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Name	Speaking Topic	Biography
Nancy Schon, Artist	How the "Ducklings" Got from West Newton to the Boston Public Garden	<b>Nancy Schön</b> is a Boston based sculptor known for her warm, evocative representations of human figures and commissioned pieces that reflect imaginative sculptural problem solving. She has exhibited extensively throughout the United States and abroad and has been awarded many honors .A commission in 1980 became a turning point in her career. She discovered that she could use her sculpture as a fund-raising tool to stimulate and recognize contributions to a wide variety of non-profit institutions, such as universities, nursing homes, museums, and others. She has received many commissions both private and public and delights in working with each of her clients to invent and render distinctive sculptural solutions to unique problems. Her most famous sculpture, "Make Way for Ducklings" is in the Boston Public Garden, " , taken from the story by Robert McCloskey. A replica of this sculpture was a gift to Barbara Bush who presented it to Raisa Gorbachev in Moscow as part of the 1991 START Treaty ceremonies " <i>on behalf of the children of the United States to the children of the (then) Soviet Union</i> ". The sculpture is in Novodevichy Park, a site chosen by Mrs. Gorbachev which she called the most beautiful spot in all of Moscow. Mrs. Gorbachev died in September 20,1999 and is buried in a cemetery that overlooks this same park.
Clara Silverstein, Author	An Inside Look at Michelle Obama's White House Garden	<b>Clara Silverstein</b> is the Boston-based author of <i>A White House Garden Cookbook</i> (Red Rock Press), a collection of recipes inspired by the White House Garden, and <i>The Boston Chef's Table</i> . She is also co-author of <i>The New England Soup Factory Cookbook</i> , a bestselling soup title on Amazon.com. A former food writer at the Boston Herald, she has also published articles in <i>The Boston Globe</i> , <i>Runner's World</i> , and <i>Prevention</i> . Her poems and essays have been published in literary magazines, and she is also author of the school desegregation memoir, <i>White Girl</i> . She directs the Chautauqua Writers' Center. Contact her through her web site, <a href="http://www.clarasilverstein.com">www.clarasilverstein.com</a> .
Matt Pawa, Environmental Lawyer	Sue the Bastards! Fighting Global Warming With Lawsuits	<b>Matt Pawa</b> is an attorney in Newton who is known nationally and internationally for pioneering lawsuits against major greenhouse gas polluters and fossil fuel companies. <i>Salon Magazine</i> referred to him as "Global Warming's Erin Brockovich" and asked "Who do the lawyers at ExxonMobil gnash their teeth at in the middle of the night? Here's a nomination: Matthew Pawa, a Massachusetts litigator who has made a career out of representing the interests of the environmental movement."
Jack Goldsmith, Former Ass't Atty. Gen'l, Office of Legal Counsel	The Terror Presidency: Law and Judgment in the Bush Administration	<b>Jack Goldsmith</b> is the Henry L. Shattuck Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. He has authored three books: " <i>The Terror Presidency: Law and Judgment in the Bush Administration</i> "; " <i>Who Controls the Internet: Illusions of a Borderless World</i> " (with Tim Wu); and " <i>The Limits of International Law</i> " (with Eric Posner.) His research areas include National Security Law, International Law, and Foreign Relations Law. He served at the Ass't Attorney General, (Head of the) Office of Legal Counsel during the Bush Administration.
Joyce Van Dyke, Playwright	How Do You Make a Play?	<b>Joyce Van Dyke's</b> newest play, <i>Deported / a dream play</i> , will have its world premiere March 8-April 1, 2012, at the Modern Theatre in a co-production of Boston Playwrights' Theatre and

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Suffolk University which owns the Modern. A MacDowell Colony Fellow and Huntington Theatre Playwriting Fellow, Joyce has received numerous playwriting awards including the 2009 Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding New Script, an Ensemble Studio Theatre / Sloan Commission, the John Gassner Award, the Boston Globe's "Top Ten" plays of 2001, and being named a 2011 O'Neill National Playwrights Conference Finalist. In Boston her plays including *The Oil Thief* and *A Girl's War* have been produced and developed at New Repertory Theatre, the Huntington Theatre, Boston Playwrights' Theatre, and ArtsEmerson / Paramount Theatre. Initially trained as a Shakespeare scholar, she left an academic career to pursue playwriting, though she continues to love teaching Shakespeare at Harvard Extension School.

