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## Academics

### LECTURE SERIES

#### Previous Speakers at Boston University School of Hospitality Administration

##### Spring 2010 Distinguished Speaker Series

**Rachel Roginsky**, *Principal*, Pinnacle Advisory Group  
**Richard Carbone**, *CEO & Owner*, Collegiate Hospitality  
**Seth Greenberg**, *Owner*, Ames Hotel, Paradise, M-80 Mistral,  
 Woodward Restaurant  
**Andrew Holden**, *General Manager*, Eastern Standard  
**Anthony Valletta**, *General Manager*, Tavolino  
**Steven Jermanok**, *Author/writer*, Activetravel.com  
**Scott Cutaneo**, *Chef & Owner*, Le Petit Chateau  
**Bill Taylor**, *General Manager*, Four Seasons Hotel Boston  
**Richard Kelleher**, *CEO*, Pyramid Advisors  
**Ed Fuller**, *President*, Marriott Lodging - International  
**Larry Broughton**, *President*, Broughton Hospitality  
**Robert Wilkinson**, *Executive VP*, Hillstone Restaurant Group

##### Spring 2009 Distinguished Speaker Series

#### Scheduled Speakers:

**Jodi Smith**, *Partner*, Mannersmith Etiquette Consulting  
**Rachel Roginsky**, *Principal*, Pinnacle Advisory Group  
**Thomas Engel**, *Owner*, T.R. Engel Group  
**Kevin Kearney**, *EVP*, International Hotel Development, Marriott International  
**Barbara Lynch**, *Chef & Owner*, Barbara Lynch Gruppo & **Eli Feldman**, *Director of Operations*, Barbara Lynch Gruppo & SHA Graduate  
**Paul Sacco**, *President*, Massachusetts Lodging Association and former Director of Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism  
**Robin Brown**, *Principal*, CWB Boylston LLC, Developer of Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Boston and former General Manager, Four Seasons Hotel Boston  
**Ted Ratcliff**, *Senior Vice President*, Operations East, Hilton Hotels  
**J. Alan Hayman**, *Principal*, Hayman Consulting Group & former EVP, Micros Systems  
**Denise Coll**, *President*, Starwood Hotels North America  
**Robb Webb**, *Chief Human Resources Officer*, Global Hyatt

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**Spring 2008 Distinguished Speaker Series**

**Stuart Meyerson**, General Manager, Liberty Hotel, Boston  
**Rachel Roginsky**, Principal, Pinnacle Advisory Group  
**Michael Doyle**, EVP, Asset Management, Capital Hotel Management & SHA Parent  
**Maureen O'Hanlon**, Senior Consultant, The Prism Partnership  
**Robin Brown**, Principal, CWB Boylston LLC, Developer of Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Boston and ex-General Manager, Four Seasons Hotel, Boston  
**Denise Coll**, President, North America Division, Starwood Hotels and Resorts, Inc  
**Edwin Fuller**, President & Managing Director, Marriott International  
**John Shigley**, EVP-Operations, MGM Grand Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas  
**Jeffrey Selden**, Director, Food & Beverage, New York Palace Hotel & SHA Alumnus  
**Barbara Talbott**, EVP, Marketing, Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts  
**Christopher Collins**, Restaurant General Manager, Hillstone Restaurant Group, SHA Alumnus & **Anthony Valletta**, Managing Partner, LongHorn Restaurant Group, SHA Alumnus  
**Larry Broughton**, President, Broughton Hospitality (Boutique Hotel Company)

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**Spring 2007 Distinguished Speaker Series**

