YEAR ONE
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (6:00 pm at the Marriott)
REGISTRATION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
YEAR ONE ORIENTATION

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Please join the Securities Industry Institute® Board of Trustees and all Year One participants for an orientation to kick off Institute Week.

5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
WELCOME RECEPTION

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NETWORKING RECEPTION OPEN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
OPENING NIGHT DINNER

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MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
BREAKFAST

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
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ETHICS – WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ETHICAL?

Peter Conti-Brown, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Department of Legal Studies and Business Ethics
The Wharton School

Everyone agrees that people, firms, and the financial industry in general needs good ethics. But this only prompts the question. What does it mean to be ethical? In this session, Professor Peter Conti-Brown takes participants on a tour of different ways to think about ethical behavior and why the financial industry, in perception or in fact, can come up short despite the best intentions. Using examples from the financial and other industries, including those cases dominating the headlines, Conti-Brown challenges participants to think hard about the ongoing challenge not only to identify unethical behavior but the more difficult task of building ethical individuals, teams, and firms.

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CRITICAL THINKING

Roch Parayre, Ph.D.
Partner, Leadership Consulting
Heidrick & Struggles
Teaching Fellow
The Wharton School

The critical thinking sessions are engaging and interactive, focusing on common systematic biases that afflict even the best decision makers. A variety of decision-making biases will be illustrated in the context of day-to-day judgments that we make in both our professional and personal lives. Through a series of examples and case studies specific decision failures are identified and analyzed. The implications of these decision traps are examined, and recommendations on how to improve our decision skills are offered.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

• To illustrate and then examine subtle barriers to good decisions that trip up even the best decision makers.
• To learn how to recognize these traps and counter them to ensure good results when managing decisions on the job.
• To describe the limits and pitfalls of intuition.
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
BREAKFAST

8:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
HISTORY OF BUSINESS

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Paul Tiffany, Ph.D.
Senior Lecturer, Haas School of Business
University of California, Berkeley

Professor Tiffany reviews the historical evolution of the American economy, with an initial emphasis on the growth of the large firm at the end of the 19th century. That event shaped the American political economy over the next century as the “Schumpeterian” scenario of entrepreneurs and new technologies profoundly transformed America and laid the groundwork for global economic dominance. Professor Tiffany will then bring the discussion up to the present time, by first explicating how a second “Schumpeterian era of creative destruction” created the “new economy” of technology-dominated business in the latter decades of the 20th Century, and then how the opening of globalization has threatened that dominance. We will conclude by drawing comparisons and contrasts between the two periods, and from that consider such issues as “making America great again” in the profoundly changed 21st Century global economy.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• To inform participants of the broader economic trends of the past and how these trends can affect the direction of the American economy in the 21st Century.
• To provide participants with an appreciation of how business development and economic progress in America are closely related to the broader political, social, and legal trends that have evolved in this nation over its historical evolution.
• To stimulate participant thinking about how the changing global political-economic environment will affect economic progress in the United States in the coming decades.

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1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
FLEX CORE – INVESTOR ISSUES (CHOOSE ONE)

HEALTHCARE SPENDING

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Lawton R. Burns, Ph.D.
Chair, Health Care Management Department
James Joo-Jin Kim Professor of Health Care Management
Professor of Management
The Wharton School

This session will investigate why healthcare spending always goes up, what are the drivers, and what can be done about it.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Distinguish the supply and demand side drivers of healthcare spending
• Distinguish the price and volume drivers of healthcare spending
• Investigate whether US healthcare costs rise faster than the rest of the world
RETIREMENT CHALLENGES

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Olivia Mitchell, Ph.D.
International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans
Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy
Professor of Insurance and Risk Management
Executive Director, Pension Research Council
The Wharton School

Ideal for: General audience, especially sales and sales managers with clients entering retirement.

Social Security and Defined Benefit plans, both of which traditionally replaced a large share of pre-retirement income for life, are in trouble. As a result, more responsibility has been shifting to individual Americans to save, plan, and invest for their own retirements. Unfortunately, just as the people who control a major amount of America’s wealth are aging and their financial needs are changing, many find themselves ill-prepared to manage their money for lifetime income. Professor Mitchell will discuss these Retirement Challenges in the context of the new global demographic and innovations in capital markets.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- Understand the dimensions of retirement risk management;
- Explain why corporate and public retirement systems have underperformed;
- Evaluate media reports regarding retirement system challenges;
- Discuss options.

WHEALTHCARE - WHY THE FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY IS ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE NATION’S BATTLE AGAINST ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND WHAT THEY NEED TO DO ABOUT IT.

Jason Karlawish, MD
Professor of Medicine, Medical Ethics & Health Policy, and Neurology
Perelman School of Medicine

With aging, at least two events commonly occur. We’re more likely to experience cognitive impairments and we accumulate more and more wealth. In time, we retire and so we need that wealth for our well-being, pleasure, and legacy. Together, these facts can distill a powerful brew of challenges for older adults, their families, medicine and the banking and financial services industries. This course will overview the common causes of cognitive complaints and cognitive impairment and the latest initiative to improve the diagnosis and care of these disorders. Particular attention will be paid to issues at the intersections of cognitive health and wealth. These include understanding what are the causes of cognitive problems, and how they impact of financial capacity. A smart firm will strive to practice “whealthcare” (learn more at www.whealthcare.org). The lecturer will examine how a firm might achieve this through staff training, effective communication with clients and their families (especially in light of FINRA rule 4512), and deploying novel technologies to monitor and detect changes in financial capacity (as well as fraud). Attendees will leave inspired to make changes in the ways they conduct business so that they can better serve the health and wealth of the older clients and their families.

3:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

CYBER SECURITY

Tom Patterson
Chief Trust Officer
Unisys

In this lecture, noted security expert Tom Patterson leverages his decades fighting cyber criminals and foreign spies to take us on an insider’s tour through today’s cyber threats against the financial industry, giving a face to our enemies, and laying bare their sources and methods. In this highly interactive session, Tom tells inside stories of current real world attacks you’ve read about, dispels myth’s and misperceptions, and encourages active discussions on how, why and what’s happening, and who is really behind it all. Armed with this information, Tom then illuminates both mistakes and successes or your financial peers, and highlights the three specific keys to defense in this time of highly disruptive cyber attacks that we work in.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- Understand how today’s threats require new thinking to defend.
- Learn from other’s mistakes, and avoid their own.
- Become security evangelists armed with persuasive stories for their own financial organizations
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
BREAKFAST

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
CONTAGIOUS

Jonah Berger
Associate Professor of Marketing
The Wharton School

Why do certain products and ideas catch on, and how can we use these insights to make our own organizations more successful? This session will reveal the secret science behind word-of-mouth and social transmission. Discover how six simple principles drive all sorts of things to become popular. If you’ve ever wondered why certain stories get shared, brands get more word of mouth, or videos go viral, this session explains why, and shows how to leverage these ideas to craft contagious content.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Learn how to leverage presented concepts to generate more word of mouth and referrals.
• Learn actionable techniques for helping information spread—for designing messages, advertisements, and information that people will share.

10:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
INDUSTRY ELECTIVES

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
GENERAL LUNCH

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
LUNCH LECTURES

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ECOSYSTEM – DRIVEN INNOVATION

Martin Ihrig, Ph.D.
President
I-Space Institute
Adjunct Professor of Management
The Wharton School

In many industries today, organizations operate in ecosystems made up of powerful and highly interconnected stakeholders. Companies that figure out how to manage this complexity will enjoy a powerful competitive advantage in finding and selecting innovations. Participants will be introduced to a tool-based ideation process that helps them think through ways of innovating their companies’ product or service offerings. The methodology allows managers to identify innovation growth opportunities and select insightfully among them, thus ensuring that the company is responsive not only to the pressing needs of the direct customers, but also to the needs and concerns of the other stakeholders in its ecosystem.

THE PERCEPTIVE LEADER

Kathy Pearson, Ph.D.
Adjunct Senior Fellow, Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics
The Wharton School

The PERCEPTIVE Leader, which covers leaders who exhibit a keen sense of perception, insight, understanding, or intuition. Given the time allotted, she will speak from a high level about purpose, experiential frames, range of alternatives, contrary views, productive paranoia, trust, vigilance and experimentation.

THE NEW NORMAL IS NOT NEW

John Spence
Managing Partner
John Spence, LLC

In this lunch lecture, John Spence will cover the following:

• How to be an evolutionary leader in times of great change
• Demystify Boomers, Millennials and Gen... What motivates today’s workforces?
• Creating high-performance and results-driven teams

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY ELECTIVES

3:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
BREAKFAST

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
FUNDAMENTALS OF MARKET RETURNS
CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Jeremy J. Siegel, Ph.D.
Russell E. Palmer Professor of Finance
The Wharton School

This session will explain the long-term risks and returns of the bond and stock markets, market valuations, risk return tradeoffs, and interest rates.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Know the long term historical returns and risks on assets classes.
• Understand the determinants of interest rates
• Determine Valuations and P-E ratios.

10:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
FIRM CULTURE

John Spence
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This session focuses on what it takes to build and sustain an organizational culture that creates highly satisfied, engaged, and loyal employees who possess an “ownership mentality.” The goal of this program is for attendees to understand the importance of creating and supporting a culture that embraces change, fosters accountability, has a strong sense of urgency, and maintains disciplined execution that delivers the required business results.

Some of the key elements of this workshop include:
• The key factors that make up a “great place to work”
• An understanding of what creates engagement, enthusiasm, and loyalty in employees
• An understanding of what the leaders of the organization look for in an outstanding culture
• An explanation of why creating a strong, positive organizational culture should be a key strategy
• A look at how to initiate and sustain culture change

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
GENERAL LUNCH

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
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UNDERSTANDING THE NEXT GENERATION: INSIGHTS INTO MILLENNIALS AND GEN Z

Keith Niedermeier, Ph.D.
Director of the Undergraduate Marketing Program
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Marketing
The Wharton School

At 92 million strong, Millennials are the largest generation and the future of business, both as consumers and as the heart of the new workforce. However, they have sharply different attitudes and expectations than previous generations. Millennials have grown up as digital natives in a rapidly changing world that endured a generation-defining recession. This lunch lecture will explore Millennials as consumers, investors, and employees. Discussion will center on Millennials’ attitudes, psychology, and decision-making. We will also explore various segmentations and differences among Millennials, as well as contrasting them to the up-and-coming Generation Z.

THE WISDOM OF THE ANNOYANCE

Anthony Palombit, Ph.D.
Executive Coach and Consultant
Herrmann International and Genos Americas

Every executive gets annoyed. Dr. Palombit will cover how to take that annoyance and possibly turn it into wisdom. When an executive gets irritated or frustrated with a situation or person, there is not only an opportunity to make the business improve, there is also an opportunity for the development of the executive.
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
LEADERSHIP & DIVERSITY: MICROINEQUITIES
– THE POWER OF SMALL

Stephen Young
Founder and Senior Partner
Insight Education Systems

Microinequities: The Power of Small™ program focuses on managing Unconscious Bias. It moves the needle from the conceptual to the truly actionable. The only way unconscious bias is manifested is through our micro-messages. These unconscious slights, Microinequities, are the active and tangible manifestations of unconscious bias. This session will focus on the effects of micro-messages in the workplace. Typically, we send between 2,000 and 4,000 positive and negative micro-messages each day. These have a powerful influence on driving the behavior of all those with whom we interact. This session will instruct participants how to drive rapid behavior change, incorporate this skill into the realm of routine management, and measurably raise business diversity performance.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Establish the definitive link between diversity and leadership effectiveness.
• Uncover the ways micromessages impair or enhance workplace performance.
• Create a team culture that recognizes how differences lead to discovery.
• Develop skills that change the ways we send messages in order to motivate and inspire performance.
• Achieve a level of acceptance by senior leaders to embrace the concepts and act as change agents by modeling the prescribed behaviors.
• Forge systemic acceptance and behavior change that drive diversity and inclusion at all levels.

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER & RECEPTION

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BUSES WILL DEPART HOTELS AT 6:30 P.M.

DINNER AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED. BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE IS ACCEPTABLE FOR THIS EVENT.

The Story of We the People, the National Constitution Center's main exhibit, guides visitors through milestones in America's history and reveals how the U.S. Constitution is as important today as it was in 1787. Located in the Richard and Helen DeVos Exhibition Hall, the exhibition feature three concentric rings of interactive exhibits. The circular shape of the exhibition was chosen, in part, to reflect the enduring presence and influence of the U.S. Constitution.

EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS:
• View fascinating artifacts, including a rare copy of the Emancipation Proclamation.
• Engage with interactive touch screens at the American National Tree exhibit to learn about 100 citizens who have shaped America's constitutional history.
• Watch yourself on the big screen as you recite the Presidential Oath of Office.
• Check out Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's actual Supreme Court robe and weigh in on famous cases.
• Experience the Living News theater performance, which brings today's headlines from the page to the stage and encourages audience dialogue.

SIGNERS’ HALL
Walk alongside 42 LIFE-SIZE, bronze statues of the Founding Fathers and relive the moment that launched a government ruled by “We the People.”

One of the museum's most popular and iconic attractions, Signers’ Hall invites you to walk among the Founding Fathers who added their name to the Constitution—as well as those who dissented—on September 17, 1787.

Signers’ Hall brings to life the final day of the Constitutional Convention in the Assembly Room of the Pennsylvania State House, now known as Independence Hall. There are numerous famous faces in the room, including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, James Madison, and Alexander Hamilton. Pose beside your favorite Founding Father for a great photo op!
FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
BREAKFAST

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
THE WASHINGTON UPDATE: AN OVERVIEW OF THE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT, PROSPECTIVE LEGISLATION, AND STRATEGIES FOR INVESTMENT AND RETIREMENT PLANNING

Andrew Friedman
Principal
The Washington Update

As 2018 begins, investors and businesses are digesting the consequences and nuances of the sweeping Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, passed by Congress at the end of 2017. At the same time, the Trump administration and Republican leadership are readying a number of new initiatives, including instituting a national infrastructure repair program, reducing the scope of the Affordable Care Act, enhancing immigration restrictions, re-prioritizing federal spending, reforming welfare, entitlements, and social “safety net” programs, and continuing the rollback of industry-specific regulations.

Hanging over these efforts are the 2018 midterm elections and the expected release of the Mueller report on possible malfeasance by the Trump campaign, both of which have the potential to alter the administration’s ability to implement its programs. Andy Friedman, an expert in political and legislative affairs, will address all of these matters in his 2018 presentations. He will focus on the portions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of particular importance to business owners, investors, and financial advisors, pointing out which individual situations and economic sectors are likely to fare well, or poorly, under the legislation. He will consider the extent to which Congress will adopt the President’s legislative initiatives, and how those initiatives are likely to affect the economy, the markets, industry sectors, and investments. And he will consider how the outcomes of the Mueller investigation and the 2018 elections may alter the administration’s ability to implement its far-reaching policies.

Andy also will discuss the extent to which the administration is likely to overturn or soften regulatory initiatives, including the controversial Department of Labor regulation imposing new fiduciary obligations on financial advisors.