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Saul Wisnia, Author  
Behind the Green Monster:  
Uncovering the People and Places  
of Fenway Park

**Saul Wisnia** is a Newton native and Newton North graduate (1985) who now lives one mile from Cabots and 6.1 miles from Fenway Park. He has authored or co-authored numerous books on Boston baseball history, including *For the Love of the Boston Red Sox* and his latest, *Fenway Park: The Centennial*. A former sports and feature correspondent for *The Washington Post* and a feature writer for *The Boston Herald*, his work has appeared in *Sports Illustrated*, *The Boston Globe*, *Red Sox Magazine*, and many other publications. He also proudly chronicles the unique Red Sox-Jimmy Fund relationship as the senior publications editor at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

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Matthew Weinzierl,  
Economist and Tax  
Expert  
Tax policy: the big choices: how our  
tax policy both reflects our  
fundamental values and shapes our  
society

**Matthew Weinzierl** is an assistant professor in the Business, Government, and International Economy unit at the Harvard Business School and a faculty research fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research. His research focuses on the optimal design of tax policy and has been discussed in the *New York Times*, the *Economist*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. From 2003 to 2004 he served as the staff economist for macroeconomics on the President's Council of Economic Advisers. Previously he worked in the New York office of McKinsey and Company, where he specialized in financial services. He earned his A.B. and Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University.

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Joe Larkin, Urban  
Real Estate  
Developer  
Finding the answer in the midst  
of complex issues; or, why  
middle children get more done

**Joe Larkin** is the Managing Boston Principal for Millennium Partners, an urban real estate development company with a focus on large scale center city redevelopments in Boston, New York, San Francisco, Miami, and Washington DC. Over the last 12 years Joe has been responsible for the day to day development of projects valued at over \$2.5 billion in Boston including the 1.1 million square foot Ritz Carlton Hotel and Towers on the edges of Boston Common, Chinatown and the former Combat Zone, the One Charles residential development in the Back Bay of Boston the historic restoration of 179 Lincoln on Boston's Greenway in the Leather District, and a new development breaking ground this month in Mid Town. Joe and his wife Margaret Larkin live in Newtonville with their three children, one who is away at college and the other two who are in the Newton Public Schools.

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Joe, one of eight children, grew up in Western Massachusetts and is a graduate of UMass Amherst, and Boston University.

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**Tom Ashbrook** is an award-winning journalist who joined 90.9 WBUR, Boston's NPR News Station, following the attacks of September 11, 2001, after a distinguished career in newspaper reporting and editing. He spent ten years writing and reporting from Asia, and served as deputy managing editor of the Boston Globe.

*On Point* celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and reaches more than 1.3 million listeners each week. The show is heard on more than 200 radio stations across the country, and ranks as the top-rated podcast for call-in shows produced by an NPR member station. *On Point* is a production of 90.9 WBUR, Boston for NPR. Visit *On Point* at [www.onpointradio.org](http://www.onpointradio.org).

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**Bob Blumenthal** began writing jazz criticism in 1969 while attending college. He was a contributing editor of *The Boston Phoenix* (1969-1989) and a contributor to *The Boston Globe* (1990-2002), and has also appeared in such publications as *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Village Voice*, *Down Beat*, *JazzTimes* and *Jazziz*. Between 2002 and 2009, he served as Creative Consultant for Marsalis Music, the record label founded by saxophonist Branford Marsalis. Blumenthal has also provided radio and television commentary for American and Canadian media, and served as a panelist for several public and private arts organizations, as well as at music festivals in Europe and South America. He was one of six commissioners for the Recording Industry Association of America who selected the White House Record Library during the Carter Administration; has written hundreds of album notes, including all notes in Blue Note Records' RVG reissue series; and won two Grammy awards for best album notes for collections by John Coltrane and Miles Davis. Blumenthal has been critic-in-residence at Burlington, Vermont's *Discover Jazz Festival* for the past 11 years, served in a similar role at the 2011 *Tanglewood Jazz Festival*, and designed a five-part video jazz history for the Montreal Jazz Festival. In addition to contributing essays to *Jazz: Photographs of the Masters* (Jacques Lowe), *Jazz: The First Hundred Years* (John Edward Hasse, editor), *The Oxford Companion to Jazz* (Bill Kirchner, editor) and the soon-to-be-published text *Discover Jazz*, Blumenthal's first book, *Jazz: An Introduction to the History and Legends Behind America's Music* (HarperCollins/Smithsonian) was published in 2007 and hailed as "the single best compact introduction to jazz currently available" by the *Wall Street Journal*. His second book, *Saxophone Colossus: A Portrait of Sonny Rollins* (Abrams), in collaboration with photographer John Abbott, was published in 2010. Blumenthal received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Jazz Journalists Association in 2005.

