



Lorraine Hariton

Lorraine Hariton spent 25 years in various senior level positions including CEO of two venture backed start-ups in Silicon Valley before being appointed by President Obama to be Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs at the US Department of State (September 2009 – February 2014). Currently she is a Senior Advisor at the Transnational Strategy Group and Senior Vice President for Global Partnerships for the New York Academy of Sciences. At the New York Academy of Sciences, she supports the Global STEM Alliance, is a global initiative to increase the number and diversity of students in the STEM pipeline. She is also on the board of the Wiki Education Foundation and on the advisory board of Silicon Accra.

At the State Department,; she was responsible for outreach to the business community, commercial advocacy and global entrepreneurship efforts. She worked with US embassies around the world to ensure that support of business was a priority and was instrumental in establishing entrepreneurship as a foreign policy tool. She launched the highly successful Global Entrepreneurship Program (GEP) and supported the Presidential Summit for Entrepreneurship and Co-Chaired the US-Japan, Mexico-US and US-Russia innovation and entrepreneurship working groups.

Ms. Hariton has over 25 years of experience in the information technology sector in Silicon Valley. During her business career Ms. Hariton worked in a range of sectors including cloud computing, Internet of things, retail payment systems, Internet audio solutions, speech applications, data security and telecommunications.

She served as the CEO of Beatnik from 1999 to 2002 where she repositioned the company as a leader in audio solutions for cell phones and raised more than \$40 million in venture capital. Ms. Hariton served as President and CEO of Apptera, a speech recognition company, from 2003 to 2005 where she raised \$8 million in venture capital and brought the first product to market. Ms. Hariton spent 15 years at IBM serving in a number of leadership positions in sales and marketing. Subsequently she was Executive Vice President of Sales, Marketing and Business Development at NCD, a publicly traded cloud computing company. She is well known for closing major licensing deals with Nokia, IBM and AT&T among others.

Hariton served on the Wave Systems (NASDAQ:WAVX) where she was chair of the nominating and governance committee and serves on the compensation committee from 2013-2015. She served on the board of IODA, an online music distribution company and was acquired by Sony Music in 2012 from 2006-2009 and as Chairman of the Board of Beatnik from 1999-2009. Ms. Hariton was Chairman

Watermark, served as Treasurer of the State of California Board of Accountancy, served on the board of the Demand Response Grid Coalition, and served on the National Advisory Board of the Stanford Clayman Institute for Gender Research and the board of the Entrepreneurs Foundation. She is a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum. She was a member of Secretary Hillary Clinton's National Finance Committee in 2008 and 2016.

The Harvard Business School Club of Northern California has honored her as one of the Bay Area's most influential female graduates, and Watermark, a premier Silicon Valley organization for technology executives, honored her as a "Woman Who Has Made Her Mark."

Ms. Hariton has an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and a B.S. in Mathematical Sciences from Stanford University. She has two grown children and currently resides in New York City. She loves to cycle, enjoys the out of doors, politics and international travel.



Pratik Dattani

Pratik Dattani is the UK Director of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the MD of a boutique economic consultancy. He is also the co-founder of a tech startup in the CSR space. Previously he worked in Economic Consulting at FTI Consulting, on public policy and international arbitration cases, and at Deloitte in London and Abu Dhabi, focussing on public policy and telecoms. In 2009, he founded and led one of Deloitte's largest diversity networks. He was Chairman for a not-for-profit membership organisation with several thousand members for three years.

He studied Economics at Warwick University, where he was awarded the Prize for Excellence, and LMU University of Munich. Pratik's dissertation won a prize at an international economics conference at Georgetown University, Washington DC. He has published academic research on behavioural economics and social impact, most recently in the Social Enterprise Journal in 2014. He is a regular commentator on public policy and India across print, TV and online media.



Maysa Jalbout

Maysa Jalbout is a recognized leader in the field of education in development. She was recently appointed as the CEO of the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education, a new landmark philanthropic initiative. She has over 20 years' experience in building highly effective organizations, initiatives and partnerships targeting young people throughout Canada, the Middle East and in developing nations. She was the founding CEO of the Queen Rania Foundation. She is also a trusted advisor to global figures. She has produced highly visible research and strategies in several fields of education in development including refugee education and Arab youth learning and skills in her capacity as Non-Resident Fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. She spent the earlier years of her career in Canada, where she held senior roles in a number of Canadian national and international organizations and initiatives focused on improving education, development and youth employment, including the Canadian International Development Agency and Human Resources Development Canada. Ms. Jalbout has served on the boards of well-recognized non-profits. She is currently a member of the Board of Governors of the International Baccalaureate Organization.