Along the way, Andy will provide strategies that investors and financial advisors can consider to take advantage of (or protect against) market volatility arising as these initiatives progress, as well as specific strategies for investment, wealth transfer, and retirement planning.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
DISRUPTIVE LEADERSHIP: THRIVING IN AN ERA OF CONSTANT CHANGE

Luke Williams
International Best-Selling Author
Professor of Innovation and Executive Director of the W.R. Berkely Innovation Labs
NYU’s Stern School of Business

What does it take to be a disruptive leader? Do you need to be a brilliant agitator like Steve Jobs? A driven workaholic like Tesla’s Elon Musk? Sure, CEOs like that get a lot of press, but there’s more to success than being loud and charismatic. Truly disruptive leaders are like Master Chefs on a cooking show, always looking for ways to take existing ingredients and combine them in unique ways.

Those new recipes are a type of investment capital: the more you have, the better. Of course, not all will succeed. But disruptive thinking and leadership is less about the success of any one idea and more about putting your business in a position where you have more new ideas to spend than your competition does. Most importantly, being a disruptive leader is about creating a culture where everyone values new recipes. Because if you want to build a disruptive organization, you first have to build more disruptive leaders.
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SCENARIO PLANNING

Roch Parayre, Ph.D.
Partner, Leadership Consulting
Heidrick & Struggles
Teaching Fellow
The Wharton School

This session will introduce a scenario-based methodology for strategic planning under conditions of high uncertainty. Topics covered will include how firms respond to change and why great companies fail; capturing strategic uncertainty through scenarios; performing strategic segmentation to choose the right battles; and developing a strategic vision from robust, flexible capabilities. The link will also be made to more traditional planning and budgeting processes.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• To recognize the pitfalls associated with planning for a single future.
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ETHICS – THE ROLE OF CULTURE

Peter Conti-Brown, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Department of Legal Studies and Business Ethics
The Wharton School

A key component of building individuals, teams, and firms that behave ethically is the sometimes elusive concept of culture. Conti-Brown introduces the idea of “cultural engineering,” or the practice of individuals and small groups exerting influence on the way that complex information is understood within larger organizations. Using examples from the financial industry of culture that supports ethical decision-making and of culture that does not, Conti-Brown also encourages participants to get personal: culture is about what individuals bring to the table, and cannot be about platitudes and vision statements.

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FLEX CORE – FINANCE (CHOOSE ONE)

ACCOUNTING FOR THE NON-FINANCIAL EXECUTIVE

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Mary Kay Scucci, Ph.D., CPA
Adjunct Professor
Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs
Managing Director
SIFMA

By emphasizing the importance of financial data on the decision-making process, “Accounting for the Non-Financial Executive” allows non-financial business executives to become better users of financial information so they can be more strategic contributors to their organization. As a leader in your organization, having an understanding of financial principles is crucial to achieving strategic growth. This seminar will increase your ability to interpret financial statements, better communicate with financial officers in your organization and make sound financial decisions.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- Participants will learn to read and understand financial statements by using strategic ratio analysis and be able to use this information to identify the strategic decisions being made by an organization. The financial statement analysis will focus on ratios for operating efficiency, asset use and the equity multiplier (i.e. leverage).
- Participants will understand the purposes of managerial accounting and KPI’s by evaluating industry examples which identify, measure, analyze, interpret and communicate information in pursuit of an organization’s goals.

RETURN OF STOCKS AND BONDS

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Jeremy J. Siegel, Ph.D.
Russell E. Palmer Professor of Finance
The Wharton School

What next for the capital markets? By using long-term historical data from his bestselling book, Stocks for the Long Run, Professor Siegel will describe the long term risks and returns of major assets classes, how their correlations change over time, how to determine the right valuation of the market, and the CAPE ratio methodology. Professor Siegel will also hazard a projection for equity and bond returns over the next several years.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- Understand historical risks, returns and correlations between Asset Classes.
- Use various Price-Earning methodologies to determine the valuation of the market.
- Analyze the Shiller CAPE Ratio
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
BREAKFAST

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
ENTERPRISE MINDSET

Kathy Pearson, Ph.D.
President and Founder
Enterprise Learning Solutions
Adjunct Senior Fellow, Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics
The Wharton School

As organizations become more complex and global, many senior leaders struggle to “think globally but act locally”. At the heart of this challenge is the need to understand the enterprise system, and cascade that understanding throughout the organization. This session explores the barriers to “enterprise thinking” and breaking down organizational silos. The participants are then given various concepts and tools to promote a stronger enterprise mindset, including those that address clarity, alignment, culture and accountability.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Identify elements that contribute to the “silo” mentality.
• Utilize tools to promote clarity and accountability.
• Understand behaviors that lead to a learning culture.

10:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
INDUSTRY ELECTIVES

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
GENERAL LUNCH

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
LUNCH LECTURES

*Advance sign up required.

ECOSYSTEM – DRIVEN INNOVATION

Martin Ihrig, Ph.D.
President
I-Space Institute
Adjunct Professor of Management
The Wharton School

In many industries today, organizations operate in ecosystems made up of powerful and highly interconnected stakeholders. Companies that figure out how to manage this complexity will enjoy a powerful competitive advantage in finding and selecting innovations. Participants will be introduced to a tool-based ideation process that helps them think through ways of innovating their companies' product or service offerings. The methodology allows managers to identify innovation growth opportunities and select insightfully among them, thus ensuring that the company is responsive not only to the pressing needs of the direct customers, but also to the needs and concerns of the other stakeholders in its ecosystem.

THE PERCEPTIVE LEADER

Kathy Pearson, Ph.D.
Adjunct Senior Fellow, Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics
The Wharton School

The PERCEPTIVE Leader, which covers leaders who exhibit a keen sense of perception, insight, understanding, or intuition. Given the time allotted, she will speak from a high level about purpose, experiential frames, range of alternatives, contrary views, productive paranoia, trust, vigilance and experimentation.
THE NEW NORMAL IS NOT NEW

John Spence
Managing Partner
John Spence, LLC

In this lunch lecture, John Spence will cover the following:

• How to be an evolutionary leader in times of great change
• Demystify Boomers, Millennials and Gen... What motivates today's workforces?
• Creating high-performance and results-driven teams

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY ELECTIVES

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
BREAKFAST

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
FLEX CORE – TECHNOLOGY (CHOOSE ONE)

AMAZON: CREATIVITY, TRANSFORMATIONAL, MARKET DOMINANCE

Mark Relph
Head of Global Business Development
Amazon Web Service

Transformative inventions, empowering others to unleash their creativity, creating real value for it’s customers – these are ways Amazon succeeds. This session will focus on critical elements to success in today's competitive marketplace.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Learn how industries have been up-ended by changing expectations of customers and employees – and understand how Amazon has not only thrived in this world, but helped to create it.
• Understand critical elements of success that have helped firms dominate their market segments.
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – NOW IN PRIME-TIME

Rob Stanich
Offering Manager, Banking and Financial Markets
Watson Financial Services

Over 90% of the world’s data has been produced in the last 2 years. How the financial services industry understands and digests information must radically change to remain competitive – and Artificial Intelligence is on the leading edge of helping to manage the challenge – and Brian has been at the forefront helping to pave the way and lead this change. The Financial Times has said: “Technology is a tsunami and will radically change the face of Financial Services.”

In this session we will delve into the implications of the Artificial Intelligence revolution on financial services – from providing predictive client insight to, providing advisors scale and engagement tools for multigenerational clients, to addressing the $257billion burden of financial regulations to picking the perfect team, Rob will provide both a high-level view and actionable ideas to use AI within your firm.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Learn the key features of blockchain technology that differentiate it from legacy technologies.
• Understand the key elements of the technology’s value proposition and how the industry might deploy it to maximum value.
• Survey the various prototypes/proofs of concept and the ones that are moving first to production, both in the U.S. and around the world.
• Understand how to approach experimenting with the technology.
• Gain an understanding of the current challenges.

BLOCK CHAIN TECHNOLOGY – FROM THE HYPE TO PRODUCTION READY

Emmanuel Aidoo
Head of Distributed Ledger and Blockchain Strategy
Credit Suisse

2017 brought a lot of interest, reporting and investment in blockchain (also known as Distributed Ledger Technology), the underlying technology that originally empowered cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin and Ethereum. Blockchain technology has the potential to radically reshape securities industry processes and markets – but what is this technology all about, what state of readiness is it in and how should firms apply this new technology? In this Flex-Core class, we will explore those areas plus look at what firms are doing to move from investigation to actually implementing blockchain projects, including discussing the operations, compliance and regulatory issues that need to be addressed and how distributed ledgers can integrate with existing processes and technology.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Computer deep learning
• Artificial intelligence
• The Internet of things
• Robotics
• Virtual reality
• Augmented reality
• Genetic decoding and recoding
• Synthetic medicine

The information delivered will greatly challenge the audience to examine their businesses today on how they will have to be positioned in the coming years. If the group is small enough John can assign a workshop where they discuss these major innovations and how they will impact their business. John can also add information on the future of leadership, the future of strategy or how to effectively manage Millennials and Gen Z employees.

FUTURE OF BUSINESS

John Spence
Managing Partner
John Spence, LLC

This program addresses the major innovations that will impact not just the business world but the entire world in the next decade. These are not “what if” ideas, but trends, user technologies and innovations that exist today that will grow exponentially over the next decade, fundamentally changing the face of business and the human race. John learned this information from an advanced seminar he attended with more than a dozen of the world’s top thought leaders who are driving this change. Some of the topics include:

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• Artificial intelligence
• The Internet of things
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INFORMATION SECURITY – AN ANALYSIS OF LEGAL OBLIGATIONS, LEGAL CONSEQUENCES AND BEST PRACTICES

Matthew H. Meade
Shareholder
Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney

It seems that almost every day we hear reports of another data breach impacting a financial company, hospital, government agency or educational institution. Data breaches are often the result of an escalating series of non-technical failures which include lack of preparation, lack of adequate employee training designed to increase awareness of risky behavior and incomplete or non-existent evaluations and protections involving vendors and other third parties who receive valuable data from the organization. Through this practical and interactive session participants will learn about the following: (1) the importance of a proactive approach to cyber security; (2) state and federal law issues associated with responding and reacting to a security incident; and (3) litigation and regulatory investigations arising from data breaches. We will conclude with hypothetical incidents where the participants will be able to apply what they learn.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Developing an understanding of how to work collaboratively with counsel to assess legal risk and respond to a security incident
• Learn to approach cyber as an enterprise wide imperative by ensuring that employees understand the implications of lax cyber security.
• Assess the legal consequences of cyber security failures.
• Building a team that can prepare a comprehensive, thorough and efficient response to a cyber incident.

10:35 a.m. – 12:05p.m.
FLEX CORE – REGULATORY (CHOOS ONE)

EMERGING REGULATORY ISSUES

Jesse Hill
Director of Regulatory Relations
Edward Jones

Joan Schwartz
Chief Legal Officer
Pershing, a BNY Mellon Company

This year promises to bring many new emerging regulatory issues to financial services firms. A proactive approach to compliance in identifying and implementing sound business practices, policies and procedures to promote a good working relationship with industry regulators will be even more important in 2018. This course will focus on pending and current rulemaking that will impact the financial services industry, examination priorities for 2018 and best practices for interacting with many types of regulators).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Share important information on Best Interest Standards and liquidity requirements
• Understand current regulatory examination priorities from the SEC, FINRA and NASAA
• Build awareness of emerging regulatory rulemaking and initiatives
• Understand best practices for developing strong working relationships with industry regulators
• Review the FINRA 360 initiative and initial Report on FINRA Examination Findings
MOCK SECURITIES ARBITRATION

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MODERATOR:
Anne Cooney
Managing Director and General Counsel
Morgan Stanley Wealth Management

PRESENTERS:
Tracy Gerber
Shareholder
Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Michael Ungar
Partner
Ulmer and Berne, LLP

This session will simulate a real securities arbitration. Participants will watch a condensed proceeding based on common investor disputes, with experienced trial attorneys playing the roles of Claimant’s and Respondents’ counsel. A discussion of case, and of best practices to prevent litigation and client disputes, will follow. Participants will receive a one page background fact document prior to attending this session.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Evaluate the pros and cons of this method of dispute resolution, and understand how arbitration differs from court litigation.
• See, up close and personal, the arbitration process from opening statements to conclusion.
• Learn what issues create problems for investors, financial firms, investment professionals and supervisory/compliance/risk and support personnel.
• Learn how to avoid problems that lead to arbitration and keep records to assist in defending claim.

REGULATORY ALPHABET SOUP

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Ben Indek  Ariel Gursky
Partner  Associate
Morgan Lewis  Morgan Lewis

Ideal for: Financial services professionals who do not interact with regulators on a day to day basis, including individuals in human resources, marketing, strategy, finance, and technology. This interactive discussion will help you make sense of the hodgepodge of regulators (SEC, FINRA, Fed, OCC, NASAA, CFTC, etc.), including each regulator’s jurisdiction, authority, and approach. The session will also describe the current regulatory environment and offer suggestions for best practices for dealing with regulators when the need arises.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand the U.S. regulatory framework
• Learn the mandate and mission of each regulator
• Gain insight into regulators’ enforcement processes and philosophy
• Increase awareness of regulatory priorities

REGULATORY JEOPARDY

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Kurt Wachholz
Executive Consultant
NRS

Ideal for: Customer-facing industry professionals or any participants interested in understanding regulatory controls designed to protect investors.

Whether you are a financial advisor or an individual investor, it is important to understand the how regulations protect investors and contribute to the trust in and stability of our markets. This session provides a broad foundation of regulations that address current investor protection issues. It will be presented as an interactive jeopardy game, exploring five key categories:

• Client disputes – identifying, responding to, reporting and resolving complaints
• Fraud – electronic, Ponzi, identity theft, social media, wire and mail fraud, fraud victims
• Sr. Issues – mental capacity of client and advisor, mandatory reporting
• Regulation of trading markets
• Customer Documentation - what needs to be on the account statements, how often should they be sent, do you need to disclose commission structure, what is needed if a client trades on margin, suitability

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Identify key regulatory areas that impact financial services.
• Understand the importance and intent of these regulations.
• Gain an awareness of basic regulatory requirements in each of these areas.
WHAT IS THE FIDUCIARY STANDARD OF CARE?

Skip Schweiss
President of TD Ameritrade Trust Company
Managing Director, TD Ameritrade

This session will give you a baseline explanation of what is called the “Fiduciary Standard of Care”, the history and evolution, what it means, how it compares to the broker/dealer standards of care, and the effect on our industry. Although interaction and questions are encouraged the presentation is not designed to debate the DOL rule, the SEC role, nor SIFMA’s position.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Establish a basic understanding of the “Fiduciary Standard of Care” for those who are not exposed to this standard on a routine basis and a baseline for those who are.
• Given such a sweeping change in the industry discuss the risks and benefits of the DOL rule with our clients
• Open discussion of the potential effects of the industry and potential business model changes

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
LINKING FINANCE & STRATEGY

Joseph Perfetti
Partner
Percipient Partners LLC.

The key to a company’s financial success is strategy execution. Companies that have success in long term value creation have a passion for execution. This session will use financial tools to analyze the differences between value creating and value destroying companies and show that the pattern is the same in every industry and in every part of the world. At the strategy formulation stage, it is important to select a strategy that the company has the capabilities to execute more effectively than completion. It is important to realize that profitability is wonderful but it is very fragile and it can disappear rapidly. It is important to be vigilant about the changes taking place in your industry.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Learn the financial tools that are useful in identifying value creating companies and the metrics used by investors
• Learn about companies that have tied operating metrics to financial performance to drive growth, innovation and value creation
• Learn how you can impact these key value drivers to create value for your enterprise

UNDERSTANDING THE NEXT GENERATION: INSIGHTS INTO MILLENNIALS AND GEN Z

Keith Niedermeier, Ph.D.
Director of the Undergraduate Marketing Program
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Marketing
The Wharton School

At 92 million strong, Millennials are the largest generation and the future of business, both as consumers and as the heart of the new workforce. However, they have sharply different attitudes and expectations than previous generations. Millennials have grown up as digital natives in a rapidly changing world that endured a generation-defining recession. This lunch lecture will explore Millennials as consumers, investors, and employees. Discussion will center on Millennials’ attitudes, psychology, and decision-making. We will also explore various segmentations and differences among Millennials, as well as contrasting them to the up-and-coming Generation Z.