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**Ty Burr** has been a film critic for the Boston Globe since July 2002. His latest book, "Gods Like Us: A Cultural Biography of Movie Stardom" will be published by Random House in 2012. His first

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Tom Ashbrook, NPR  
On Point Host

American Public Discourse 2011 -  
and A Life in News

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Bob Blumenthal,  
Boston Globe Jazz  
Critic

How to Turn You and Your Family  
into Jazz Fans

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Ty Burr, Boston  
Globe Film Critic

Do the movies have a future?

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book, "The Best Old Movies for Families: A Guide to Watching Together," was published by Anchor Books in February, 2007. A member of the National Society of Film Critics and the Boston Society of Film Critics, Ty is currently an adjunct professor in the Film & TV department of Boston University.

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Kevin Conroy, Deputy Attorney General	2009/2010 Massachusetts Senate Race – An Insider’s Perspective on the race and what it mean for next year’s elections	<b>Kevin Conroy</b> is the Deputy Attorney General in the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office. He serves as a lead advisor to the Attorney General in the overall management of the Office and supervises civil matters including employment, labor, non-profit, consumer enforcement, insurance, financial services, health care and energy. Kevin has extensive political experience and served as the Campaign Manager for Martha Coakley’s 2009-2010 Senate race.
Dan Driscoll, State Environmental Planner	Creating an interconnected greenway system throughout metropolitan Boston, featuring the Charles River and other prominent rivers of the reservation	<b>David Gessner</b> , author of a new book entitled <i>My Green Manifesto: Down the Charles River in Pursuit of a New Environmentalism</i> , says about <b>Dan Driscoll</b> in a 1997 article in <i>onearth</i> magazine: “What Dan Driscoll did over the next 17 years was this: he threw himself into reclaiming the junkyards and car parks and industrial wastelands that had sprung up along the Charles, shepherding in a green resurgence on the riverbanks by taking back land that belonged to the state but that had gradually been illegally encroached upon by businesses and residents. His improbable goal was to sell the idea of the Charles . . . as a nature preserve . . . Dan’s attempt to restore native plants and trees to the riverbanks and to create a green corridor through the heart of Boston and its suburbs . . . has been successful.”
Giovanni Fazio, Award-Winning Astrophysicist	Viewing the Universe with Hubble’s Eyes	<b>Dr. Giovanni Fazio</b> is a Senior Physicist, Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics; Lecturer, Astronomy Department, Harvard University; and a Member of the Faculty, International Space University, Strasbourg, France. He has spent more than fifty years in research in space astronomy, viewing the universe from balloon-borne and space telescopes. He is currently the Principal Investigator for the Infrared Array Camera on the Spitzer Space Telescope, one of NASA’s Great Observatories. He is an author on more than 350 publications in scientific journals and books.

Dan Driscoll holds a B.S. from the University of Vermont, where he majored in both Recreation Management and Environmental Studies, followed by an M.S. in Natural Resource Planning in 1985, also from UVM.

His professional work dates back 25 years to when he worked as a planner for the Boston Harbor Islands. Today, as Director of Recreation Facilities Planning for the Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), this former Newton Highlands resident is in charge of DCR recreation facilities planning statewide.

Dr. Fazio has received five NASA Group Achievement Awards and in 1998 he received the Tsiolkovsky Medal, Russia’s State Museum of the History of Cosmonautics. In 2005 he received

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the UNICO National Marconi Science Medal and the NASA Public Service Medal, and in 2008 the Royal Society of London/COSPAR Massey Award (Gold Medal) for outstanding achievements in space science. In 2009 he received the Smithsonian Institution Secretary's Distinguished Research Lecture Award and in 2010 the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Muhlman Award to the Spitzer Space Telescope Team.

