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# Education

CORNELL UNIVERSITY Ithaca, NY, U.S.A.

Master's in Hospitality Management

08/89 - 05/91

Concentrations: Marketing and Project Feasibility

Offices held: Treasurer, Association of Graduate Students (1990-1991); Graduate Assistant: Business Communication (1990-1991) and

Teaching Assistant in Services Marketing (1989-1990).

I.T.E.S.M. Monterrey, NL, Mexico

B.A. in Business Administration

08/85 - 12/88

Summa Cum Laude / Highest GPA in Graduating Class (9.7/10)

U. OF WISCONSIN - STOUT Menomonie, WI, U.S.A.

Diploma in Tourism - Junior year abroad

08/87-05/88

### **Work Experience**

### A. Academia:

Universidad de las Americas - UDLA (WSCUC accredited, +15,000 students)

Quito, Ecuador 06/14 - current

Dean-School of Hospitality and Tourism

- Leadership of 30 professors, lecturers, researchers, administrators and +300 students
- Strategic planning for school growth and consolidation
- Development of undergraduate academic program curricula.
- Responsible for establishing a positive relationship with academic institutions, related organizations, industry and alumni.
- Professor for the Services Marketing and Facilities Planning courses.

### Universidad San Francisco de Quito - USFQ (+12,000 students)

Quito, Ecuador

Director - School of Hospitality, Culinary Arts and Tourism

09/04 -12/08

Vice Dean - School of Hospitality, Culinary Arts and Tourism

09/95-12/00

- $\bullet \ \ Development \ of curricula \ for \ two \ new \ BA \ programs: Hospitality \ Management \ and \ Tourism \ Development$
- Recruited, selected, and coordinated all faculty and staff for this new school/programs
- Assisted in the development of the culinary arts curricula and laboratory layout
- Professor for Services Marketing, Marketing Management and Strategy, Consumer Behavior, Introduction to Hospitality, and Hospitality Planning and Design courses.

### I.T.E.S.M. - Southern Zone

Mexico City, Mexico

#### **Director of Special Academic Projects**

• Development of the Hotel and Tourism minor.

01/89 -08/89

#### **Guest Lecturer:**

University of Houston - Conrad N Hilton College - Houston Texas, February 2020, February 2021

University of Houston – Conrad N Hilton College – San Antonio, Texas, February 2020

Pontificia Universidad Católica – Dominican Republic, September 2020

International Deans Course DAAD - Guayaquil - Ecuador, April 2018, Lima - Peru, March 2019, Online March 2020 and 2021

## Boards and other relevant positions:

Current BODs: Mashpi Lodge (Nat Geo), Casa Gangotena Boutique Hotel (Relais & Châteaux), Tourcert, Fundación Sembrar

Other: Affiliated Curator Scot Tourism, Member Consortium for Global Sustainability

Past BODs: The Exotic Blends Co, Fundación Natura

#### B. Industry:

**The Exotic Blends Co**. (largest natural snacks exporter from Ecuador with sales in +35 countries) **Marketing and Sales Director** 

Quito, Ecuador 01/01 - 05/14

- Development of 4 lines of 100% natural gourmet products (fruit and vegetable snacks, sauces, preserves, juice concentrates)
- Responsible for new market development. Effective sales were achieved in 35+ countries
- Planning and implementation of marketing strategies including brand positioning, packing development, design of promotional material, coordinated trade fair participation in 5 continents, customer, and consumer service.

Philip Morris Quito, Ecuador

**Category Manager - Liquors** 

Category Manager - Food

05/95 -05/95

• Development of a strategic marketing and sales plan for 8 different liquors & spirits.

**Philip Morris - Kraft General Foods** 

Quito, Ecuador 03/93 - 02/95

• Planning and execution of marketing strategy for Kraft and Colombina in Ecuador

- Coordinated all marketing functions including logistics, market research, promotions, advertising, and sales.
- Development of medium and long-term strategic planning for all food and confectionary lines.

Procter & Gamble Mexico City, Mexico

**Brand Assistant Manager** 

05/92 - 09/92

Brand Assistant

06/90 -08/90 & 08/91 - 05/92

- Development of strategic plans for skin care line (Oil of Olay)
- Responsible for the development and monitoring of media and market research initiatives
- Analysis and development of a strategy to increase effectiveness of consumer related promotional activities
- Development of marketing campaigns to increase market share of household cleaner and fabric softener lines

PROTEXA - Tourism Division Monterrey, NL, Mexico

### Corporate Intern - Assistant to the project manager

08/88 - 12/88

- Developed a "service excellence" project for a hotel
- Took part of the financial and operational analysis team
- Structured a market survey and organizational diagnosis tool for a travel agency.

### Condado Plaza Hotel & Casino - Largest Casino in Caribbean

San Juan, Puerto Rico

05/88-07/88

### **Management Trainee - Rooms Division**

- Supervised the different departments of the rooms division
- Development of a inventory control system for employee uniforms
- Analysis of the reservation process of competitive 5-star hotels in the Caribbean

#### Other Activities

### A. Consultant in the areas of marketing, project feasibility and service quality

Latin America 1995 -current

Some of the companies served are KLM, Metropolitan Touring, Cialcotel, CONPROGRA, INECEL, TV Cable, Marriott Guayaquil, Diario La Hora, Banco Popular, Xerox, GM, Ciba Geigy,

Deloitte Touche TI, CORPEI, Club Rancho San Francisco and El Condado Tennis & Golf Club amongst others.

DIES expert team to review strategic action plans of deans from Latin America

### B. Other studies/relevant seminars:

**Smith Travel Research (STR)** 

Montreux, Switzerland

Certificate in Hospitality Industry Analytics (CHIA)

10/2017

### **Philip Morris**

SOLUCION - Customer Based Quality Teams

STEPS - Problem Solving Technique

International Marketing Training Program

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02/95, Quito, Ecuador 06/94, Quito, Ecuador 07/94, New York, NY, U.S.A. 06/93, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Le Cordon Bleu

Haute Cuisine - Patisserie

Paris, France 06/87-07/87

U.D.E.M. - School of Psychology

Studies towards B.S. in Psychology

Monterrey, NL, Mexico 01/83 - 05/85

#### B. Publications & Reviews:

"Am I responsible for the life and safety of my customers?" - Focus in food safety

La Barra magazine, 15th Edition

"Oferta hotelera: clave para el desarrollo turístico"

Quito, Ecuador

Quito, Ecuador

Tribuna Democrática magazine, Año VII, No. 76

"Revenue Management for Hospitality & Tourism" Book Review

Oxford, UK

P. Legoherel, E. Poutier & A. Fyall, Goodfellow Publishers Ltd

2013

"Edible Identities: Food as Cultural Heritage" Book Review
Ronda L. Brulotte and Michael A. Di Giovine, Ashgate Publishing
2014

Handbook of Higher Education in Latin America: Deans' Views and Overviews, Chapter 6 Saarbrücken, Germany Saarland University Press, 2020.

### **Personal**

- Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (basic knowledge)
- Nationality: Mexican with residence in Ecuador