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Craig has extensive experience in venture capital, entrepreneurship and emerging company management, with a focus on technology. He has been an investor or senior executive in 18 venture-backed companies. Craig is a General Partner with Next World Capital (NWC), an international venture capital firm operating in the U.S. and Europe. NWC invests out of a \$200 million fund allocation and is part of a much larger evergreen capital base, giving the firm substantial resources to partner with promising entrepreneurs. NWC invests in emerging and growth-stage companies internationally, and works closely with entrepreneurs to mentor them on building innovative, global leadership companies.

Prior to co-founding NWC's venture capital group, Craig was a Vice President with FTV Capital, a growth-stage venture capital firm with \$1 billion under management investing in software and business services companies worldwide. He was also a Principal at Vista Ventures, an early-stage technology venture capital firm, and a Vice President at Berenson Minella & Company, where he worked on large growth capital and buyout investments, as well as completed several acquisitions and financings. He has also been the CFO of a venture-backed technology company, and began his career with Credit Suisse First Boston.

Craig also conducts independent research and analysis of program ideas at the confluence of economic development and foreign policy. He has been exploring economic development programs to foster entrepreneurship and innovation as an important economic engine and integral part of U.S. foreign policy. In 2011, Craig was a member of the U.S. State Department's delegation to the Maghreb region of the Middle East. He is the Chair of the Silicon Valley Leadership Committee of Nuru International, a social innovation non-profit providing economic development and agriculture programs to fight extreme poverty in Africa. Craig is a Truman Security Fellow with the Truman National Security Project. In 2011 Craig was named one of the top 40 Under 40 Leaders nationally by the New Leaders Council. He graduated from Carleton College and the Stanford Graduate School of Business, where he was a Sloan Fellow and President of his class.