THE WISDOM OF THE ANNOYANCE

Anthony Palombit, Ph.D.
Executive Coach and Consultant
Herrmann International and Genos Americas

Every executive gets annoyed. Dr. Palombit will cover how to take that annoyance and possibly turn it into wisdom. When an executive gets irritated or frustrated with a situation or person, there is not only an opportunity to make the business improve, there is also an opportunity for the development of the executive.
3:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP

Dafna Eylon, Ph.D.
President
Eylon Associates

Courage is a powerful key leadership characteristic, irrespective of one’s formal role. It requires engagement and acting in support of purpose, while in the face of concern, worry or fear. In organizations we want to be courageous, to do what we believe is right and have positive impact, while still acting in pursuit of achieving the organization’s vision. Courage means navigating without a pre-existing roadmap and is an ability that can be learned. Knowing why and when courageous actions are important promotes being proactive.

In this session, initial steps are formulated to help create a clearer sense of personal priorities regarding where and how one would like to take courageous organizational action(s). Through organizational examples and short exercises, participants identify where they would like to act more courageously and how to do so including questioning the status quo, taking risks, supporting others, stepping into the unknown, and managing uncertainty.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Identifying courage in an organizational context.
• Translating the concept of courage to organizational action
• Recognizing multiple ways one can be courageous in organizational settings

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER & RECEPTION

*Advance sign-up required.

BUSES WILL DEPART HOTELS AT 6:30 P.M.

DINNER AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED. BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE IS ACCEPTABLE FOR THIS EVENT.

The Story of We the People, the National Constitution Center’s main exhibit, guides visitors through milestones in America’s history and reveals how the U.S. Constitution is as important today as it was in 1787. Located in the Richard and Helen DeVos Exhibition Hall, the exhibition feature three concentric rings of interactive exhibits. The circular shape of the exhibition was chosen, in part, to reflect the enduring presence and influence of the U.S. Constitution.

EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS:
• View fascinating artifacts, including a rare copy of the Emancipation Proclamation.
• Engage with interactive touch screens at the American National Tree exhibit to learn about 100 citizens who have shaped America’s constitutional history.
• Watch yourself on the big screen as you recite the Presidential Oath of Office.
• Check out Justice Sandra Day O’Connor’s actual Supreme Court robe and weigh in on famous cases.
• Experience the Living News theater performance, which brings today’s headlines from the page to the stage and encourages audience dialogue.

SIGNERS’ HALL
Walk alongside 42 LIFE-SIZE, bronze statues of the Founding Fathers and relive the moment that launched a government ruled by “We the People.”

One of the museum’s most popular and iconic attractions, Signers’ Hall invites you to walk among the Founding Fathers who added their name to the Constitution—as well as those who dissented—on September 17, 1787.

Signers’ Hall brings to life the final day of the Constitutional Convention in the Assembly Room of the Pennsylvania State House, now known as Independence Hall. There are numerous famous faces in the room, including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, James Madison, and Alexander Hamilton. Pose beside your favorite Founding Father for a great photo op!
FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
BREAKFAST

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
THE WASHINGTON UPDATE: AN OVERVIEW OF THE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT, PROSPECTIVE LEGISLATION, AND STRATEGIES FOR INVESTMENT AND RETIREMENT PLANNING

Andrew Friedman
Principal
The Washington Update

As 2018 begins, investors and businesses are digesting the consequences and nuances of the sweeping Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, passed by Congress at the end of 2017. At the same time, the Trump administration and Republican leadership are readying a number of new initiatives, including instituting a national infrastructure repair program, reducing the scope of the Affordable Care Act, enhancing immigration restrictions, re-prioritizing federal spending, reforming welfare, entitlements, and social "safety net" programs, and continuing the rollback of industry-specific regulations.

Hanging over these efforts are the 2018 midterm elections and the expected release of the Mueller report on possible malfeasance by the Trump campaign, both of which have the potential to alter the administration’s ability to implement its programs.

Andy Friedman, an expert in political and legislative affairs, will address all of these matters in his 2018 presentations. He will focus on the portions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of particular importance to business owners, investors, and financial advisors, pointing out which individual situations and economic sectors are likely to fare well, or poorly, under the legislation. He will consider the extent to which Congress will adopt the President’s legislative initiatives, and how those initiatives are likely to affect the economy, the markets, industry sectors, and investments. And he will consider how the outcomes of the Mueller investigation and the 2018 elections may alter the administration’s ability to implement its far-reaching policies.

Andy also will discuss the extent to which the administration is likely to overturn or soften regulatory initiatives, including the controversial Department of Labor regulation imposing new fiduciary obligations on financial advisors.

Along the way, Andy will provide strategies that investors and financial advisors can consider to take advantage of (or protect against) market volatility arising as these initiatives progress, as well as specific strategies for investment, wealth transfer, and retirement planning.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
DISRUPTIVE LEADERSHIP: THRIVING IN AN ERA OF CONSTANT CHANGE

Luke Williams
International Best-Selling Author
Professor of Innovation and Executive Director of the W.R. Berkley Innovation Labs
NYU's Stern School of Business

What does it take to be a disruptive leader? Do you need to be a brilliant agitator like Steve Jobs? A driven workaholic like Tesla’s Elon Musk? Sure, CEOs like that get a lot of press, but there’s more to success than being loud and charismatic. Truly disruptive leaders are like Master Chefs on a cooking show, always looking for ways to take existing ingredients and combine them in unique ways.

Those new recipes are a type of investment capital: the more you have, the better. Of course, not all will succeed. But disruptive thinking and leadership is less about the success of any one idea and more about putting your business in a position where you have more new ideas to spend than your competition does. Most importantly, being a disruptive leader is about creating a culture where everyone values new recipes. Because if you want to build a disruptive organization, you first have to build more disruptive leaders.
YEAR THREE

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (6:00p.m. at Marriott)
REGISTRATION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
WELCOME RECEPTION

*Advance sign up required

NETWORKING RECEPTION OPEN TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
OPENING NIGHT DINNER

*Advance sign up required

YEAR UP

Gerald Chertavian
CEO
Year Up

In the future, every young adult will be able to reach their potential. Year Up’s mission is to close the Opportunity Divide by providing urban young adults with the skills, experience, and support that will empower them to reach their potential through professional careers and higher education. Year Up achieves this mission through a high support, high expectation model that combines marketable job skills, stipends, internships and college credits. Their holistic approach focuses on students’ professional and personal development to place these young adults on a viable path to economic self-sufficiency.

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
BREAKFAST

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
WELCOMING REMARKS

Vinny Ferrari
Chair
Securities Industry Institute® Board of Trustees

THE HOPE CIRCUIT

Martin Seligman, Ph.D.
Zellerbach Family Professor of Psychology
Founding Director, Positive Psychology Center
University of Pennsylvania

When Martin E. P. Seligman first encountered psychology in the 1960s, the field was devoted to eliminating misery: it was the science of how past trauma creates present symptoms. Today, thanks in large part to Seligman’s Positive Psychology movement, it is ever more focused not on what cripples life, but on what makes life worth living—with profound consequences for our mental health.

In this session Dr. Seligman will discuss learned helplessness, positive psychology, and prospection in the light of building hope.

10:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
MONDAY ELECTIVES

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
GENERAL LUNCH
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
BREAKFAST

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
ETHICS AND DECISION MAKING: THE PROBLEM OF HARD QUESTIONS

Peter Conti-Brown, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Department of Legal Studies and Business Ethics
The Wharton School

In the final required ethics session, Professor Conti-Brown builds on previous discussions of ethics and culture to discuss how to operationalize these principles. Conti-Brown introduces the concept of easy, medium, and hard questions. Easy ethical questions are those that essentially belong to the criminal law. Nearly everyone agrees on right and wrong on these questions and while the financial industry has had more than its share of individuals and firms getting these questions wrong, these are not worth our main attention. Medium questions are those where most people agree on the same ends, but disagree on the appropriate means. And hard questions are those where people in good faith disagree on what constitutes ethical behavior. After developing this framework, Conti-Brown guides participants through its application to several examples in several aspects of the financial services industry.

10:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS IMPACTING GLOBAL INVESTING

Jeff Rosensweig, Ph.D.
Director, John Robson Program for Business, Public Policy, and Government
Goizueta Business School at Emory University

In 2018, finance professionals face a time of uncertainty on both financial and geopolitical fronts. This uncertainty follows on the past two decades of nearly unprecedented volatility in both economies and asset markets worldwide. We witnessed the hype of the dot.com bubble and its subsequent bursting, leading to a global recession. The global economy and asset markets then boomed along with the debt-fueled global real estate bubble. The bursting of that speculative bubble caused both a worldwide stock market crash and “Great Recession.” Investors who did not panic have gained from a strong recovery in global asset markets starting in March 2009. Many real and financial assets both in the US
and abroad have reached record-high prices. The rise of cryptocurrencies adds to the risks generated by the increased prices for stocks, bonds, real estate, and some commodities. What scenarios could now occur, and how can investors deal with the current high level of uncertainty and perhaps volatility?

This session will separate fact from fiction while analyzing the implications of global linkages for investors. The uncertainty regarding the U.S. and global economies, commodity prices, interest rates, exchange rates, job markets, monetary policy, and the sustainability of government debt levels all point toward the need for a truly global diversification strategy. This session will feature a strategic look at the economic, financial, and demographic trends that are likely to endure in the crucial nations of the future.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- Help financial professionals analyze the US and global economic outlook and longer-term economic trends in this time of uncertainty.
- Increase participants’ understanding of global and US financial trends and their linkages to the volatile economic and policy environment we now face.
- Portray and contrast global and U.S. demographic trends and their investment implications.

The ultimate objective of this core session is to help participants form global investing strategies based on the three preceding objectives.

**12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

**GENERAL LUNCH**

**12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

**LUNCH LECTURE**

*Advance sign up required

**DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES IN THE AGE OF CLOUD**

Rob Krugman  
*Chief Digital Officer*

Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc.

Digital transformation and cloud are words we hear every day, but what does it really mean to transform businesses for the digital age? In this session Rob will discuss and provide examples on how organizations are leveraging the cloud and digital capabilities to transform what they do and how they do it.

1:30 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

**STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP**

Roch Parayre, Ph.D.  
*Partner, Leadership Consulting*

Heidrick & Struggles  
*Teaching Fellow*

The Wharton School

In an era of unprecedented uncertainty, the ability to think strategically has emerged as a critical skill in helping leaders and organizations navigate change and sustain growth. The Strategic Leadership session develops capability in each of the Six Elements of Strategic Thinking, reinforced by compelling exercises and examples.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- A clear understanding of the six elements that make up strategic thinking and leadership
- An awareness of their individual strategic strengths and weaknesses
- Better decision making, better strategies and plans, and ability to navigate uncertainty

**5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**YEAR THREE RECEPTION & DEAR WORLD ACTIVITY**

*Advance sign up required

Robert Fogarty  
*Founder and CEO*

Dear World

The Dear World collection includes portraits of over 40,000 individuals and their work has been published in over 30 countries. Dear World uses a portion of its revenues to underwrite and produce field projects around the world, which document people with incredible stories to share. Their most recent field project was a partnership with Nobel Peace Prize-winner, Kailash Satyarthi, in New Delhi, India.

Dear World’s award winning keynote address and portrait shoot explores the subtle and powerful connections that colleagues, clients and staff in business and in life at annual corporate events around the country and the world. Evans photographs over one or a series of days and he also gives an emotionally stimulating address where he shares portraits and stories behind them that will make you smile, cry, and laugh out loud.
Many organizations function in the same way they have for decades, expecting that the next generation of workers and clients will simply accept long-standing corporate values and norms. While it may be tempting to think “this is just the way we do things around here”, such a mindset lacks the imagination needed to create an organizational culture where the youngest generation of workers will wish to contribute their best—and where clients across generations will be engaged. In this presentation, we will discuss the elements of a collaborative environment that engages staff across generations, and we will explore how you, as leaders, can help co-create an organization, and a team culture, that will more effectively engage contributors, leaders, as well as clients.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- Become aware of their own generational values that inform how they see the world and what they expect from organizations and leaders.
- Learn about what informs other generations’ values and behaviors—ideally with less negative judgment.
- Identify ways to be more flexible in their approach toward leadership, and building teams so as to engage and retain the next generation of employees.
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
BREAKFAST

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
FLEX CORE – TECHNOLOGY (CHOOSE ONE)

AMAZON: CREATIVITY, TRANSFORMATIONAL, MARKET DOMINANCE

Mark Relph
Head of Global Business Development
Amazon Web Service

Transformative inventions, empowering others to unleash their creativity, creating real value for its customers – these are ways Amazon succeeds. This session will focus on critical elements to success in today’s competitive marketplace.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- Learn how industries have been up-ended by changing expectations of customers and employees – and understand how Amazon has not only thrived in this world, but helped to create it.
- Understand critical elements of success that have helped firms dominate their market segments.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – NOW IN PRIME-TIME

Rob Stanich
Offering Manager, Banking and Financial Markets
Watson Financial Services

Over 90% of the world’s data has been produced in the last 2 years. How the financial services industry understands and digests information must radically change to remain competitive – and Artificial Intelligence is on the leading edge of helping to manage the challenge – and Brian has been at the forefront helping to pave the way and lead this change. The Financial Times has said: “Technology is a tsunami and will radically change the face of Financial Services.”

In this session we will delve into the implications of the Artificial Intelligence revolution on financial services – from providing predictive client insight to, providing advisors scale and engagement tools for multigenerational clients, to addressing the $257 billion burden of financial regulations to picking the perfect team, Rob will provide both a high-level view and actionable ideas to use AI within your firm.

BLOCK CHAIN TECHNOLOGY – FROM THE HYPE TO PRODUCTION READY

Emmanuel Aidoo
Head of Distributed Ledger and Blockchain Strategy
Credit Suisse

2017 brought a lot of interest, reporting and investment in blockchain (also known as Distributed Ledger Technology), the underlying technology that originally empowered cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin and Ethereum. Blockchain technology has the potential to radically reshape securities industry processes and markets – but what is this technology all about, what state of readiness is it in and how should firms apply this new technology? In this Flex-Core class, we will explore those areas plus look at what firms are doing to move from investigation to actually implementing blockchain projects, including discussing the operations, compliance and regulatory issues that need to be addressed and how distributed ledgers can integrate with existing processes and technology.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- Learn the key features of blockchain technology that differentiate it from legacy technologies.
- Understand the key elements of the technology’s value proposition and how the industry might deploy it to maximum value.
- Survey the various prototypes/proofs of concept and the ones that are moving first to production, both in the U.S. and around the world.
- Understand how to approach experimenting with the technology.
- Gain an understanding of the current challenges.
FUTURE OF BUSINESS

John Spence
Managing Partner
John Spence, LLC

This program addresses the major innovations that will impact not just the business world but the entire world in the next decade. These are not “what if” ideas, but trends, user technologies and innovations that exist today that will grow exponentially over the next decade, fundamentally changing the face of business and the human race. John learned this information from an advanced seminar he attended with more than a dozen of the world’s top thought leaders who are driving this change. Some of the topics include:

- Computer deep learning
- Artificial intelligence
- The Internet of things
- Robotics
- Virtual reality
- Augmented reality
- Genetic decoding and recoding
- Synthetic medicine

The information delivered will greatly challenge the audience to examine their businesses today on how they will have to be positioned in the coming years. If the group is small enough John can assign a workshop where they discuss these major innovations and how they will impact their business. John can also add information on the future of leadership, the future of strategy or how to effectively manage Millennials and Gen Z employees.

