*Project/Client list available on request*):

- 2011-Present: Transformative Leadership services for **colleges, universities, and K-12 school systems**.
- 1988-Present: Director, senior consultant, and team leader for over 100 client assignments for **nonprofit and public sector organizations and agencies** throughout the USA & Pacific Asia to improve quality of life in local, regional, state and national settings.
- 2003-Present: Lecturer/motivational speaker/coach for transformative learning, personal fulfillment, and organizational success for **professional executives and leaders**.

### Senior Executive Positions

<b>Thinking Bigger Leadership Forum</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>2019 - 2022</b>
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Co-founded and co-facilitated this transformative leadership development program for rising-star executives responsible for administrative units in residential colleges and universities (Finance and Administration, Student Life, Auxiliary Services, Dining, Housing, Transportation, etc.). 13 colleges and universities participated in the 2022 cohort

<b>Glynwood Center, Inc.</b>	<b>Interim CEO</b>	<b>2011 – 2012</b>
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Led this major sustainable agriculture nonprofit through a 15-month period of leadership transition.

<b>Creative Education Foundation</b>	<b>Executive Director</b>	<b>2001 – 2003</b>
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CEO of this international nonprofit membership organization for practitioners of creative problem solving. Supervised adjunct faculty of 200+ trainers; production of the annual international Creative Problem Solving Institute (CPSI); and a book publishing program (CEF Press). Starting staff of 7+. Budget ~\$1M.

<b>TEAM SYSTEM Development Software</b>	<b>CEO and Founder</b>	<b>1983 – 1988</b>
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Founder and Chief Executive of this technology company that produced one of the nation's earliest desktop computer database software programs to support donor and fundraising management in non-profit organizations. \$450K Venture capital funded (a James Simons investment). 140 installations nation-wide.

<b>Massachusetts Cultural Alliance</b>	<b>Executive Director</b>	<b>1978 – 1983</b>
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CEO of this statewide membership organization for 250 non-profit arts, cultural and educational organizations of all sizes and types. Managed a full program of technical support, management services, communities of practice, training programs, advocacy, fundraising, and publications. Annual budget ~ \$1M.

<b>National Endowment for the Arts</b>	<b>CITY SPIRIT National Project Director</b>	<b>1974 – 1978</b>
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Chief officer of this federal program that provided technical assistance and grants for cultural planning activities in over 200 communities across the USA. One of the first federal programs to offer facilitation services for participatory citizen involvement in local quality-of-life improvement. Staff of 4; consultant team of 50; \$3M federal contract/grant funds.

<b>Southern Growth Policies Board</b>	<b>ARTRAIN Tour Project Manager</b>	<b>1973 – 1974</b>
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Chief officer of this 15 month 6-state, 24-community tour of a "museum on rails" in the southeast USA. Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

<b>Arkansas Arts Center</b>	<b>Assistant to the Director</b>	<b>1972 – 1973</b>
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Second-in-command of this regional multi-function arts and education center in Little Rock.