**James Rooney**, Executive Director, Massachusetts Convention Center Authority  
**Bjorn Hanson**, Managing Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Hospitality Practice  
**Gregory Vickowski**, EVP & CFO, Procaccianti Hotel Group  
**Ryan Cole**, Manager, Clio, SHA Alumnus  
**Eli Feldman**, Manager, No. 9 Park Street Restaurant, SHA Alumnus  
**Andrew Holden**, Manager, Eastern Standard Restaurant, SHA Alumnus  
**Richard Colangelo**, Director of Operations for Boston/Cambridge, Kimpton Hotel Group  
**George Berkowitz**, Founder and Chairman, Legal Sea Foods  
**Stevan Porter**, Chairman & CEO, USA InterContinental Hotels  
**Harold Theran**, Owner & Developer, Regency Boston Hotel and SHA Parent  
**Jacqueline Sonnabend**, EVP, Sonesta Hotels and Resorts  
**Geoff Gardner**, Executive Chef and Partner, Sel de la Terre Restaurant and SHA Alumnus  
**David Marr**, VP, Sales and Field Marketing, Starwood Hotels and Resorts  
**Richard Ade**, CFO and Executive Vice President, Ocean Properties and SHA Parent  
**Josh Lesnick**, Founder & CEO, imin.com (travel website) and former VP, Marketing, North American Division, Starwood Hotels and Resorts

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**Spring 2006 Distinguished Speaker Series**

**Tim Kirwan**, General Manager and Vice President, InterContinental Boston and ex-Managing Director, Hotel Commonwealth  
**Rachel Roginsky**, Principal, Pinnacle Advisory Group  
**Pat Moscaritolo**, President & CEO, Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau  
**Stefanie Gerken**, Director of Operations, Finale Desserts  
**Ronald Shaih**, CEO, Panera Bread Company  
**Jim Apteker**, Owner, State Room, SHA Alumnus  
**Jeffrey Selden**, Director, Food & Beverage, New York Palace Hotel, SHA Alumnus  
**Paul Pinto**, Corporate Director of Labor Relations, Omni Hotels, SHA Alumnus  
**Ted Ratcliffe**, SVP - Operations East, Hilton Hotels  
**Simon Cooper**, President & COO, Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company

**John Shigley**, *CFO*, MGM Grand Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas  
**Larry Broughton**, *President*, Broughton Hospitality (Boutique Hotel Company)

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### Spring 2005 Distinguished Speaker Series

**Bjorn Hanson**, *Global Hospitality Industry Leader*, PricewaterhouseCoopers  
**James Rooney**, *Executive Director*, Massachusetts Convention & Exhibition Center  
**Timothy Kirwan**, *General Manager*, Commonwealth Hotel  
**Paul MacPhail**, *President & COO*, Uno Restaurant Holdings  
**Keith Clancy**, *Executive Recruiter*, Houston's Restaurants  
**Gary Leopold**, *President & CEO*, ISM Strategic Marketing  
**Skip Sack**, *Major Stockholder*, Applebee's Restaurants; *Owner*, Several Irish Pubs  
**Edwin Fuller**, *President and Managing Director*, Marriott Lodging International  
**Jan Shrem**, *Proprietor*, Clos Pegase Wine Company  
**Fred Kleisner**, *Chairman*, *President & CEO*, Wyndham Hotels & Resorts  
**Michael Leven**, *President & CEO*, US Franchising Systems, Inc.  
**Gary Loveman**, *Chairman & CEO*, Harrah's

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### Spring 2004 Distinguished Speaker Series

**James Rooney**, *Executive Director*, Mass. Convention Center Authority  
**Rachel Roginsky**, *Managing Principal*, Pinnacle Advisory Group  
**George Poll**, *Owner*, Bryant & Cooper Steak House, SHA Alumnus  
**George Berkowitz**, *Chairman*, Legal Sea Foods  
**Denise Coll**, *Chief Operating Officer*, World Trade Center & Seaport Hotel  
**John Murtha**, *General Manager*, Cambridge Royal Sonesta Hotel  
**Bill McCormick**, *Owner*, McCormick & Schmick Restaurants  
**Jim Apteker**, *Owner*, Veronique and Bay Tower Restaurants, SHA Alumnus  
**Jeffrey Selden**, *Director*, Food & Beverage, New York Palace Hotel, SHA Alumnus  
**David Keamy**, *Area Director of Marketing*, Ritz-Carlton Hotels of Boston  
**Harold Theran**, *Developer*, Regent Hotel, Battery Wharf - Boston, SHA parent  
**Josh Lesnick**, *Vice President*, Marketing, North America Division, Starwood Hotels & Resorts  
**Douglas Geoga**, *President*, Hyatt Hotel Corporation