INFORMATION SECURITY – AN ANALYSIS OF LEGAL OBLIGATIONS, LEGAL CONSEQUENCES AND BEST PRACTICES

Matthew H. Meade
Shareholder
Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney

It seems that almost every day we hear reports of another data breach impacting a financial company, hospital, government agency or educational institution. Data breaches are often the result of an escalating series of non-technical failures which include lack of preparation, lack of adequate employee training designed to increase awareness of risky behavior and incomplete or non-existent evaluations and protections involving vendors and other third parties who receive valuable data from the organization. Through this practical and interactive session participants will learn about the following: (1) the importance of a proactive approach to cyber security; (2) state and federal law issues associated with responding and reacting to a security incident; and (3) litigation and regulatory investigations arising from data breaches. We will conclude with hypothetical incidents where the participants will be able to apply what they learn.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- Developing an understanding of how to work collaboratively with counsel to assess legal risk and respond to a security incident
- Learn to approach cyber as an enterprise wide imperative by ensuring that employees understand the implications of lax cyber security.
- Assess the legal consequences of cyber security failures.
- Building a team that can prepare a comprehensive, thorough and efficient response to a cyber incident.

10:35 a.m. – 12:05p.m.
FLEX CORE – REGULATORY (CHOOSE ONE)

EMERGING REGULATORY ISSUES

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Jesse Hill
Director of Regulatory Relations
Edward Jones

Joan Schwartz
Chief Legal Officer
Pershing, a BNY Mellon Company

This year promises to bring many new emerging regulatory issues to financial services firms. A proactive approach to compliance in identifying and implementing sound business practices, policies and procedures to promote a good working relationship with industry regulators will be even more important in 2018. This course will focus on pending and current rulemaking that will impact the financial services industry, examination priorities for 2018 and best practices for interacting with many types of regulators).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- Share important information on Best Interest Standards and liquidity requirements
- Understand current regulatory examination priorities from the SEC, FINRA and NASAA
- Build awareness of emerging regulatory rulemaking and initiatives
- Understand best practices for developing strong working relationships with industry regulators
- Review the FINRA 360 initiative and initial Report on FINRA Examination Findings
MOCK SECURITIES ARBITRATION

CLE ELIGIBLE

MODERATOR:
Anne Cooney
Managing Director and General Counsel
Morgan Stanley Wealth Management

PRESENTERS:
Tracy Gerber
Shareholder
Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Michael Ungar
Partner
Ulmer and Berne, LLP

This session will simulate a real securities arbitration. Participants will watch a condensed proceeding based on common investor disputes, with experienced trial attorneys playing the roles of Claimant’s and Respondents’ counsel. A discussion of case, and of best practices to prevent litigation and client disputes, will follow. Participants will receive a one page background fact document prior to attending this session.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Evaluate the pros and cons of this method of dispute resolution, and understand how arbitration differs from court litigation.
• See, up close and personal, the arbitration process from opening statements to conclusion.
• Learn what issues create problems for investors, financial firms, investment professionals and supervisory/compliance/risk and support personnel.
• Learn how to avoid problems that lead to arbitration and keep records to assist in defending claim

REGULATORY ALPHABET SOUP

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Ben Indek
Partner
Morgan Lewis

Ariel Gursky
Associate
Morgan Lewis

Ideal for: Financial services professionals who do not interact with regulators on a day to day basis, including individuals in human resources, marketing, strategy, finance, and technology.

This interactive discussion will help you make sense of the hodgepodge of regulators (SEC, FINRA, Fed, OCC, NASAA, CFTC, etc.), including each regulator’s jurisdiction, authority, and approach. The session will also describe the current regulatory environment and offer suggestions for best practices for dealing with regulators when the need arises.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand the U.S. regulatory framework
• Learn the mandate and mission of each regulator
• Gain insight into regulators’ enforcement processes and philosophy
• Increase awareness of regulatory priorities

REGULATORY JEOPARDY

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Kurt Wachholz
Executive Consultant
NRS

Ideal for: Customer-facing industry professionals or any participants interested in understanding regulatory controls designed to protect investors.

Whether you are a financial advisor or an individual investor, it is important to understand the how regulations protect investors and contribute to the trust in and stability of our markets. This session provides a broad foundation of regulations that address current investor protection issues. It will be presented as an interactive jeopardy game, exploring five key categories:

• Client disputes – identifying, responding to, reporting and resolving complaints
• Fraud – electronic, Ponzi, identity theft, social media, wire and mail fraud, fraud victims
• Sr. Issues – mental capacity of client and advisor, mandatory reporting
• Regulation of trading markets
• Customer Documentation - what needs to be on the account statements, how often should they be sent, do you need to disclose commission structure, what is needed if a client trades on margin, suitability

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Identify key regulatory areas that impact financial services.
• Understand the importance and intent of these regulations.
• Gain an awareness of basic regulatory requirements in each of these areas.
WHAT IS THE FIDUCIARY STANDARD OF CARE?

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Skip Schweiss  
President of TD Ameritrade Trust Company  
Managing Director, TD Ameritrade

This session will give you a baseline explanation of what is called the “Fiduciary Standard of Care”, the history and evolution, what it means, how it compares to the broker/dealer standards of care, and the effect on our industry. Although interaction and questions are encouraged the presentation is not designed to debate the DOL rule, the SEC role, nor SIFMA’s position.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Establish a basic understanding of the “Fiduciary Standard of Care” for those who are not exposed to this standard on a routine basis and a baseline for those who are.
• Given such a sweeping change in the industry discuss the risks and benefits of the DOL rule with our clients
• Open discussion of the potential effects of the industry and potential business model changes

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
LEADING CHANGE

Dafna Eylon, Ph.D.  
President  
Eylon Associates

In today’s VUCA world change is a constant. Therefore, leaders need to lead change and not just manage a change process. In this session we investigate when change is necessary and how to lead it effectively. Participants identify key leadership roles and opportunities during the process of change as well as obstacles they may encounter and how to overcome them. Using examples, discussion and video clips we also explore how employees experience change, and how leaders can guide them through the change process while providing growth opportunities.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Identify key leadership roles you can expect to take on for creating effective change.
• Introduce and use a framework to help guide you through the process of organizational change
• Have an effective plan to overcome the challenges of changing people’s behaviors.

3:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.  
BUILDING TEAMS

John Spence  
Managing Partner  
John Spence, LLC

Working effectively in teams is essential to the success of every firm. Unfortunately, many people don’t really understand what is necessary to build a cohesive team that has strong collaboration, deals with constructive conflict well, and delivers the results the team was tasked to achieve.

Some of the key elements of this workshop include:
• Why teams are so critical to the success of an organization
• The major barriers to building a team
• The key attributes of an “ideal team member”
• How great teams are built, run, and sustained
• Key measurements for team effectiveness

Attendees will leave this session with a greater understanding of how to build and sustain high-performance teams within their organization.
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER & RECEPTION

The Story of We the People, the National Constitution Center’s main exhibit, guides visitors through milestones in America’s history and reveals how the U.S. Constitution is as important today as it was in 1787. Located in the Richard and Helen DeVos Exhibition Hall, the exhibition feature three concentric rings of interactive exhibits. The circular shape of the exhibition was chosen, in part, to reflect the enduring presence and influence of the U.S. Constitution.

EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS:
• View fascinating artifacts, including a rare copy of the Emancipation Proclamation.
• Engage with interactive touch screens at the American National Tree exhibit to learn about 100 citizens who have shaped America’s constitutional history.
• Watch yourself on the big screen as you recite the Presidential Oath of Office.
• Check out Justice Sandra Day O’Connor’s actual Supreme Court robe and weigh in on famous cases.
• Experience the Living News theater performance, which brings today’s headlines from the page to the stage and encourages audience dialogue.

SIGNERS’ HALL
Walk alongside 42 LIFE-SIZE, bronze statues of the Founding Fathers and relive the moment that launched a government ruled by “We the People.”

One of the museum’s most popular and iconic attractions, Signers’ Hall invites you to walk among the Founding Fathers who added their name to the Constitution—as well as those who dissented—on September 17, 1787.

Signers’ Hall brings to life the final day of the Constitutional Convention in the Assembly Room of the Pennsylvania State House, now known as Independence Hall. There are numerous famous faces in the room, including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, James Madison, and Alexander Hamilton. Pose beside your favorite Founding Father for a great photo op!
FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018

7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
GRADUATION BREAKFAST

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
THE WASHINGTON UPDATE: AN OVERVIEW OF THE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT, PROSPECTIVE LEGISLATION, AND STRATEGIES FOR INVESTMENT AND RETIREMENT PLANNING

Andrew Friedman
Principal
The Washington Update

As 2018 begins, investors and businesses are digesting the consequences and nuances of the sweeping Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, passed by Congress at the end of 2017. At the same time, the Trump administration and Republican leadership are readying a number of new initiatives, including instituting a national infrastructure repair program, reducing the scope of the Affordable Care Act, enhancing immigration restrictions, re-prioritizing federal spending, reforming welfare, entitlements, and social “safety net” programs, and continuing the rollback of industry-specific regulations.

Hanging over these efforts are the 2018 midterm elections and the expected release of the Mueller report on possible malfeasance by the Trump campaign, both of which have the potential to alter the administration’s ability to implement its programs.

Andy Friedman, an expert in political and legislative affairs, will address all of these matters in his 2018 presentations. He will focus on the portions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of particular importance to business owners, investors, and financial advisors, pointing out which individual situations and economic sectors are likely to fare well, or poorly, under the legislation. He will consider the extent to which Congress will adopt the President’s legislative initiatives, and how those initiatives are likely to affect the economy, the markets, industry sectors, and investments. And he will consider how the outcomes of the Mueller investigation and the 2018 elections may alter the administration’s ability to implement its far-reaching policies.

Andy also will discuss the extent to which the administration is likely to overturn or soften regulatory initiatives, including the controversial Department of Labor regulation imposing new fiduciary obligations on financial advisors.

Along the way, Andy will provide strategies that investors and financial advisors can consider to take advantage of (or protect against) market volatility arising as these initiatives progress, as well as specific strategies for investment, wealth transfer, and retirement planning.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
DISRUPTIVE LEADERSHIP: THRIVING IN AN ERA OF CONSTANT CHANGE

Luke Williams
International Best-Selling Author
Professor of Innovation and Executive Director of the W.R. Berkley Innovation Labs
NYU’s Stern School of Business

What does it take to be a disruptive leader? Do you need to be a brilliant agitator like Steve Jobs? A driven workaholic like Tesla’s Elon Musk? Sure, CEOs like that get a lot of press, but there’s more to success than being loud and charismatic. Truly disruptive leaders are like Master Chefs on a cooking show, always looking for ways to take existing ingredients and combine them in unique ways.

Those new recipes are a type of investment capital: the more you have, the better. Of course, not all will succeed. But disruptive thinking and leadership is less about the success of any one idea and more about putting your business in a position where you have more new ideas to spend than your competition does. Most importantly, being a disruptive leader is about creating a culture where everyone values new recipes. Because if you want to build a disruptive organization, you first have to build more disruptive leaders.
MONDAY ELECTIVES

*Advance sign-up required

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

10:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
BLUE OCEAN STRATEGY WORKSHOP
(Also offered Wednesday at 1:30pm and 3:20pm)

*Year 3 Students Only

Roch Parayre, Ph.D.
Partner, Leadership Consulting
Heidrick & Struggles
Teaching Fellow
The Wharton School

Ideal for: Decision makers or others who develop or implement strategic decisions.

In today’s economic climate, most organizations compete in red oceans, stained by the blood of competition. We fight for market share, try to maintain prices, and execute more efficiently than others. Blue Ocean Strategy suggests an alternative. It urges us to explore how we can make our value offering so distinctive that we find the blue waters of new, uncontested market space... and make the competition irrelevant. It offers a systematic approach to creating that new market space. In this workshop, we will introduce the Blue Ocean methodology, and teams will work to map a creative, visual exploration of new market opportunities against current industry realities. Tools covered will include the Pioneer-Migrator-Settler Map, The Strategy Canvas, The Buyer Experience Cycle, and The Six Paths for Exploring new market space.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand the Blue Ocean Strategy framework, and the core tools associated with it.
• Develop a deeper customer-centric view of the industry and its offerings.
• Identify obstacles to strategic innovation.

BUILDING EFFECTIVE NETWORKS

Jeff Klein
Executive Director
Anne and John McNulty Leadership Program
Lecturer
The Wharton School
School of Social Policy and Practices, UPenn

Building effective networks provides participants an opportunity to understand their networks through the lens of strong, weak, and dormant ties, and to think about effective strategies to build and sustain a powerful network.
COLLABORATION SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
(Also offered Monday at 2:50pm)

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Bobbi Block
Instructor
The Wharton School

Ideal for: General Audience

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• Increase effectiveness in workplace collaboration by recognizing one’s strengths and challenges.
• Recognize and capitalize on a group’s similarities and differences.
• Increase awareness of one’s ability to be “present,” focused and energized while working with others.
• Explore listening skills.
• Practice letting go of one’s agenda and building upon others’ ideas.
• Explore the concept of ‘true collaboration’ in equal partnership toward reaching a goal.
• Explore the concepts of ‘Perception trumps Intention’ and ‘Emotional Congruency builds Trust’.
• Explore the benefits of risk-taking and recovery from mistakes.
• Collaboratively innovate.
• Increase confidence in spontaneous behavior.

