DAVE ROBERTS
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Experience

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Faculty, Nolan School of Hotel Administration
SC Johnson College of Business

7/20 - present

- Teaching Lodging Operations, covering economics of hospitality, industry players (Owners, Operators, Brands, Independents), business models, performance metrics and applied analytics, several aspects of rooms division management, and interpreting a Hotel P&L
- Teaching Channel Distribution, covering selling/booking channels, digital disruption, loyalty, applied analytics, influencing channel choice, and game theory
- Frequent guest speaker at several universities and industry events, on a wide range of topics, including Revenue Management, Analytics, Distribution, Commercial Strategy, Career Planning, and Personal Development
- MC / Host for Hotel Sales & Marketing Association International (HSMAI) Annual Conference; multiple years, most recently 2024
- Faculty Advisor for the Cornell Student Chapter of HSMAI

Virginia Tech, Falls Church, VA
Professor of Hospitality & Tourism Management
Graduate School, Pamplin College of Business

1/19 – 6/20

- Taught Corporate Finance, & Business Strategy, both of which I designed & built

Marriott International, Bethesda, MD
Senior Vice President, Revenue Strategy & Solutions

7/16 - 3/19

- Led the Revenue Management discipline globally, for 7,000+ hotels and 30 brands, including the development and rollout of a new, proprietary, industry-leading RM System. Led the Revenue Management discipline through integration with Starwood Hotels, implementing Marriott & Starwood best practices in systems and processes, and designed a new organization with top talent from both companies.
- Led Topline Analytics, analyzing and reporting on revenue and profit performance, and identifying issues & trends globally. Supported Investor Relations on earnings calls, with an emphasis on revenue synergies from Marriott's acquisition of Starwood Hotels. Analyzed impacts of external factors and company strategies.
- Led Sales & Catering Systems, delivering technology to drive and manage meetings and events business globally.

4/13 - 7/16

Senior Vice President, Consumer Insights & Revenue Strategy

- Consumer Insights: Built this department from scratch, and provided consumer research and analytics for regional and corporate stakeholders. Efforts included brand health tracking, research on digital offerings, promotions analysis, sort order analysis, media mix modeling, and a Consumer Success Metrics scorecard.
- Revenue Management: Continue with responsibilities noted below.
- Special Assignment: Led the business side of the anti-trust efforts of Marriott's acquisition of Starwood Hotels, leading to approvals from 24 jurisdictions globally.

2/08 - 4/13	*Senior Vice President, Global Revenue Management*
	• Responsible for revenue management strategy and execution for all Marriott hotels worldwide. Enhanced Revenue Management systems capabilities, including demand forecasting, inventory optimization, and price response modeling.

1/07 - 2/08	*Regional Vice President, Market Strategy, Eastern US Region*
	• Responsible for revenue strategy and execution for all hotels in the region

4/04 - 1/07	*Vice President, Global Pricing*
	• Responsible for global pricing strategy and analysis for all hotels worldwide

10/98 - 4/04	*Senior Director / Director, Revenue Management Analysis*
	• Led pricing and inventory analysis for all Marriott hotels worldwide

2/96 - 10/98	*Sr. Manager / Manager, Decision Support Systems*
	• Responsible for all personnel, hardware, and software needs

American Airlines, Fort Worth, TX
8/93 - 1/96   *Manager / Sr. Analyst, Financial Planning & Analysis*
   • Managed a team of financial analysts. Projects included analysis of route economics, financial impacts of various merger scenarios, and analysis of the drivers of American's unit revenue premium vs. the industry.

Northwest Airlines, St. Paul, MN
Summer 1992   *Scheduling Intern*
   • Reduced error in the market share forecasting model from 17% to 9%

Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Arlington, VA
1988 - 1991   *Senior Consultant*
   • Provided technical consulting on missile defense for the US Department of Defense

Education
1991 - 1993   **Northwestern University – Kellogg School**, Evanston, IL
MBA Degree, Finance & Economics, Dean's List

1983 - 1988   **Cornell University,** Ithaca, NY
BS & MS Degree in Operations Research, Dean's List

Published Books   Hotel Revenue Management - The Post-Pandemic Evolution to Revenue Strategy, March 2022; Guide to Commercial Strategy, June 2023 (co-author)

Published Papers   Pattern Forecasting, Options Pricing, Customer Choice Modeling

Patent   US Patent on a software product (data matching algorithm), issued Nov 2011

Awards   Teaching Awards for both courses taught at Cornell
2025 Ted Teng Award for "memorable faculty who have impacted students' lives"
2023 HSMAI US Educator of the Year for Revenue Optimization

Advisory Boards   IBM Business Analytics; Cornell University Center for Hospitality Research
Certifications   IBM: AI Fundamentals, April 2025; University of Arizona: Astrobiology, July 2025

January 2026