

Katherine Hibbs Pherson **Class of 1968**



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As CEO of Pherson Associates, Katherine serves as a government consultant and teaches advanced analytic techniques and critical thinking skills to analysts in the Intelligence Community, Homeland Security and private sector. She opened her company in 2000, following a 27-year career with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Her leadership led to adopting risk management methodology, strengthening and implementing overseas security countermeasures and improvements in dealing with unsolicited contacts. As the director of the CIA's Center for Security Evaluation, Katherine managed the rebuilding of the penetrated U.S. Embassy in Moscow. For her efforts, she received the Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal and the National Distinguished Service Medal.

Katherine earned her undergraduate degree in Hispanic Studies and master's degrees in Communications and Spanish Linguistics and Latin American Studies. In 2012, she co-wrote the book *Critical Thinking for Strategic Intelligence*.