COMMUNICATION STYLE
(Also offered Wednesday at 3:20pm)

Anne Greenhalgh, Ph.D.
Deputy Director
Anne and John McNulty Leadership Program
Adjunct Professor of Management
The Wharton School

Do you prefer to communicate directly, emphasize facts over feelings? Are you more animated in your delivery? Do you take your listener’s feelings into account? Do you like to think first and then speak? Whatever your preference, what impact does your communication style have on others in the workplace whether one-on-one or in group meetings? How can you make the most of assets and downplay the liabilities of your communication style? Complete the HRDQ What’s My Communication Style questionnaire as pre-work, and this session will help you identify your dominant communication style and give you the opportunity to see your style in action so that you can make the most of assets and downplay liabilities. By the end of the session, you will have a greater appreciation of the impact of communication style on interpersonal relationships and results.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand key dimensions of communication style.
• Identify individual preferences.
• Practice making the most of assets and downplaying liabilities.
CONNECTED STRATEGIES
(Also offered Monday at 2:50pm)

Nicolaj Siggelkow, Ph.D.
David M. Knott Professor of Management
The Wharton School

We are observing a current trend that has the potential to fundamentally transform a range of industries. Rather than having episodic interactions with customers, firms connect to customers in a continuous way, providing services and products as the needs of customers arise. Consider a few examples: Healthcare providers are moving from having only interactions when an urgent need arises to a “connected healthcare” model with continuous monitoring of patients. Software is increasingly moving from being installed on computers to software-as-a-service, and even the educational system is questioning whether spending multiple years on-campus can be replaced by providing students the required knowledge when needed, e.g., through on-line learning modules. At the same time, many firms are changing how suppliers are connected to customers. Firms such as Kickstarter, Venmo, Uber, and Airbnb, create connections, and thereby markets, where none had existed before. Most of these innovations are “business model” innovations that rely on recent technological advances. We identify how these new business models create value and categorize them into different models. We discuss the implications for both new entrants and existing firms in these industries.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand how firms are creating deep, connected relationships with customers
• Understand a range of business models that arise from new connections between customers and suppliers
• Use the tools to create a connected strategy for your own organization

DESIGN THINKING

Sarah Rottenberg
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Design
University of Pennsylvania

Design Thinking describes a set of processes and techniques that designers use to solve complex problems and invent new products, services, businesses or systems. The session will introduce the basic elements of design thinking, including empathy, ideation, and iteration and provide examples of how to use those techniques to develop new products and identify new business opportunities. Participants will learn a human-centered approach for generating and evaluating new ideas and will identify opportunities to apply that process in their daily work.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Attendees will be familiar with design thinking and learn how and when to apply the process
• Learn how to develop empathy with end users and translate needs into innovative ideas
• Practice ideation and rapid prototyping techniques for generating better ideas faster

ESG AND IMPACT INVESTING IN TODAY’S MARKETS

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Christopher Geczy, Ph.D.
Adjunct Professor of Finance
Academic Director, The Wharton Wealth Initiative
Academic Director, Jacobs Levy Equity Management Center for Quantitative Financial Research
The Wharton School

Impact and ESG investing has skyrocketed in popularity with investors worldwide. But many people don’t realize how wide-ranging these disciplines have become. Twenty years ago it was stock or occasionally other portfolios which screened companies in or out based on their social investing characteristics. Today, ESG and social-impact oriented strategies include new products and asset classes, influencing corporate governance through shareholder activism, Corporate Social Responsibility, Donor-Advised Funds, and bold for-profit approaches to helping the poor in the developing world.

This session provides an overview of the most important ESG and impact-investing concepts and styles and a look at whether investment return need be sacrificed for social benefit. It offers a high-level view of the products and strategies now permeating not only institutional, but retail investing as well.
FINDING NEW GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Jim Austin
President
JH Austin Associates, Inc.

In the bestselling book, In Search of Excellence: Lessons from America’s Best Run Companies (Peters), 43 “best-in-class” companies were profiled some 35 years ago. Of the 32 public-traded entities, only eight subsequently surpassed the growth rates of their peer group while six disappeared in the intervening years—and these were the “best-run” companies! In the decade after Built to Last (Collins) was published, 8 of the profiled 18 companies were in trouble, growing slower than their peer group. As Steve Lohr writes in an article on Microsoft, “One of the evolutionary laws of business is that success breeds failure; the tactics and habits of earlier triumphs so often leave companies—even the biggest, most profitable and most admired companies—unable to adapt.” Clearly, sustained competitive advantage, Michael Porter’s definition of “strategy”, is difficult to attain. In this highly interactive seminar, Mr. Austin will outline key frameworks for identifying innovative, new avenues for growth.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand the difference between “inside-out” vs. “outside-in” thinking and what it means to be “customer-centric”.
• Identify obstacles to strategic growth and approaches for overcoming.

NEGOTIATION
(Also offered Wednesday at 1:30pm)

Eric Max
Lecturer
The Wharton School

The Negotiation Workshop is fun and very interactive. It will utilize simulations to highlight key concepts and skills. Participants will conduct mock negotiations and then discuss what occurred. The workshop is intended for those who would like to improve their negotiation skills as well as those who are already accomplished negotiators.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• How to identify your negotiation style
• Negotiation ethics
• Opening offers and counter-offers
• How to build trust and communicate in a negotiation.

THE POWER OF A BRAND

Keith Niedermeier, Ph.D.
Director of the Undergraduate Marketing Program
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Marketing
The Wharton School

Ideal for: Sales and sales management professionals, financial advisors, and wealth managers seeking to strengthen personal and corporate brand to gain more customers.

This session focuses on establishing brand and reputational awareness, creating a differentiated value proposition, and understanding brand positioning. We will also touch on client psychology and segmentation. The goal is to understand and analyze brand as a key element needed to build an actionable marketing plan for you and your team.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Take control of your brand
• Understand the needs of your customers
• Market you and your team in the best possible way

10:35 a.m. – 4:20 p.m.*
*ELECTIVES IN THIS TIME FRAME SPAN BOTH THE MORNING AND THE AFTERNOON.
ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED FOR BOTH PART 1 & PART 2.

MASTERING STRESS, RESILIENCE AND CHANGE

Andrew Bernstein
President & CEO
Resilience Academy

What if your entire understanding of how stress works is wrong?

In this eye-opening interactive session, you’ll see how stress research pioneers made a fundamental error when formulating the stress concept, and why this has had disastrous consequences on the way we live and work today.

Then you’ll learn the truth about where stress really comes from, and discover a powerful approach to taking apart personal and professional challenges faster, without jargon, stigma, or “touchy-feeliness.” This process has been beloved by thousands of skeptical, Type A financial services leaders because it’s smart, it’s simple, and it works.
All participants will receive a three-month pass to ResilienceAcademy.com and a paperback copy of The Myth of Stress after the session to continue the learning journey.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- Understand how stress really works, and why we’ve misunderstood it for so long.
- See why stress management techniques like breathing, exercise, and meditation tend to produce only temporary results.
- Discover why there’s no such thing as a stressor.
- Learn a flexible 7-step framework for transforming challenges faster so you can maintain a high-performance mindset in the face of change.

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**THE OUTTHINKER PROCESS**

Kaihan Krippendorff, Ph.D.
Founder
Outthinker LLC

**Ideal for:** General Audience

Accelerating technological change, digitization, globalization, and growing complexity are pushing traditional strategic planning approaches past their limits. Nowhere is this more critical than in financial services which is facing historic disruptions from the rise of distributed-ledger and big data to automation and crowd-funding, all within the context of significant regulatory uncertainty. In this program, you will learn how to apply a more agile, innovative strategic process to engage your team and unlock hidden growth opportunities.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- Learn a five-step process to drive more innovative strategic thinking.
- Understand the emerging strategies adopted by companies thriving in today’s agile, digital, purpose-driven environment.
- Produce several concrete strategies to grow your business, team, or unit.

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**STRATEGIC PERSUASION: ART OF Woo**

(Also offered on Wednesday)

Lauren Hirshon
Director of Operations and Development
Harvard University

This workshop will help strengthen your influence and persuasion skills -- skills you need to win support for important initiatives, achieve organizational alignment, and implement strategies. Through a series of interactive discussions and role-plays, you will answer four key questions: What are the steps that led to buy-in? What is your communication style and how do you use to engage stakeholders? How do you make your ideas simple and compelling? How do you generate lasting commitment? The workshop content is drawn from the book The Art of Woo: Using Strategic Persuasion to Sell Your Ideas (Portfolio/Penguin), co-authored by G. Richard Shell and Mario Moussa. This class will require pre-work to be completed prior to the participants’ arrival.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- Learn about the six channels of influence and how to use them effectively.
- Optimize each message so it appeals directly to your counterpart’s style and interests.
- Measure your progress on real problems you bring to the program and see immediate results.
- Map the political landscape of your organization to see where the landmines are buried and where your allies can help you.
- Experience enhanced self-awareness, including emotional intelligence.
- Enhance the ability to assemble winning coalitions.

Participants will be asked to complete a survey and to read a chapter of “The Art of Woo” prior to attending this session.
COLLABORATION SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
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David M. Knott Professor of Management
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We are observing a current trend that has the potential to fundamentally transform a range of industries. Rather than having episodic interactions with customers, firms connect to customers in a continuous way, providing services and products as the needs of customers arise. Consider a few examples: Healthcare providers are moving from having only interactions when an urgent need arises to a “connected healthcare” model with continuous monitoring of patients. Software is increasingly moving from being installed on computers to software-as-a-service, and even the educational system is questioning whether spending multiple years on-campus can be replaced by providing students the required knowledge when needed, e.g., through on-line learning modules. At the same time, many firms are changing how suppliers are connected to customers. Firms such as Kickstarter, Venmo, Uber, and Airbnb, create connections, and thereby markets, where none had existed before. Most of these innovations are “business model” innovations that rely on recent technological advances. We identify how these new business models create value and categorize them into different models. We discuss the implications for both new entrants and existing firms in these industries.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

• Understand how firms are creating deep, connected relationships with customers
• Understand a range of business models that arise from new connections between customers and suppliers
• Use the tools to create a connected strategy for your own organization
DISRUPT BY DESIGN:
BECOMING A BETTER INNOVATOR

Andrew Pek
Founder
DxD Partners Inc.
Adjunct Professor
Cornell University-Johnson Business School

DISRUPT BY DESIGN™ is an energetic exploration of the core capabilities and conditions that leaders cultivate to make strategic, creative and design thinking behavior translate into business, customer and organizational innovation. The course is a playful, practical and easy-to-use approach to helping leaders and entrepreneurs create a culture of innovation and achieve breakthrough results more consistently.

We live in a complex world with many challenges that are calling for an innovative response. None of these challenges lend themselves to easy or quick solutions. DISRUPT BY DESIGN™ is an approach to leadership and new ventures that considers the relationship between the individual parts of an organizational system (internal and external perspective) and how the actors (customers, regulators, suppliers, workforce, etc.) can be best combined and leveraged to achieve disruptive and fast breakthroughs.

The good news is that DISRUPT BY DESIGN™ is a learned behavior and mindset that will help breakthroughs become more frequent, ideas be more impactful and commercial success more likely. When leaders take a strategic pause and immerse themselves, for instance, in the experience a customer may have with their company’s products, the leader(s) are more apt to identify unmet needs and generate opportunities for innovation.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• How to apply multiple design tactics (customer, business and organizational) to drive meaningful innovations that are desirable to the end-user, doable by the organization and commercially viable (delivers profit/value)
• How to cultivate a disruptive mindset and anticipate or adapt to external forces of change (market, technological, social and environmental) more effectively
• How to apply a ‘turn-key’ approach to innovation that blends both "disruptive and design" thinking methods to make innovation an everyday habit

DOING WELL BY DOING GOOD:
SOCIAL WEALTH CREATION THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

James D. Thompson, Ph.D.
Co-Founder and Director, Wharton Social Entrepreneurship Program
Adjunct Associate Professor at the School of Social Policy and Practice
The Wharton School

Entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial thinking can serve as vehicles to confront social problems. When successfully deployed, such initiatives not only generate positive financial returns, but also positive social impact. This session will cover key concepts in social entrepreneurship and will reference links to corporate social responsibility, entrepreneurship, and innovation. It is relevant for any industry, including non-profit organizations.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• To understand key principles of Social Entrepreneurship,
• To highlight links between entrepreneurial thinking, innovation, & Social Impact,
• To understand broader roles larger organizations can play in societal improvement.

THE ETHICS OF TECHNOLOGY-ASSISTED ADVISING

Julie A. Ragatz
Director of the Center for Ethics in Financial Services
American College of Financial Services

The current structure of the financial services industry has been identified as an obstacle to providing financial advice to the large segments of the American public. Robo-advisors were introduced as an efficient, scalable way through which to deliver financial advice to these groups. However, it is unlikely that this will prove to be ‘silver-bullet’ many hoped. Moreover, the use of the technologically-directed decision processes, including the use of algorithms and data profiles created by 3rd party providers, raise ethical problems that have not been addressed. Even if robo advising is not the ‘silver bullet’ – technology-assisted advising will change the nature of the industry. What could these changes look like?

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Identify the ethical challenges embedded in different components of technologically-directed decision making.
• Consider potential solutions to these ethical challenges and how they could be implemented to extend the reach of financial services organizations
EXECUTION AND DRIVING CHANGE
(Also offered Wednesday at 3:20pm)

Jim Austin
President
JH Austin Associates, Inc.

High performance requires effective execution and, for many organizations, change management. Unfortunately, major change efforts have a dismal track record. In multiple studies, highlighting the experiences of hundreds of companies initiating large-scale changes, the overwhelming results are poor. For example:

- John Kotter’s seminal research in the field of change management half a century ago revealed that only 30% of change programs succeed.
- A 2008 global IBM study of major change initiatives found that only 41% fully met their objectives, while 44% missed their budget, time, or quality goals, and 15% were seen as total failures.
- In 2013, a report that aggregated over 6,000 senior executive surveys revealed that 70% of change efforts fail to achieve their target impact.

As the Harvard Business Review’s editor articulated so well in discussing why so many transformation efforts fail: “...no business survives over the long term if it can’t reinvent itself. But human nature being what it is, fundamental change is often resisted mightily by the people it most affects: those in the trenches of the business. Thus, leading change is both absolutely essential and incredibly difficult” (Kotter 2007).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand a 3-step process for driving execution; and
• Improve the capacity to lead change.

THE GLOBAL ECONOMY IN THE ERA OF TRUMP: DRIFT OR MASTERY?
(Also offered Wednesday at 3:20pm)

Paul Tiffany, Ph.D.
Senior Lecturer, Haas School of Business
University of California, Berkeley

The US elections of 2016 have created a potentially massive shift in American policy, both domestic and global. The new President has staked out positions radically different from those of the post-World War II “Washington Consensus,” and as such has created uncertainties for political and economic decision-makers worldwide. However, one must ask whether President Trump created this situation—or was he simply the predictable outcome of a shifting global reality in which prior values and beliefs no longer hold? This session will explore recent upheavals in the world economy that have led to the current challenge, focusing on the major geographic regions and their issues and problems. We will conclude with a consideration of potential outcomes for the years ahead, and what implications they hold for both US firms as well as its citizens in the era of President Trump. Participant discussion will be strongly encouraged.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• To inform participants of the broader economic and political global trends of the recent past and how these may affect the direction of the American economy in the 21st Century going forward.
• To attempt to put the current political situation in America into a framework that can provide insight to potential economic shifts in the world economy.
• To stimulate participant thinking about how the changing global political-economic environment will affect economic progress in the United States in the coming decades.

LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOWERSHIP
(Also offered by Greg Shea on Wednesday at 1:30pm)

Jeff Klein
Executive Director
Anne and John McNulty Leadership Program
Lecturer
The Wharton School
School of Social Policy and Practices, UPenn

Leadership and Followership examines the relationship between the leaders and followers to explore what followers need from their leaders, what exemplary followership looks like, and what kinds of authority makes leaders powerful.

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LEADERSHIP PRESENCE

Quinn Bauriedel
Speaker, Pig Iron Theater Company
The Wharton School

True presence is a highly-sought after and crucially important skill for the modern executive. Successful leaders in every field have that rare combination of confidence, charisma, self-awareness and inspiration. Easily seen and difficult to describe, stage presence or leadership presence is an attribute that we all feel is something which would make us better leaders. It is the ability to authentically connect with and engage audiences. Presence is a skill that we need in one-on-one encounters as well as when presenting to 1000 people. True presence allows us to read the room and to lift audiences away from the many distractions that are a part of everyday life in order to inspire, persuade and build momentum toward a strong vision. It brings people from the ordinary into the extraordinary. While some might argue that presence is an innate quality, this workshop will prove otherwise as we demystify the building blocks of presence and train ourselves to strengthen our own engagement with audiences. By learning to be more “present,” participants will understand how to be more motivational as a leader, more convincing as a negotiator and more open and honest as a team member. This workshop develops a practical toolkit for leaders to continue working on their presence and their ability to communicate their vision and their story long after the workshop has ended.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• To strengthen one’s own Leadership Presence and ability to motivate and inspire others.
• To develop an authentic presentation style.
• To recognize and overcome individual habits when connecting and engaging with audiences.

