

# Dean's Leadership Roundtable

## Overview

The Dean's Leadership Roundtable provides Stern undergraduate students with an opportunity to engage with distinguished leaders from a broad range of industries, from social impact to finance to marketing. The luncheon is held in an intimate setting where a distinguished industry leader is able to share life and career advice with a small group of students. Distinguished industry leaders have included the Chairman and CEO at American Standard, CEO and President of Debt Capital Markets and Asset Management at Cantor Fitzgerald, Senior Vice President and CFO of Global Consumer and Small Business Services at American Express, General Counsel at the Department of the Treasury, and Managing Director at Goldman Sachs. Since its inception in 2001, the Dean's Leadership Roundtable has become both a flagship program and an important part of students' professional development.

## Distinguished Speakers

The following distinguished speakers will be speaking at the Dean's Leadership Roundtable for Fall 2013:

- Alia Jones-Harvey, Award Winning Broadway Producer
- Maria Hermida, Chief Ethics Officer, Citigroup
- Meredith Dennes, Co-Founder & CEO, Project Eve
- Barry Salzberg, Chief Executive Officer, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited
- Dr. Brent Ridge, Entrepreneur, Author, and Television Personality

## Objectives

The session provides students with the opportunity to:

- Engage in discussion with a distinguished industry leader in a small group setting
- Learn about the distinguished industry leader's professional and life experiences
- Gain general advice around shaping a career path

## RSVP and Session Information

To register for a Dean's Leadership Roundtable submit your RSVP through the links below. An email will be sent to confirm your RSVP. Business professional attire is required and students must arrive at the 6th floor conference room fifteen minutes prior to the luncheon. Deadline to RSVP is Wednesday, September 18th.

- September 25 from 12:30p.m. to 1:30p.m. - Alia Jones-Harvey, Award Winning Broadway Producer  
[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)
- October 10 from 12:30p.m. to 1:30p.m. - Maria Hermida, Chief Ethics Officer, Citigroup  
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- October 24 from 12:30p.m. to 1:30p.m. - Meredith Dennes, Co-Founder & CEO, Project Eve  
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- November 13 from 12:30p.m. to 1:30p.m. - Barry Salzberg, Chief Executive Officer, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited  
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- December 4 from 12:30p.m. to 1:30p.m. - Dr. Brent Ridge, Entrepreneur, Author, and Television Personality  
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## Alia Jones-Harvey

*September 25, 2013*



Alia Jones-Harvey, an Olivier Award Winning and Tony Nominated Producer, is a partner at Front Row Productions, a theatrical production company that she joined seven years ago to bring classic works featuring actors of color to the Broadway stage. Jones-Harvey and her partner, Stephen C. Byrd, are currently the only African American lead producers on Broadway.

In her Broadway debut, Jones-Harvey co-produced the first African American revival of Tennessee Williams' *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, the biggest grossing play on Broadway in Spring 2008. The production's all-star cast featured James Earl Jones, Phylicia Rashad, Terrence Howard and Anika Noni Rose, with Debbie Allen as director. Currently, Jones is producing Horton Foote's *The Trip to Bountiful*, on Broadway. Directed by Michael Wilson and featuring Cicely Tyson, Cuba Gooding Jr, and Vanessa Williams, the production was nominated for four Tony Awards, and Tyson took home the award for Best Actress for her soul-stirring

performance in the leading role. The production has extended its run to October 9, 2013.

For 15 years prior to joining Front Row Productions, Jones-Harvey gained expertise in financial analysis, reporting and marketing campaign development for consumer brands, financial products, web-based educational curriculum and arts organizations. She began her career with Procter & Gamble in Global Perfumes, Finance & Accounting and Interactive Marketing. Her responsibilities included software design and development, financial reporting, and implementation of web-based marketing solutions for P&G brands. Jones-Harvey worked for six years in financial services with Lehman Brothers and Stonehedge Partners in private client services, hedge fund marketing and hedge fund administration.

Originally from Largo, Maryland, Jones-Harvey earned, concurrently, a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from Spelman College and a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech). She completed her MBA in Finance and Marketing at the New York University Stern School of Business. With a commitment to education, innovation and the arts, Jones-Harvey serves on the Board of The National Urban Technology Center and is an active member of The Broadway League Speaker's Bureau. In 2012, she was honored with the What's the 411 Networks Salute to Black Broadway Vanguard Award and the Beverly Hills/Hollywood NAACP Theatre Trailblazer Award. She is married to Phillip Harvey, Africana Studies Faculty at John Jay College of the City University of New York.

## Maria Hermida

*October 10, 2013*



Maria C. Hermida is the Chief Ethics Officer of Citigroup, and is responsible for the Global Ethics Office, coordinating the investigation of concerns raised through the Ethics Hotline, and developing Citi's Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct Training. Since 2004, Maria has held various positions of expanding responsibility at Citi, including General Counsel of Women & Co., a membership service focused on providing financial educational insights and resources to the women's market.

