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Wince-Smith is internationally renowned as a leading voice on competitiveness, innovation strategy, science and technology policy, energy, education, economics and business. As president of the Council on Competitiveness, Wince-Smith spearheaded the groundbreaking National Innovation Initiative (NII), which played a pivotal role in creating a reinvigorated U.S. competitiveness movement. The NII shaped the bipartisan America COMPETES Act, which created state and regional innovation initiatives, and brought a global focus to innovation.

Wince-Smith is a member of the board of directors of NASDAQ-OMX, Inc., and serves on the Audit, Compensation and Finance Committees. She is also a Senate-confirmed member of the Oversight Board of the Internal Revenue Service, and the U.S. Department of State's Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy. During her 17-year tenure in the federal government, Wince-Smith held leading positions in the areas of science, technology policy and international economic affairs. She earned her Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from Vassar College and her masters degree in classical archeology from King's College at the University of Cambridge.

At the 25th Annual Emerging Issues Forum, Wince-Smith will share her thoughts on the importance of creativity in today's economy and will also discuss how creativity can be used to generate a competitive advantage in an automated and outsourced world.