MEANINGFULNESS OF WORK & THE MEANING OF WORK

Drew Carton, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Management
The Wharton School

When we believe that our work is meaningful, we feel that it has broader significance. Yet most employees — about 70% — do not find their work be meaningful.

In this session we will consider a number of actionable tactics that we can employ to help ourselves and others experience a greater sense of significance at work.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand different ways that employees approach work, including approaches that yield the most meaning
• Learn the downsides that occur when people experience the greatest amount of meaning
• Learn how to better help other people feel a sense of purpose at work

PLAYING TO YOUR STRENGTHS

Anne Greenhalgh, Ph.D.
Deputy Director
Anne and John McNulty Leadership Program
Adjunct Professor of Management
The Wharton School

Ideal for: General Audience

Your reputation precedes you. How do others see you at work? Are you perceived as cool, calm, and collected? Emotionally expressive? Competitive? A team player? Sociable? Independent? A people person? Task-focused? Conscientious? Willing to take a risk? Imaginative? Practical? Do you seem to prefer formal education or hands-on learning? How do these perceptions about you play out when you face an issue, problem, or adversity at work? What consequences do they have for better or worse? Complete the Hogan Personality Inventory as pre-work, and this session will give you the opportunity to see yourself as others see you, reflect on your strengths, and consider how to make the most of strengths and downplay liabilities.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• See yourself as others see you.
• Reflect on the assets of your personality and recognize the liabilities.
• Learn how to make the most of strengths so that weaknesses pale by comparison.
INDUSTRY ELECTIVES

“Advance sign-up required.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018

10:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

CENTRAL BANKING IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Peter Conti-Brown, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Department of Legal Studies and Business Ethics
The Wharton School

Central banks have come to be regarded as the “only game in town” for economic policy-making. But what are these curious institutions, where did they come from, and where are they going? This session analyzes these and related issues by providing a brief history of central banking and focusing on the ways that central banks today and in the future will dominate the landscape for banking and finance the world over. The focus will be on the U.S. Federal Reserve System, the European Central Bank (and its predecessors), and the People’s Bank of China.

CHINA: FUTURE PROSPECTS AND THEIR ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS FOR THE U.S.

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Paul Tiffany, Ph.D.
Senior Lecturer, Haas School of Business
University of California, Berkeley

Ideal for: Participants who want to improve their appreciation of and insights regarding the current political economy of the Peoples Republic of China, and the relationship between that nation’s recent economic expansion and prospects for the future of the United States of America.

The rise of China since the 1990s has been the most significant economic event in the world in recent times. However, the 2016 election in the US has created great uncertainty about how we will respond as a nation in the coming years to China’s political and economic evolution. This elective session will first briefly review the remarkable rise of the Chinese economy from the rise of Mao in the mid-20th Century into the current era of the early 21st Century. We will focus on the historical roots of that transformation, and how these have shaped the current attitudes and perspectives of the Chinese leadership towards economic priorities, growth, and relations with its off-shore business entities. We will then turn specific attention to the prospects for future political-economic relations between the PRC and the USA as the “American Century” winds down and an aggressive new President with a stated Chinese agenda takes the helm—while in China a transformative President appears determined to raise that country to global preeminence. Participants will be challenged to consider how the many benefits of “doing business with China” for American firms must be balanced against the ultimate ends and goals of that nation as they relate to the value proposition of the United States—which includes respect for democracy, free markets, and human rights-- and its own ambitions in the decades ahead.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

• Have a better understanding of the evolution of the contemporary Chinese economy and how that historical development has shaped the attitudes and perspectives of China’s leadership toward business and investment activities within the country, and abroad.

• Increase their awareness of the opportunities and threats posed to US-based investors who choose to operate within the confines of the Chinese economy today.

• Better comprehend the looming challenge that China represents to the long-standing hegemony of the United States as the world’s leading nation-- and what implications for America stem from the recent “rise of China.”
CONSUMER FACING TRENDS IN FINANCE

Kartik Hosanagar, Ph.D.
John C. Hower Professor of Technology and Digital Business
Professor of Marketing
The Wharton School

The rapidity of technological innovation has changed the way financial services are conceived, delivered, and analyzed. The focus of this session will include a review of c. The session will then focus on two specific sectors, namely payment technologies and automated investment management to highlight some of these trends and how they are reshaping industries.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• To understand trends in how consumers leverage Internet tools, social trends and personalization of finance.
• Understand emerging payment technologies and automated investment management technologies.

EMERGING MARKETS

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Candice Tse
Vice President, Strategic Advisory Solutions
Goldman Sachs Asset Management

This session will focus on our latest market and economic perspectives on the Emerging Markets. Emerging market equities posted their strongest gains +37.5% in US Dollar terms since the 2009 bounce back. With the strong performance of emerging market assets in 2017, investors wonder if this trend is sustainable.

Emerging Markets underperformed Developed Markets from 2011 until the beginning of 2016, against the backdrop of excessive valuations, economic pressures from imbalances, slowing growth, and high investor expectations. Progress on these fronts created attractive opportunities across Emerging Markets in both equity and debt over the course of the last two years. With the solid performance across Emerging Markets, investors question whether conditions remain supportive moving forward. In our view, Emerging Markets remain a key driver of global growth over the longer term. Although, there will be differentiation at the country, sector, and, stock level, we continue to believe that exposure to the Emerging Markets across assets should be a critical part of investors’ strategic long term asset allocation.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Explore the current state of the Emerging Markets and the implications from central bank action, China, and US policy.
• Understand what has driven the strong performance in Emerging Markets over the last two years
• Examine trends that may continue to fuel growth going forward.

FACTOR BASED INVESTING

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Christopher Geczy, Ph.D.
Adjunct Professor of Finance
Academic Director, The Wharton Wealth Initiative
Academic Director, Jacobs Levy Equity Management Center for Quantitative Financial Research
The Wharton School

Most financial professionals recognize that asset allocation, long a predicate of portfolio construction, dynamics, implementation, monitoring, and rebalancing, is a fundamental determinant of investment risk and return. However, many asset classes are highly correlated and respond to common sources of risk, return, correlation and other characteristics known as investment factors. Long understood as comprising the building blocks of investment performance in academia and the buy-side, factor-based investing is now becoming democratized and increasingly present and available in broader circles. This session will define factor-based investing, present evidence on the existence of factors in returns, and how factors, factor betas, and factor premia may be use to create portfolios and to assess investment performance. Covered will also be how factor-based investing relates to traditional active management, the “new” definitions of alpha and beta, implications for multi-asset class investing, the advent of smart-beta strategies as well as their implications for investing with alternatives.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Define factor based investing and how it relates to asset allocation
• Explain how factors relate to both active and passive investing strategies
• Explain how factor-based strategies relate to alpha, beta and so-called smart beta and alternative investments
• Describe several practical implementation methodologies for incorporating factor-based approaches into portfolios
FINANCE FOR THE NON-FINANCIAL EXECUTIVE

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Mary Kay Scucci, Ph.D., CPA
Adjunct Professor
Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs
Managing Director
SIFMA

Finance aims to price assets based on their risk level and their expected rate of return. The course will sharpen non-financial executive’s comprehension of financial insights including M&A and risk management at a high level. Participants of this program will explore techniques to assess the desirability and value of investment projects, corporate assets and acquisitions. This session is designed for executives with a basic knowledge of accounting principles who want to develop their financial knowledge to effectively communicate with CFOs and financial executives.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Participants will have an understanding of the most critical financial decision tools used within their firms which provide an indication of the value and magnitude of an investment (i.e., NPV), an indication of the efficiency or yield of an investment (i.e., IRR) and market-based comparisons.
• Participants will have an understanding of the role finance plays in selected financial products within the financial services industry.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Gordon Bodnar, Ph.D.
Morris W. Offit Professor of International Finance
Director of the International Economics Program
Director of the Master of International Economics and Finance Degree
Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
The Johns Hopkins University

Review and discuss the basics of exchange rate market: terminology, institutional features, common contracts, and market size and structure. Introduce concepts such as effective exchange rates, cross currency rates and dealing with pricing in a dealer market. Link the FX markets with the offshore money markets and summarize equilibrium market view for current and future exchange rates, interest rates and expected future macroeconomic conditions. This session lays the groundwork for understanding how the FX markets work.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• To understand exchange rates and their quotation
• To be able to calculate an effective exchange rate index
• To gain intuition of equilibrium conditions that tie together exchange rates, interest rates and future macroeconomic conditions.

FUNDAMENTALS OF SECURITIES OPERATIONS

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Thomas Gooley
Managing Director
LPL Financial

Ideal for: Non-operations professionals in the securities industry.
This course provides a broad and basic perspective of brokerage operations covering Global Markets across a range of products, functions and services. Topics will include the life cycle of securities transactions from execution through clearance/settlement and custody, as well as critical client service and operations risk management functions. Operations will be discussed from both a macro industry perspective and the inner workings of individual broker/ dealers.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Develop a basic understanding of brokerage operations.
• Describe the life cycle of a standard trade in Fixed Income and Equities.
• Understand how regulations impact the brokerage industry.
GENERATING CASH FLOW FOR RETIREMENT: CAVIAR OR CAT FOOD?

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Bryan Piskorowski
Managing Director, Director of Markets & Product Strategy
Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC

In theory, retirement begins on the day an employee receives their last paycheck—that is also the day that they begin to looking at their investments differently. The paycheck is, in essence, an investment safety net and one that no longer exists for a retiree. Shifting demographics, elongated lifespans, increasing inflation expectations, the decline in pensions, and secular changes in the interest rate environment are just some of the issues forcing the financial services industry to redraw the playbook for retirement income. This session will explore the differences between the accumulation and distribution phases of the investing cycle. It will detail the history of retirement cash flow generation and introduce a new, more diversified approach using a wide array of investment solutions available in today’s marketplace. With more than $2.5 trillion in self-managed 401k assets preparing for rollover in the next decade, professional advice has never been more needed. For many, particularly the underfunded, it could be the difference between eating caviar or cat food.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Differentiating strategies for asset accumulation versus distribution
• Equities—the difference between dividend producers and dividend growers
• Fixed income investing in a low interest rate environment
• Alternative income: Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) and Business Development Companies (BDCs)
• Impact of annuities on retirement cash flow and portfolio construction

THE JOB MARKET: UNDEREMPLOYMENT NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Jeff Rosensweig, Ph.D.
Director, John Robson Program for Business, Public Policy, and Government
Goizueta Business School at Emory University

We will analyze different gauges on the Federal Reserve’s “job market dashboard.” The U.S. now exceeds ‘full employment’ as commonly defined and measured by the official unemployment rate. However, other metrics do not indicate full employment, even for prime-age workers. We will show and analyze four forms of underemployment. We will discuss the possibility that there is still slack in the labor market that could account for the slow wage growth the US economy is still generating.

This session will engage participants by analyzing the future of various industries’ job markets, in an economy increasingly impacted by global forces, automation and robotics, machine learning, AI, disruption, and the gig economy. Prime learning objectives include deepening an understanding regarding key questions for the future of the job market. Will robots and self-driving vehicles take many jobs? If so, what are the new jobs of the future? How do we train people for possible new careers? If there will not be enough demand for labor, what can leaders do to help displaced workers? We will analyze a Universe Basic Income (UBI) and the pros and cons of using it.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Financial professionals need to understand the dynamics of the economy and financial markets. Specifically, understanding the impact of the economy on employment, and the role of the job market and its performance on financial markets, is crucial. This session aims to heighten understanding of job market linkages with the economy and with financial markets.
• The performance of the US job market, and the degree of underemployment or "slack," has been the subject of intense analysis by economists, financial professionals, and policymakers since the financial crash of 2008. An objective here is to discuss the metrics used by experts to analyze the job market and its practical impacts.
• The 21st Century job market is being increasingly impacted by forces of globalization and technological progress. We aim to portray some of the likely effects in the future, potential policy responses, and the resultant implications for financial professionals. The objective is to heighten understanding of the rapidly evolving job market, the likely displacement of workers, and potential solutions to problems caused by a job market characterized by increasing disruption.
MACROECONOMICS, INNOVATION, AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CLIMATE

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Jules van Binsbergen, Ph.D.
The Nippon Life Associate Professor of Finance
The Wharton School

This is a session that covers recent developments in global economic growth and innovation, with an emphasis on current events and policy applications. The session discusses the current drivers of innovation and economic growth and analyzes the strengths and challenges of financial analysis for long-term innovative investment decisions. Topics covered include: national income accounting, total factor productivity, investment in capital and labor, inflation, interest rates, monetary policy, net present value and the internal rate of return.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- Understanding current economic climate
- Implications for short and long-term investment decisions
- Assessing upcoming risks and opportunities

MARKET STRUCTURE

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Lawrence Leibowitz
President
Cruz Informatics

TR Lazo
Managing Director & Associate General Counsel
SIFMA

Ideal for: General Audience

There is currently considerable debate about market structure reform and both the industry and the regulators are weighing in. This session will focus on how and why we arrived at this current market structure and explore why reforms are being discussed and how this all connects to increasing investor confidence. The session will provide background on how the market structure evolved to what it is today and perhaps more importantly, why it evolved that way, what were the intentions of the legislation and rule making that shaped it and what were some important unintended consequences.
RISK MANAGEMENT – JOURNEY OR DESTINATION?

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Adam Rosenthal
Executive Director, Financial Services Risk Management
EY

This session will focus on risk management practices for the financial services industry. The discussion will include why risk management exists, the lessons learned from significant events and what environment is required for an effective risk management program. Other topics will include impact of biases and incentives, accountability for risk management, positioning risk management within the organization.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• What is risk management from a practitioners view?
• What attributes/capabilities can enhance or degrade a firm’s risk management effectiveness?
• What structures and incentives can firm’s utilize to fortify their risk management capabilities?

TAXES AND INVESTING

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Robert Gordon
President
Twenty-First Securities Corporation
Adjunct Professor of Finance
NYU Stern School of Business

This course will help you understand the dependable sources of “tax alpha”. The goal is to not disturb pre-tax returns while achieving higher after tax returns. You may be familiar with loss-harvesting, but what about gain harvesting? We will also explore the many ways to invest in the S&P 500, gold and MLPs. Wall street’s creativity has spawned multiple ways to get exposure. Surprisingly different investment products dedicated to the same asset class may produce the same pre tax return but the after tax returns can vary greatly.

WHY SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Rob Kron
Head of Advisor and Client Education
BlackRock

Ideal for: All industry professionals or anyone interested in learning about the US Social Security system.

With limited other resources, clients are turning to their financial professionals for advice on Social Security. Advisors who can provide education and guidance on Social Security as part of the retirement planning process are more likely than their peers to retain retiring clients, grow share of wallet and gain referrals.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand the fundamental rules (including recent legislative changes)
• Recognize the options and benefits available
• Incorporate the collection decision into retirement plans
WEDNESDAY ELECTIVES

*Advance sign-up required.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

BIG DATA, BIG RESPONSIBILITIES: THE LAW AND ETHICS OF BUSINESS ANALYTICS

Kevin Werbach
Associate Professor of Legal Studies & Business Ethics
The Wharton School

Significant technologies always have unintended consequences, and their effects are never neutral. A world of ubiquitous data, subject to ever more sophisticated collection, aggregation, analysis, and use, creates massive opportunities for both financial gain and social good. It also creates dangers in areas such as privacy and discrimination, as well as simple hubris about the effectiveness of management by algorithm. This session addresses the legal, policy, and ethical dimensions of big data, predictive analytics, and related techniques. It then examines responses—both private and governmental—that may be employed to address these concerns.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Identify where analytics depend on human judgments or assumptions.
• Evaluate claims that algorithmic systems raise ethical or public policy concerns.
• Understand potential responses to concerns about privacy violations, manipulation, and bias through machine learning.