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### Spring 2003 Distinguished Speaker Series

**Theme of Series:** Hospitality Industry: Emerging From Difficult Times

**Timothy Kirwan**, *Managing Director*, The Hotel Commonwealth  
**Thomas Engel**, *Chairman & CEO*, T.R. Engel Group, Inc.  
**Lydia Shire**, *Owner & Chef*, Locke-Ober Restaurant  
**Jeffrey Saunders**, *President & CEO*, Saunders Hotels Group  
**Bjorn Hanson**, *Managing Partner*, Pricewaterhouse Coopers Hospitality Practice  
**Karen Waltuck**, *Owner & Chef*, Chanterelle and LeZinc Restaurants  
**William McCormick**, *Owner*, McCormick & Schmick Restaurants  
**Richard Bartell**, *Owner*, Seven San Diego Hotels  
**Michael Leven**, *Chairman & CEO*, U.S. Franchising Systems  
**Wolf Hengst**, *President*, Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts  
**Edwin Fuller**, *President & Managing Director*, Marriott Lodging - International

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### Spring 2002 Distinguished Speaker Series

**Theme of Series:** Theme of Series: Hospitality Management During Difficult Times

**Rachel Roginsky**, *Principal*, Pinnacle Advisory Group

**Gloria Larson**, *Chairman*, Massachusetts Convention Center Authority  
**Timothy Kirwan, Sy Mintz & Peter Nessen** — *Developers*, Hotel Commonwealth  
**Denise Coll**, *Chief Operating Officer*, World Trade Center & Seaport Hotel, Boston  
**Rick Kelleher**, *Ex-President*, Promus and Doubletree Hotel Corporations  
**Joe McInerney**, *President*, American Hotel & Lodging Association  
**George Berkowitz**, *Founder & Chairman*, Legal Sea Foods  
**Dave Keamy**, *Senior Vice President*, Sales & Marketing, Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau  
**Rocco Dispirito**, *Owner*, Union Pacific Restaurant, SHA Alumnus  
**Richard Bartell**, *Owner*, Bartell Hotels (both independent & franchised hotels)  
**Bob Cotter**, *Chief Operating Officer*, Starwood Hotels & Resorts  
**Carol Beggs**, *Vice President*, Technology, Sonesta Hotels  
**Javier Rosenberg**, *SHA Graduate & General Manager*, Atlanta Swissotel

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### Spring 2001 Distinguished Speaker Series

**Robyn Brown**, *General Manager*, Boston Four Seasons Hotel  
**Susan Brush**, *Vice President*, Westin Brand Manager, Starwood Hotels and Resorts  
**Jon Cahill**, *President & CEO*, planetbistro.com  
**Keith Clancy**, *Executive Recruiter*, Houston's Restaurants  
**Roger Cline**, *Director*, Hospitality Consulting Services Arthur Andersen  
**Sid Feltenstein**, *Chairman & CEO*, Yorkshire Global Restaurants  
**Laurence Geller**, *Chairman & CEO*, Strategic Hotel Capital Incorporated  
**Tim Healy**, *CEO*, planetbistro.com  
**Dr. Robert Krim**, *Executive Director*, Boston History Collaborative  
**Jim Pilarsk**, *Senior Vice President of Human Resources*, Marriott International  
**Armando Rodriguez**, *Director*, Environmental Affairs - Disney  
**John Russell**, *Chairman*, American Hotel & Lodging Association  
**Raxit Shah**, *President*, Liberty Group of Companies  
**George Vizar**, *Vice President*, Food & Beverage, Hyatt Hotel Corporation