Rose Potter

A life-long educator whose dynamic and engaging approach to instruction has impacted the lives of thousands of students and educators, Rose Potter promotes active, student-centered learning and an inquiry approach to teaching to build creative and critical thinking skills. She has taught and mentored others at all levels of instruction, K-12, higher education and professional development. In addition to her classroom experience, she founded and operated a business to organize college credit study abroad, immersion experiences for high school students that continues today, [SPI Abroad](#). Since 2004, Rose has mentored pre-service teachers for the UTeach-Liberal Arts program at the University of Texas at Austin, first as a University Supervisor and, presently, as an Assistant Clinical Professor. A nominee for [the ACTFL – NYSAFLT Anthony Papalia Award for Excellence in Teacher Education](#), Ms. Potter continues to impact the profession through her ongoing work with future educators.



Reem A. Al-Ghanim

Reem Heads the Women Development & Diversity Division at Saudi Aramco. Its purpose is to ensure that we build an ecosystem that promotes Diversity and Inclusion and achieves the ambitious goals of the kingdom's 2030 vision and the WEF call to action. Aiming to drive profitability, innovation and employee engagement through the diversity and inclusion strategy, the division is responsible for the following major deliverables:

- Improving employability of women & building a strong talent pipeline of women across the kingdom
- Increasing focus on STEM education for young girls in elementary and middle school
- Conducting Female University Outreach Seminars
- Establishing new Technical Degree Programs for Women in the kingdom
- Deploying Diversity Measures & Scorecards
- Offering a comprehensive portfolio of developmental programs dedicated to professionals and leaders. These include women focused programs, Mentoring, and Diversity and Inclusion workshops.

Over the last 18 years, Reem has held a number of positions in HR and Training and Development and has partners with over 40 different Universities in the US, Canada and the UK as Head of Academic Programs in Dhahran and in Houston.

Reem also chairs and is a founding member of a number of boards and councils that support women in the GCC. She has participated and presented in a number of global conferences and workshops and has attended the Executive Education program at Emory University, has a M.Ed. in HR Development from the University of Minnesota and a B.A. in English-Education from the University of Bahrain.



Janet C. Walkow, Ph.D.

Janet joined the faculty of the University of Texas in 2008, building on a successful career in the pharmaceutical industry, where she led efforts ranging from R&D to Corporate Strategy. Leading the Drug Dynamic Institute, Janet brings together scientists and investigators to work on novel solutions for disease and healthcare issues. The institute fosters collaborations with university, medical, industry and community leaders to develop therapeutics and eliminate barriers to commercialization.

Janet is known in academic circles for developing cutting-edge ways of engaging and educating students, researchers and the general public. Her successful edX MOOC, [*Take Your Medicine*](#) explores how new drug therapies are developed and how to be a savvy consumer.

A leader in efforts to empower entrepreneurs and women, Janet has developed programs, courses and facilities that foster entrepreneurs. Janet works with a variety of local and global organizations that support and empower people around the world. As a Same Sky Ambassador, Janet works to educate people about its trade initiative to create employment opportunities for women in America and Africa. She has served as a mentor for the Livestrong Foundation, Cherie Blair Foundation for Women and serves on the Board of Directors for the Health Promotion Council, Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders, BookSpring and Harvard Kennedy School Women's Leadership Board.

Geraldine Sharpe-Newton

For more than four decades Geraldine Sharpe-Newton has been in the 'communicating business'- whether through her professional expertise in PR or through Journalism. She understands that the process of how you communicate is vital. She advises a variety of senior clients on presentation techniques, and is a mentor to younger clients. Today she describes herself as a senior communications advisor.

As a journalist, TV producer and PR executive, Sharpe-Newton, on both sides of the Atlantic, has always worked with leading organisations and companies. She has been head of communications for CBS News, Independent Television News (ITN) CNN International and Turner Broadcasting outside of the Americas'. She handled the PR launch of The Economist in the U.S. Her love of publishing led to a stint at Simon & Schuster publishers as a Vice President in charge of all book publicity across all divisions.

Returning to the media she joined CBS News, in New York as part of the team that engineered the anchorman handover from Walter Cronkite to Dan Rather as head of their PR operation.

Coming to London in 1983 she joined Independent Television News (ITN) to head their Communications and PR operation, working closely with her third great anchorman, Sir Alastair Burnet and the management team.

With her background in the media she joined the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) in the UK, as part of their strategic directorate.

She joined Turner Broadcasting in London as a Senior Vice President in charge of international press relations outside the US, for all Turner products among them with primary focus on CNN International and the Cartoon Network.

In 1998 she launched SharpeConnections, and has been a Director/Owner of two consultancies First Take and Sharpe McKenna both focused on media strategy, reputation management and training. Now she is an Associate with Clarity, the writing experts.

As an advocate of volunteerism and mentoring she is on the Board of Theatre 503, involved with the Prince's Trust as a specialist business mentor as well as a board advisor/mentor to The Global Thinkers Forum, and The Complete Freedom of the Truth, an organization that is focused on bringing young people from across Europe and Africa together to explore the notion of 'unity.'

Geraldine was the former long term President of The Media Society, and was a past UK chair of the International Women's Forum.

A consummate connector of people, Geraldine is an Ambassador for Editorial Intelligence and this year's Chair of The Comment Awards.