BLUE OCEAN STRATEGY WORKSHOP
(Also offered Monday at 10:35am and Wednesday at 3:20pm)

*Year 3 Students Only

Roch Parayre, Ph.D.
Partner, Leadership Consulting
Heidrick & Struggles
Teaching Fellow
The Wharton School

Ideal for: Decision makers or others who develop or implement strategic decisions.

In today’s economic climate, most organizations compete in red oceans, stained by the blood of competition. We fight for market share, try to maintain prices, and execute more efficiently than others. Blue Ocean Strategy suggests an alternative. It urges us to explore how we can make our value offering so distinctive that we find the blue waters of new, uncontested market space… and make the competition irrelevant. It offers a systematic approach to creating that new market space. In this workshop, we will introduce the Blue Ocean methodology, and teams will work to map a creative, visual exploration of new market opportunities against current industry realities. Tools covered will include the Pioneer-Migrator-Settler Map, The Strategy Canvas, The Buyer Experience Cycle, and The Six Paths for Exploring new market space.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand the Blue Ocean Strategy framework, and the core tools associated with it.
• Develop a deeper customer-centric view of the industry and its offerings.
• Identify obstacles to strategic innovation.
DIVERSIFICATION OR DE-WORSE-IFICATION?

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Bryan Piskorowski
Managing Director, Director of Markets & Product Strategy
Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC

Modern Portfolio Theory and the case it makes for diversification have long been foundations for investing. However, since the financial crisis, disparate asset class performances have brought investors to question the benefits of asset allocation. This session will break down the performance drivers in the current market cycle and lay out the global growth story, making the case for continued asset diversification. It will examine the issues currently facing globally allocated portfolios and survey several strategies and techniques investors can use to mitigate these problems. Topics will include strategic versus tactical allocation, active versus passive investing, and the power of rebalancing, among others. The goal of this elective is to give the participant a broader and deeper understanding of the forces affecting asset allocation portfolios in the 21st century and to make the case that diversification still works—that it’s not “different this time”.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• The basics of asset allocation
• The differences between strategic and tactical asset allocation
• The drivers of portfolio performance
• Active versus passive investing
• The impact of rebalancing portfolios

IMPROVING DECISION-MAKING

Jim Austin
President
JH Austin Associates, Inc.

At the core of any organization’s performance are the decisions that leaders make...those financial, strategic, human resource, marketing and leadership decisions that in the end determine an organization’s performance. Thus, to understand how to improve decision-making is a truly fundamental issue. In this session, we will discuss a range of decision “traps” commonly observed in decision makers. These biases are widespread because they are in part derived from how the human brain operates. Drawing on the findings of recent research, this session will expose participants to decision biases through short exercises and offer ways to alleviate them. Issues to be covered are: understanding the problem; seeking non-confirming data; making a decision; and, building trust.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand how we are all susceptible to “irrational” decisions in certain situations;
• How to spot such biases within one’s own organization or team; and
• Approaches to offset such decision-making challenges.

INDIVIDUAL THINKING STYLES: HOW THEY INFLUENCE OTHERS
(Also offered Wednesday at 3:20pm)

*Year 1 and Year 2 Students Only

Anthony Palombit, Ph.D.
Executive Coach and Consultant
Herrmann International and Genos Americas

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• Realize increased self awareness by identifying their preferred thinking styles and the thinking styles of others.
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LEADERSHIP & FOLLOWERSHIP
(Also offered by Jeff Klein on Monday at 2:50pm)

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Leadership & Followership is based on the notion that leadership is relational, that people must accept the leadership of the person in charge in order for him or her to influence, to guide, to lead. The session focuses on leader-follower relationships—both healthy and unhealthy—and, using real-world examples, analyzes what characterizes good followers and good leaders and how leaders and followers aid and hinder one another efforts.

This session will involve lots of discussion and drawing on participant experience.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Improved understanding of the centrality of relationship to leadership
• Enhanced understanding of what a leader/follower relationship can look like
• How to improve leader/follower relations

LEADING HIGH-PERFORMING TEAMS

Todd Henshaw, Ph.D.
Senior Fellow, Center for Leadership Change Management
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Participants will learn how to conduct an effective After Action Review and will participate in the “Crossing the River” exercise, a practical application of leadership, innovation and strategy in a challenging team environment. Participants will learn a cutting-edge technique called the “After Action Review.” The After Action Review (AAR) is used by many organizations, including the U.S Army, Navy Seals, Police and Fire Departments, surgical and trauma teams, and more recently, corporations to create a learning culture and focus on continuous improvement and sharing best practices across teams and organizations. Leaders can leverage the AAR to implement and reinforce change efforts, improve process execution, shape culture and influence employees to learn from past performance.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Participants learn and practice a method to enhance a team's capacity to perform, learn and adapt to change through a collaborative learning process emphasizing collective accountability.
• Participants engage in an experience requiring team strategy development and execution
• Participants learn the After Action Review Process, and the importance of balancing learning and performance culture
• Participants are able to better understand innovation leadership and adaptive leadership through participation in the exercise and “debrief”
• Teams participate in multiple iterations of the simulation, using the After Action Review as a means to discuss and improve team performance
• Participants learn how to develop a collaborative, open, candid, innovative team- learning environment
MAKING TEAMS WORK

Anne Greenhalgh, Ph.D.
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Ideal for: General Audience

Have you ever been on a group project in which everyone worked hard but no one got along? How about a group in which everyone got along but no one worked hard? How do you turn a group into a team with positive group dynamics and high productivity? This session will help you identify the key factors that can help turn a group into a team. In addition, by participating in a survival simulation, you create a live “case study” and opportunity to reflect on the ways in which you typically contribute to and participate in group work. By the end of the session, you will have a better understanding of how you work in a group and make a group work.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand the key differences between groups and teams.
• Reflect on ways individuals participate in and contribute to groups.
• Practice working in a group and making a group work.

ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE AND DECISION MAKING
(Also offered Wednesday at 3:20pm)

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Identifying an organization’s culture.
• Gaining tools for creating organizational culture (or subculture).
• Creating symbols to strengthen culture.
• Matching culture to support strategy.
• Overcoming culture bias in decision making.

NEGOTIATION
(Also offered Monday at 10:35am)

Eric Max
Lecturer
The Wharton School

The Negotiation Workshop is fun and very interactive. It will utilize simulations to highlight key concepts and skills. Participants will conduct mock negotiations and then discuss what occurred. The workshop is intended for those who would like to improve their negotiation skills as well as those who are already accomplished negotiators. The Negotiation Workshop is fun and very interactive. It will utilize simulations to highlight key concepts and skills. Participants will conduct mock negotiations and then discuss what occurred. The workshop is intended for those who would like to improve their negotiation skills as well as those who are already accomplished negotiators.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• How to identify your negotiation style
• Negotiation ethics
• Opening offers and counter-offers
• How to build trust and communicate in a negotiation.

POSITIVE INTERACTIONS AT WORK – MOVING FROM COMMUNICATION TO CONNECTION

Faisal Khan
Founder
1ExtraordinaryLife

Workplace interactions can create extraordinary engagement and vigor that allow people and organizations to thrive, or they can have the opposite effect. This workshop explores the difference between the two. Our interactions at work, however brief or extended they might be, have qualities that if better understood can allow us to harness the positive impacts of them. Gaining insights into these qualities is essential for us to perform at our best. We are social beings that require a connection; many argue that most of the work in organizations is conducted through informal methods and networks based on our connections. While communication is one way we connect, if done correctly it can bind us, or if done incorrectly it can alienate us. The workshop will help participants understand distinctions between communicating and connecting for results.
Drawing from psychological and management research on positive emotions, relationships, and connections at work; participants will learn how to create and then harness high-quality connections for the benefit of all.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**
- To understand the importance of connecting versus communicating with others.
- To become aware of the criteria that help create high-quality connections.
- Understand the attributes of trust at work and how this can be harnessed for better connections.
- Learn techniques that help conversations become more engaging and lead to the building of connections.
- Recognize how we create value for each other at work and use this awareness to build connections.

**STRATEGIC AGILITY**
(Also offered Wednesday at 3:20pm)

Kathy Pearson, Ph.D.
President and Founder
Enterprise Learning Solutions
Adjunct Senior Fellow, Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics
The Wharton School

Today’s business environment is no longer described as having an “ebb and flow”, but rather a permanent “whitewater” condition. This increased speed of change has caused a movement from discrete-event strategic planning to more dynamic planning – the quarterly strategy “refresh”, for example. However, many organizations struggle with the ability to stay nimble to respond to rapid market changes because of a variety of factors. This session explores the common barriers to agility, discusses ways to create a culture of productive paranoia, and describes three concrete actions in achieving strategic agility.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**
- Understand the importance of establishing concrete strategic decision rights.
- Describe the characteristics of a culture of “productive paranoia”.
- Identify key future trends and uncertainties for the organization.

**STRATEGIC MARKETING: UNDERSTANDING MARKETING, STRATEGY AND PLANNING**

Patti Williams, Ph.D.
Ira A. Lipman Associate Professor of Marketing
The Wharton School

This session will focus on developing an outside-in strategy as a key driver of the marketing proposition, the idea that firms succeed when they deliver value to customers. We will discuss the marketing planning process which begins with a strategic overview of the 5Cs (Company, Customers, Competitors, Collaborators and Context), proceeds through a process of understanding and evaluating customers (Segmentation, Targeting and Positioning) to ultimately arrive at a marketing strategy. We will discuss what it means to be customer-centric and to develop a “value monopoly,” as well as how to build a brand that customers trust and prefer.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**
- Understand the importance of establishing concrete strategic decision rights.
- Understand the elements of a marketing plan.
- Understand how to develop a customer-centric value-based strategy.

**UNDERSTANDING CUSTOMER BEHAVIOR**

Jonah Berger
Associate Professor of Marketing
The Wharton School

Ideal for: General Audience

To succeed, businesses have to understand their customers – from determining their wants and needs to delivering customer satisfaction and maintaining relationships. What drives their decisions? What motivates them to take (or not take) action? This presentation will discuss practical, science-based insights to better understand customer behavior, and how to use those insights to drives success. From avoiding decision quicksand to how people process information, I’ll share tools to shape the choice context, increase influence, and drive customer growth.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**
- Better understand their customers
- Overcome the paradox of choice
- Structure choice environments to help people make better choices
U.S. TAX POLICY, INTEREST RATES, DEFICITS, AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF GOVERNMENT DEBT

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Jeff Rosensweig, Ph.D.
Director, John Robson Program for Business, Public Policy, and Government
Goizueta Business School at Emory University

The Tax Reform package has been the major economic initiative of the Trump administration and Congress. We will analyze its likely economic and financial impacts. How will it affect the decisions of the Federal Reserve, and interest rates more generally? The tax cuts will increase the Federal Government deficit, which was already forecast to grow significantly. The extent of the impact is uncertain, so we will discuss possible scenarios. Deficits imply government borrowing, achieved by issuing more Treasury Securities. Thus, deficits add into a Gross Federal Debt that already exceeds $20 trillion. If the deficits do increase over the next decade, will the US government debt become so large that people will not want to hold it? If so, bond prices would decline, market interest rates would rise, and the sustainability of the debt will become a crucial issue. This elective aims to engage SII participants in an exploration of the U.S. fiscal and financial future.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand the evolution of fiscal policy in the US. Fiscal, also known as government tax and spending or budgetary policy, is a key determinant of the performance of the US economy and financial markets. Participants will develop and/or update their skills analyzing the theory and practice of fiscal policy. Real-world data and trends will enhance learning.
• The tax reform package, passed by Congress and signed by the President, is the major piece of economic or financial legislation of 2017 and the beginning of 2018. Participants will gain an understanding of the main features, the aims, and the major possible scenarios resulting from the impact of the tax package on the US economy and financial markets. One case that will be studied is the potential impact on market interest rates.
• Almost all nationally-and internationally-renowned economists that have been surveyed forecast that the new tax package will increase the US budget deficit. However, the channels of impact and the magnitude of impact on the federal deficit are subject to considerable debate. This session aims to portray the range of forecasts, the reasons why forecasts differ, and the implications of increased deficits. A prime objective will be to show how deficits accumulate into increased debt, and to analyze the sustainability of increased US federal debt. A key theme is the impact of tax cuts on market interests rates and financial markets more generally.

WOMENOMICS

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Candice Tse
Vice President, Strategic Advisory Solutions
Goldman Sachs Asset Management

This course will focus on the increasing value of women to the global economy. Research has demonstrated that women continue to be a powerful economic force and by investing in them, we better families, communities, and society. Regardless of where you invest in women, one finding is consistent, that when you invest in women, we create a multiplier effect that impacts markets around the world.

This seminar will take a deeper dive into women in the Emerging Markets. We examine how bringing more women into the labor force and providing female business owners with better access to capital, can substantially boost GDP growth and per capita income. Additionally, our research has also shown that as economic opportunities for women improve, countries can reap the benefit of a ‘double dividend’ as women are more likely to use their earnings and increased bargaining power to buy goods and services that improve the family’s welfare. This should create a virtuous cycle as female spending supports the development of human capital, which in turn will fuel economic growth in the years ahead. At the same time, economic growth should continue to bolster gender and income equality which is critical to sustainable development.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Explore the powerful role that women play around the globe.
• Understand the moral and economic case for investing in women and girls in the emerging markets.
• Recognize the potential for growth, wealth and social improvements from increasing employment opportunities for females.
1:30 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.*
*ELECTIVES IN THIS TIME FRAME SPAN THE ENTIRE AFTERNOON (BREAK FOR 20 MINUTES).
ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED FOR BOTH PART 1 & PART 2.