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David Fleishman,  
Newton Public  
Schools  
Superintendent

Ask the Superintendent

Prior to becoming Superintendent in Newton on July 1, 2010, **David Fleishman** served as the Superintendent of Schools for five years in Chappaqua, NY. Previously, he was the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Wellesley, MA and Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources in Ossining, NY.

Dr. Fleishman began his career in education as a social studies teacher in the New York City Public Schools. Earlier, he worked in government and non-profit organizations in both New York City and Washington, D.C. He has a doctorate in Educational Administration from Teacher College, Columbia University, a Masters degree in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a B.A. in Government from Connecticut College.

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Chanda Gunn,  
Olympic Medalist US  
Women's Hockey

**Chanda Gunn** is the poster child of enthusiasm and the Newton Community Service Center was thrilled in June, 2010 when she brought her positive energy to the Chestnut Street Teen Center. Originally from Huntington Beach, California, Chanda toured the United States for ten years as goaltender on the United States Women's Olympic Hockey Team winning herself gold, silver, and bronze medals. After her tenure as an athlete Chanda spent months in New Zealand fulfilling her passion for travel before she found her niche in Newton at the Teen Center. Chanda is deeply committed to building a positive, diverse, and welcoming community with a clear sense for who the teens are and the potential of what the teen center can be. Chanda is also a spokesperson for the Epilepsy Therapy Project ([www.epilepsy.com](http://www.epilepsy.com)), an ambassador for Kids Play International ([http://kidsplayintl.com/Kids\\_Play\\_Intl/Kids\\_Play\\_Intl.html](http://kidsplayintl.com/Kids_Play_Intl/Kids_Play_Intl.html)), and very proud Auntie to Riggs (5), Tali (3), and Phoebe (1).

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Judith Hurwitz,  
Technology  
Consultant

Smart or Lucky? Ten Rules for  
Creating Sustainable Business  
Success

What does it take to be a success in business? The key to success is being able to combine being smart and lucky. Success often comes from being at the right place at the right time and knowing how to make that luck sustainable.

**Judith Hurwitz** is president & CEO of Hurwitz & Associates, a research and consulting firm focused on the business benefit of emerging technologies. Judith has worked as a consultant, researcher and author for more than 25 years. She is the author of many technology books for the Dummies series including Cloud Computing for Dummies. Her most recent book, **Smart or Lucky? How Technology Leaders Turn Chance into Success** was published by Jossey Bass in 2011.

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Michael Jellinek,  
President Newton

Current and Future Healthcare  
Trends Relating to Healthcare

**Dr. Michael Jellinek** earned his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and completed pediatrics training at Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center, and residencies in child

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Wellesley Hospital      Reform

psychiatry at Boston's Children's Hospital and in general psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Jellinek has been Chief of the MGH Child Psychiatry Service since 1979, and is currently Professor of Psychiatry and of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, and since 2001 has served as President of the Newton Wellesley Hospital.

Academically, Dr. Jellinek has written or cowritten over 200 articles and chapters on pediatric psychiatry, psychosomatic disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and the difficult parent among other topics. With Michael Murphy, Ed.D., he developed the Pediatric Symptom Checklist, which is a brief screening instrument that has been validated to help primary care pediatricians identify children with psychosocial dysfunction. This checklist is now used in many states and internationally. Dr. Jellinek has also served as a consultant to the both public and private schools. Dr. Jellinek has coedited two books and was section editor for the Handbook of General Psychiatry and the Saunders Manual of Hospital Practice.

The American Academy of Pediatrics appointed him as the Chair for Bright Futures in Practice: Mental Health supported by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, providing guidelines on mental health promotion for infants, children and adolescents.

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Steve Kaufer, CEO  
TripAdvisor      Got a fantastic idea for a website that you want to create? Something that you know everyone will want to use? Steve loves encouraging entrepreneurship, but has a few questions you might want to think about before quitting your day job to build your better mousetrap.