Prior to joining Citi, Maria was Deputy General Counsel for Royal Alliance Associates, Inc., an independent securities broker/dealer and investment adviser owned by AIG. During her seven year tenure, she managed the company's arbitrations, litigations, regulatory matters and customer complaints. Maria began her legal career as a litigation associate with the law firm of Shanley & Fisher.

Maria received her undergraduate degree in finance from the Stern School of Business of New York University and a law degree from Fordham University School of Law. She is admitted to the practice of law in the states of New York and New Jersey and is a member of various professional and industry associations.

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## Meridith Dennes

*October 24, 2013*



Meridith Dennes is a co-founder and the CEO of Project Eve. Prior to starting Eve, Meridith spent almost 15 years working in investment banking originating and structuring strategic funding solutions for corporations and banks. She began her career at Spy Magazine and in business development at Marvel Comics. Meridith brings her unique brand of creative talent and multiple years of professional business influences to the Project Eve creative and business strategy. Meridith holds a BA from Northwestern University and an MBA from NYU's Stern School of Business. A native New Yorker, she currently lives on the Upper East Side with her husband and two daughters, Addison and Morgan. Meridith spends her free time practicing yoga, snowshoeing, skiing and trying to convince her family to move to a ski resort.

## Barry Salzberg

*November 13, 2013*



Barry Salzberg is the global Chief Executive Officer of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited (DTTL). He assumed this position on 1 June 2011. As DTTL CEO, Salzberg leads and manages the Executive and sets the strategic direction of the Deloitte global network. The global network comprises 47 member firms operating in 150 countries, with approximately 200,000 people worldwide. Salzberg is a member of the DTTL Board of Directors and Executive committee.

Prior to this role, Salzberg served as Chief Executive Officer of Deloitte LLP (United States) from 2007 to 2011, and as the U.S. Managing Partner from 2003 to 2007. During his time as CEO of Deloitte LLP, he was a member of the U.S. Board of Directors, the DTTL Executive committee, the DTTL Board of Directors, and served as the Americas Regional Managing Partner. Salzberg joined the Deloitte organization in 1977 and was admitted as partner of the Deloitte U.S. member firm in 1985. He has since built an impressive record through a variety of leadership roles.

In his earlier career, Salzberg was a lead client service partner and tax partner of the Deloitte U.S. member firm and became an acknowledged authority in the areas of personal tax and partnership tax matters. In this role, he directly served the CXOs of many large clients, helping them with their personal tax and financial planning needs, as well as partnerships and S corporations, mostly law firms or merger and acquisition specialists.

Salzberg is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the New York County Lawyers' Association. He is a member of business organizations including the Japan Society, BritishAmerican Business International Advisory Board and the United States Council for International Business, and has been a board member of the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy, the Business Roundtable and the Center for Audit Quality.

Known in the marketplace for his commitment to education, building opportunities for tomorrow's leaders and fostering diversity within the workplace, Salzberg serves as Chairman of the Board of College Summit, Chairman of the United Way Worldwide Board of Trustees and is a chair emeritus of the YMCA of Greater New York. Salzberg received his undergraduate degree in accounting from Brooklyn College, his JD from Brooklyn Law School, and his LLM in taxation from the New York University School of Law. He was also awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

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## Dr. Brent Ridge

*December 4, 2013*



Dr. Brent Ridge and his partner Kilmer-Purcell are the stars of The Fabulous Beekman Boys, a hit television reality series airing on the Cooking Channel.

When Dr. Ridge and Josh Kilmer-Purcell bought the Beekman Farm in upstate New York in 2008, they didn't just start a farm, they started a movement. A mere five years later they already have a hit TV show, bestselling books, product lines in leading retailers, a massive social following, and a James Beard nominated lifestyle website. They've been featured in most major media outlets, including The New York Times, USA Today, Vanity Fair, The Martha Stewart Show, Rolling Stone, Dr. Oz, Vogue, The Rosie O'Donnell Show, Rachel Ray, WSJ, O Magazine, and more.

Their farm and surrounding community serves as the inspiration for their lifestyle brand, "Beekman 1802." The brand's signature beauty, home & food products can be found on the shelves of Henri Bendel, Anthropologie, Williams-Sonoma and other national retail partners. The Beekman 1802 cookbook was launched on QVC to record sales, and the memoir of their farm life, The Bucolic Plague, was a national best seller. The 2011 launch of their Beekman 1802 Black Cheese resulted in a wait-list of over 7500 people. The Fabulous Beekman Boys is currently airing on Cooking Channel three days per week.

In 2012, CBS announced that Ridge and Purcell had been cast in the 21st season of The Amazing Race, ultimately becoming the season's grand prize winners. Dr. Ridge was a geriatrician at Mt Sinai Hospital, and later became the Vice President of Health and Wellness at Martha Stewart Omnimedia, making regular appearances on The Martha Stewart Show. Dr. Ridge also writes for Huffington Post.