LEADING TEAMS/IMPLEMENTING THROUGH TEAMS

Martine Haas, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Management
The Wharton School

The session will focus on how leaders can build high flying teams that enable them to implement their strategies successfully, with special attention to the challenges of managing teams that are dispersed, diverse, digital and dynamic. We will introduce a tool for analyzing your own teams, the Team Effectiveness Pyramid, and work through how to use this tool to diagnose your teams and figure out how and where to intervene to make them stronger.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand conditions that make teams more effective (or less effective)
• Diagnose your own team
• Identify possible interventions to improve your team’s performance

LEADING WITH EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Sigal Barsade, Ph.D.
Joseph Frank Bernstein Professor
Professor of Management
The Wharton School

Emotional intelligence is the ability to a) use your emotions to help you think more intelligently and b) be intelligent about your emotions. It is a critical management skill for successful interpersonal relations and productivity at work. This session will help participants understand the important role emotions can play in the work environment, their personal levels of emotional intelligence, and steps to improve emotional intelligence skills in themselves or those they work with. The session begins before participants arrive at Wharton through taking an on-line emotional intelligence test prior to the session (this is not a self report or 360 test, rather, this emotional intelligence (EI) ability test provides an opportunity participants to evaluate their EI ability). During the class session each participant receives an individualized report with his or her personal EI feedback. This report gives participants information about their EI strengths and areas of opportunity, as well as helping participants become even more involved in the session itself. This class will require pre-work to be completed prior to the participants’ arrival.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Accurately perceiving emotions in yourself and others - For example, recognizing that something you have done has hurt or upset a co-worker rather than being surprised when they confront you with it.
• Internally accessing and generating emotions so as to assist thought - For example, knowing how your moods can influence your business decisions and how emotional contagion can change your team’s performance.
• Understanding the complexity of different emotions and how emotions can predictably turn into other emotions. - For example, recognizing that a colleague who has made a mistake is embarrassed about it and may lash out rather than admit his or her error.
• Regulating your own emotions and those of others so as to promote emotional and intellectual growth.- For example, knowing why people can “lose control” and how an important component of leadership is based on emotions and helping to reach the emotions of those who work for you.
STRATEGIC PERSUASION: ART OF WOO
(Also offered Monday)

Lauren Hirshon
Director of Operations and Development
Harvard University

This workshop will help strengthen your influence and persuasion skills — skills you need to win support for important initiatives, achieve organizational alignment, and implement strategies. Through a series of interactive discussions and role-plays, you will answer four key questions: What are the steps that led to buy-in? What is your communication style and how do you use it to engage stakeholders? How do you make your ideas simple and compelling? How do you generate lasting commitment? The workshop content is drawn from the book The Art of Woo: Using Strategic Persuasion to Sell Your Ideas (Portfolio/Penguin), co-authored by G. Richard Shell and Mario Moussa. This class will require pre-work to be completed prior to the participants’ arrival.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Learn about the six channels of influence and how to use them effectively.
• Optimize each message so it appeals directly to your counterpart’s style and interests.
• Measure your progress on real problems you bring to the program and see immediate results.
• Map the political landscape of your organization to see where the landmines are buried and where your allies can help you.
• Experience enhanced self-awareness, including emotional intelligence.
• Enhance the ability to assemble winning coalitions.

Participants will be asked to complete a survey and to read a chapter of “The Art of Woo” prior to attending this session.

3:20 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

BLUE OCEAN STRATEGY WORKSHOP
(Also offered Monday at 10:35am and Wednesday at 1:30pm)

*Year 3 Students Only

Roch Parayre, Ph.D.
Partner, Leadership Consulting
Heidrick & Struggles
Teaching Fellow
Wharton School

Ideal for: Decision makers or others who develop or implement strategic decisions.

In today’s economic climate, most organizations compete in red oceans, stained by the blood of competition. We fight for market share, try to maintain prices, and execute more efficiently than others. Blue Ocean Strategy suggests an alternative. It urges us to explore how we can make our value offering so distinctive that we find the blue waters of new, uncontested market space... and make the competition irrelevant. It offers a systematic approach to creating that new market space. In this workshop, we will introduce the Blue Ocean methodology, and teams will work to map a creative, visual exploration of new market opportunities against current industry realities. Tools covered will include the Pioneer-Migrator-Settler Map, The Strategy Canvas, The Buyer Experience Cycle, and The Six Paths for Exploring new market space.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand the Blue Ocean Strategy framework, and the core tools associated with it.
• Develop a deeper customer-centric view of the industry and its offerings.
• Identify obstacles to strategic innovation.

BUSINESS MODEL DESIGN AND INNOVATION

Henry Han, Ph.D.
Senior Fellow
The Wharton School

The objective of the session is to help the students understand the theoretical framework and practice of business model design and innovation. In particular, we introduce the theoretical development in business model research, the design elements of a business model as well as the value drivers of innovative business models. In addition, we examine the process through which innovative business models can be designed and identify challenges entrepreneurs and managers faced in the business model innovation.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Introduce the concepts of business model and its design elements.
• Examine the process of business model innovation and identify challenges
• Help students to develop their own perspectives on and skill sets for business design and innovation.
CHANGE FATIGUE

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The Wharton School

Why are so many people suffering from change fatigue? What might we do differently as individuals and as leaders to help ourselves and others cope better with a world dominated by change? How might we approach organizational change differently so it succeeds more often, i.e., produces sustainable, desired patterns of behavior?

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Normalization of the reality of change fatigue
• How to spot change fatigue in self and others
• Methods to prevent change fatigue

COMMUNICATION STYLE
(Also offered Monday at 10:35am)

Anne Greenhalgh, Ph.D.
Deputy Director
Anne and John McNulty Leadership Program
Adjunct Professor of Management
The Wharton School

Do you prefer to communicate directly, emphasize facts over feelings? Are you more animated in your delivery? Do you take your listener's feelings into account? Do you like to think first and then speak? Whatever your preference, what impact does your communication style have on others in the workplace whether one-on-one or in group meetings? How can you make the most of assets and downplay the liabilities of your communication style? Complete the HRDQ What’s My Communication Style questionnaire as pre-work, and this session will help you identify your dominant communication style and give you the opportunity to see your style in action so that you can make the most of assets and downplay liabilities. By the end of the session, you will have a greater appreciation of the impact of communication style on interpersonal relationships and results.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand key dimensions of communication style
• Identify individual preferences
• Practice making the most of assets and downplaying liabilities

CULTIVATING COLLABORATIVE TEAMS

Yael C. Sivi
Managing Partner
Collaborative Coaching, LLC

Collaboration is voluntary – it cannot be mandated. While most of us aspire to be “collaborative” at work, many leaders and teams struggle to implement the right skills and practices that the unrestrained sharing of work, ideas, and inspiration. How many of us feel we are actively cultivating the kind of environment where new ideas – and new value – can be created freely? And how many of us experience work and leadership cultures that can truly leverage the differences and similarities present in their teams? In this class, we will explore conditions, skills, and attitudes necessary for successful collaboration. We will discuss the contributions each of us can make – as peer and as leader – to bring collaboration to life. Participants will discuss case studies, explore assumptions about organizational and leadership practices, and leave with concrete ideas to foster collaboration in their work contexts.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand critical elements that contribute to a collaborative team environment—including the awareness of what highly collaborative companies practice on a regular basis
• Identify where their own team culture is strong and in need of improvement with respect to collaborative behaviors
• Leave with a few critical ideas about how they could help their own teams to be more collaborative moving forward
EXECUTION AND DRIVING CHANGE
(Also offered Monday at 2:50pm)

Jim Austin
President
JH Austin Associates, Inc.

High performance requires effective execution and, for many organizations, change management. Unfortunately, major change efforts have a dismal track record. In multiple studies, highlighting the experiences of hundreds of companies initiating large-scale changes, the overwhelming results are poor. For example:

- John Kotter's seminal research in the field of change management half a century ago revealed that only 30% of change programs succeed.
- A 2008 global IBM study of major change initiatives found that only 41% fully met their objectives, while 44% missed their budget, time, or quality goals, and 15% were seen as total failures.
- In 2013, a report that aggregated over 6,000 senior executive surveys revealed that 70% of change efforts fail to achieve their target impact.

As the Harvard Business Review's editor articulated so well in discussing why so many transformation efforts fail: "...no business survives over the long term if it can't reinvent itself. But human nature being what it is, fundamental change is often resisted mightily by the people it most affects: those in the trenches of the business. Thus, leading change is both absolutely essential and incredibly difficult" (Kotter 2007).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- Understand a 3-step process for driving execution;
- Improve the capacity to lead change.

THE GLOBAL ECONOMY IN THE ERA OF TRUMP: DRIFT OR MASTERY?
(Also offered Monday at 2:50pm)

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Paul Tiffany, Ph.D.
Senior Lecturer, Haas School of Business
University of California, Berkeley

The US elections of 2016 have created a potentially massive shift in American policy, both domestic and global. The new President has staked out positions radically different from those of the post-World War II "Washington Consensus," and as such has created uncertainties for political and economic decision-makers worldwide. However, one must ask whether President Trump created this situation—or was he simply the predictable outcome of a shifting global reality in which prior values and beliefs no longer hold? This session will explore recent upheavals in the world economy that have led to the current challenge, focusing on the major geographic regions and their issues and problems. We will conclude with a consideration of potential outcomes for the years ahead, and what implications they hold for both US firms as well as its citizens in the era of President Trump. Participant discussion will be strongly encouraged.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- To inform participants of the broader economic and political global trends of the recent past and how these may affect the direction of the American economy in the 21st Century going forward.
- To attempt to put the current political situation in America into a framework that can provide insight to potential economic shifts in the world economy.
- To stimulate participant thinking about how the changing global political-economic environment will affect economic progress in the United States in the coming decades.

GLOBAL CAPITAL MARKETS

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Gordon Bodnar, Ph.D.
Morris W. Offit Professor of International Finance
Director of the International Economics Program
Director of the Master of International Economics and Finance Degree
Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
The Johns Hopkins University

Examine features of investment returns in global capital markets. Compare US equity performance with Developed Market equity and Emerging Market equity and different methods to invest such as ADRs, and ETFs. Examine size and return features of the global bond markets. Discuss impact of currency risk on foreign investments.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
- How to measure the USD risk and return to a foreign security
- Identify role of risk, return and correlation in a global equity or bond portfolio
- Understand when a USD investor needs to be concerned about FX risk in their global portfolios
THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF MONEY

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Peter Conti-Brown, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Department of Legal Studies and Business Ethics
The Wharton School

The 21st century has and will continue to see a revolution in the way we think about money. In this session, financial historian and legal scholar Peter Conti-Brown will provide an overview of what money is, where it comes from, and where it is going. He will focus on the costs associated with large-bill currency; what central banks make of Bitcoin and other kinds of decentralized, private currencies; how low (and even negative) interest rates interact with public demand for cash; and why blockchain technologies may fundamentally change the way we think about money and the payment system.

INDIVIDUAL THINKING STYLES:
HOW THEY INFLUENCE OTHERS

(Also offered Wednesday at 1:30pm)

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INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Todd Henshaw, Ph.D.
Director of Executive Leadership Programs
The Wharton School

Leaders inspire, build capacity in others, lead change, and motivate employees to do more than they thought possible. This session includes a short exercise where we watch film clips to identify inspirational leadership behaviors. The team exercise involves teams participating in a video case about the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, a dynamic and situation where they must determine how to inspire soldiers to overcome their frustrations to fight along with their unit. Each team presents an inspiring vision and employs inspirational behaviors to respond to the crisis. Selected individuals deliver the team’s vision statement to the class. Learning Objectives After this session, you should be able to:
- Discuss the impact of ambiguity and uncertainty on individual psychology and performance
- Recognize the components and leader behaviors associated with inspirational leadership: leadership that promotes a personal connection, builds confidence, demonstrates a caring attitude, and includes great expectations
- Employ these behaviors in a video case, and learn how to construct and effectively communicate a vision for followers.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- We will discuss how visionary leaders inspire people to connect to the organization’s purpose.
- We will understand where their particular contributions fit into the vision and how they belong to something larger than themselves.
MAKING IDEAS STICK

Jonah Berger  
Associate Professor of Marketing  
The Wharton School

Ideal for: General audience

It's hard to get people to do something or care about something if they can't remember what you told them. Whether it's externally to customers or internally to employees and co-workers, we're constantly communicating messages and ideas. How can we communicate more effectively with our clients, helping them understand the suggestions we're making and the value we provide? How can we make sure our boss, or employees, remember our suggestions? This session will provide a framework for making ideas stick. Tips and tricks to avoid the curse of knowledge, communicate more effectively, and drive people to take action.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Craft more memorable messages  
• Simplify complex ideas  
• Overcome the curse of knowledge

MAKING PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT PAY

CFP ELIGIBLE / CIMA ELIGIBLE

Christopher D. Ittner, Ph.D.  
EY Professor of Accounting  
Chairperson, Accounting Department  
The Wharton School

Ideal for: Managers who select performance measures and goals for their organizations, evaluate businesses or employees using these performance measures and goals, or use the measures for decision-making

The use of dashboards and scorecards that contain both financial and nonfinancial performance measures is a ubiquitous feature of modern business. These performance measures play important roles in decision-making and managerial and business performance evaluation. But how do you know that improvements in the performance measures you choose actually lead to better financial outcomes in the future? And how do you pick goals for these performance measures? Do you necessarily want 100% satisfied customers or zero employee turnover? This session provides a framework for choosing performance measures and performance targets that enhance economic value, reviews techniques for validating the economic links between the chosen measures and financial outcomes, and discusses the use of these analyses for financial decision making. A wide variety of examples are used to illustrate the application of the concepts taught in the session.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:  
• Understand the steps in choosing economically-relevant performance measures and targets.  
• Review the issues to address when trying to link improvements in nonfinancial performance to current and future financial outcomes.  
• Understand how to apply the performance driver analysis results to decision-making.

ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE AND DECISION MAKING  
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Organizational culture, a critical component for the success of strategy and organizational decision making, impacts how employees frame their organizational world, including their own performance, commitment and attitudes toward the workplace. Using a group exercise participants experience how culture impacts "objective" business data interpretation and decision making. In addition, through examples and clips we explore what is organizational culture, how it functions, and how it can be adjusted. This includes how meaning is infused into artifacts, the impact of leader behaviors as well as managing sub-cultures in large organizations. The session ends with an intriguing and symbolic puzzle activity that exemplifies the impact of culture on framing organizational decision making.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:  
• Identifying an organization's culture.  
• Gaining tools for creating organizational culture (or subculture).  
• Creating symbols to strengthen culture.  
• Matching culture to support strategy.  
• Overcoming culture bias in decision making.
STRATEGIC AGILITY
(Also offered Wednesday at 1:30pm)

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Today’s business environment is no longer described as having an “ebb and flow”, but rather a permanent “whitewater” condition. This increased speed of change has caused a movement from discrete-event strategic planning to more dynamic planning – the quarterly strategy “refresh”, for example. However, many organizations struggle with the ability to stay nimble to respond to rapid market changes because of a variety of factors. This session explores the common barriers to agility, discusses ways to create a culture of productive paranoia, and describes three concrete actions in achieving strategic agility.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• Understand the importance of establishing concrete strategic decision rights.
• Describe the characteristics of a culture of “productive paranoia”.
• Identify key future trends and uncertainties for the organization.

THE STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF KNOWLEDGE

Martin Ihrig, Ph.D.
President
I-Space Institute
Adjunct Professor of Management
The Wharton School

Everyone in strategy is saying that the key to growth, even just survival, is via continuous and rapid innovation. But the real key to growth via profitable innovation is in fact the strategic development and management of your knowledge: the insights of your employees, your technology, your core competences, and your intellectual property. This session will provide you with the foundation from which to prosper in this, the knowledge age. It will give you specific tools and frameworks to map your critical knowledge, design a program to strategically develop your knowledge, and then exploit it to successfully grow your organization.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• A solid conceptual understanding of how to create and strategically manage competitive knowledge.
• A tool to assess knowledge-based advantage and to map and develop an organization’s portfolio of critical knowledge assets.

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

John Spence
Managing Partner
John Spence, LLC

Nearly every businessperson agrees that to have a successful company you need a good strategy, yet few people do this in their own lives. This intensive and highly personal program is designed to help attendees begin to create a clear, focused and compelling strategic plan to enjoy more happiness, balance, and success in their lives and careers.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
• An understanding of your true core values
• A review of the power of questions
• An examination of who you spend your time with and how you spend your time
• An understanding of what gives you stress and what gives you joy
• The process of learning how to control what you can and how to let go of what you cannot control
• The development of action steps to make your ideal life become a reality
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