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### Spring 2000 Distinguished Speaker Series

**Richard Bartlett**, *President*, Bart-Rich Enterprises (major Burger King licensee)  
**George Berkowitz**, *Founder & Chairman*, Legal Sea Foods, Inc.  
**Robert Cumings**, *Partner*, Cumings / McNulty  
**Ira Goldklang**, *Vice President & Group Director*, Strategic Marketing, Inc.  
**Bjorn Hanson**, *Global Hospitality Industry Leader*, PricewaterhouseCoopers  
**Robert Huntington**, *Vice President*, Strategic Planning, Allied Domecq  
**Gloria Larson**, *Chair*, Massachusetts Convention Center Authority  
**Charles Ledsinger**, *President & COO*, Strategic Marketing, Inc.  
**Michael Leven**, *President & CEO*, US Franchising Systems  
**Stephanie Seacord**, *Independent Consultant*, Hospitality Public Relations  
**Marc Shapiro**, *Director of Hospitality Services*, Pinnacle One  
**Gordon Stevenson**, *Chief Marketing Officer*, Millennium Hotels and Resorts  
**Bruce Wolff**, *Senior Vice President*, Distribution, Sales & Marketing Marriott International

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### Spring 1999 Distinguished Speaker Series

**Hugh Andrews**, *President*, International Hospitality Enterprise  
**Jim Apteker**, *Owner*, Veronique Restaurant, SHA Alumnus  
**David Chag**, *General Manager*, Country Club of Brookline, MA  
**Denise Coll**, *Chief Operating Officer*, World Trade Center Boston and Seaport Hotel  
**Thomas Engel**, *President*, T. R. Engel Group, LLC

**Edwin Fuller**, *President and Managing Director*, Marriott Lodging - International

**Donald Landry**, *Vice Chairman & CEO*, Sunburst Hospitality Corporation

**Gary Leopold**, *President & COO*, Strategic Marketing, Inc.

**Stuart Meyerson**, *General Manager*, Hyatt Regency Cambridge

**John Russell**, *Vice Chairman*, Cendant Travel Division; *President & CEO*, RCI Global Operations

**"Skip" Sack**, Former owner of Pub Ventures of New England & currently a major shareholder of Applebee's International

**Robert Sage**, *President*, Sage Hotel Corporation

**John Wilhelm**, *President*, Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees International Union

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### Spring 1998 Distinguished Speaker Series

**Nicholas Athanasiou**, *Vice President*, Arthur D. Little International

**George Berkowitz**, *Founder & Chairman*, Legal Sea Foods, Inc.

**Thomas Engel**, *Executive Vice President*, ERE Yarmouth & Head, Lodging & Leisure Group

**Laurence Geller**, *Chairman & CEO*, Strategic Hotel Capital Incorporated

**Leslie Hogan**, *Vice President, Marketing*, Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau

**Thomas Kershaw**, *Chairman*, National Restaurant Association; *Owner*, Hampshire House and Bull & Finch Pub ("Cheers")

**Michael A. Leven**, *President & CEO*, US Franchise Systems, Inc.

**Irma S. Mann**, *Founder*, CEO & Chairman, Strategic Marketing Inc.

**Roderick McLeod**, *Senior Vice President - Marketing*, Carnival Corporation

**Scott Miller**, *Executive Vice President*, Hyatt Development Corporation

**Bruce A. Rogal**, *Co-Founder*, Rogal Associates (now a division of McGettigan Partners)

**Marc Shapiro**, *Vice President - Facilities*, Loews Hotels

**Jacqueline Sonnabend**, *Executive Vice President*, Sonesta International Hotels

**Gordon Stevenson**, *President & CEO*, Interactive Entertainment Limited