**Stephen Kaufer** co-founded TripAdvisor in 2000 with the mission to help travelers around the world plan and have the perfect trip. Under Kaufer's leadership, TripAdvisor has grown to be the world's largest travel site, with over 50 million unique users per month, and 50 million reviews and opinions covering hotels, restaurants and attractions throughout the world. The company reported revenues of 486 million dollars in 2010, and operates in 30 different countries. Prior to c-founding TripAdvisor, Kaufer was a co-founder and VP of engineering at CenterLine Software, where he led the development of several award-winning programming environments. He was a winner of the 2005 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, holds several software patents, and has spoken at dozens of travel and high-tech conferences worldwide. He is on the board of directors of several startup companies, as well as the Caring For Carcinoid Foundation (<http://www.caringforcarcinoid.org>), a non-profit charity dedicated to finding a cure for Carcinoid and Neuroendocrine cancers. And on a completely different note, he loves his brother-in-law's robot sculptures at <http://lipsonrobotics.com/>. Kaufer has a degree in computer science from Harvard University.

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Brian Leary, Former  
Peabody Award-  
Winning Reporter &  
News Anchor      The Irrelevance of Local TV News (and the Networks Aren't Far Behind)

**Brian Leary** is a former Peabody Award-winning investigative reporter and anchor for WCVB-TV. Mr. Leary is a graduate of Harvard Law School and a Partner at the law firm of McCarter & English.

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Barbara Meltz,      What Happened to my Sweet,

Currently the Boston.com parenting writer, **Barbara Meltz** was with the Boston Globe for 29 years

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Parenting Writer	Adorable Child?	as an editor and writer. She won several awards for her weekly Child Caring Child Caring column in the Globe, including the 2008 American Psychological Association Print Excellence award. She is also the author of "Put Yourself in Their Shoes, How Your Children See the World" (Random House). She is currently a parenting consultant, as well as an adjunct professor of newswriting at Lasell College in Newton. Barbara is a graduate of Boston University and the mother of a college graduate. She and her husband live in Newton.
Richard Moscicki, Genzyme SVP Clinical Development and Medical Affairs	Drugs! A Rare Need?	<b>Richard A. Moscicki</b> , M.D. is Head of Genzyme Clinical Development where he has worldwide responsibility for all aspects of clinical research and medical affairs for Genzyme. Prior to that, he was responsible for worldwide regulatory and pharmacovigilance at Genzyme. Dr. Moscicki has a faculty appointment at Harvard Medical School and is board certified in Internal Medicine, Allergy and Immunology, and Diagnostic Laboratory Immunology. He has more than 60 publications and has provided editorial support for several professional journals.
David Moss, Economist	The Financial Crisis and Financial Regulation in Historical Perspective	<b>David Moss</b> is the John G. McLean Professor at Harvard Business School, where he chairs the Business, Government, and the International Economy (BGIE) unit. He earned his B.A. from Cornell University and his Ph.D. from Yale. In 1992-1993, he served as a senior economist at Abt Associates. He joined the Harvard Business School faculty in July 1993.  Professor Moss's research focuses on economic policy and especially the government's role as a risk manager. He has published three books on these subjects, including <i>When All Else Fails: Government as the Ultimate Risk Manager</i> . He has also co-edited two volumes on economic regulation and has published numerous articles, book chapters, and case studies. Professor Moss is the founder of the Tobin Project, a nonprofit research organization based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Honors include the Editors' Prize from the <i>American Bankruptcy Law Journal</i> , the Student Association Faculty Award for outstanding teaching at Harvard Business School, and the American Risk and Insurance Association's Annual Kulp-Wright Book Award for the "most influential text published on the economics of risk management and insurance."
Mitali Perkins, Children's Book Author	The Power of Stories as Windows and Mirrors	<b>Mitali Perkins</b> ( <a href="http://www.mitaliperkins.com">www.mitaliperkins.com</a> ) has written several award-winning books for young readers, including <i>Bamboo People</i> , <i>Monsoon Summer</i> , <i>Rickshaw Girl</i> , <i>Secret Keeper</i> , and the <i>First Daughter</i> books. She speaks frequently about the transforming power of stories as windows and mirrors, blogs about "books between cultures" ( <a href="http://mitaliblog.com">mitaliblog.com</a> ), tweets regularly (@mitaliperkins), and also connects with readers through Facebook ( <a href="http://facebook.com/authormitaliperkins">facebook.com/authormitaliperkins</a> ).
Mitch Roberts, Co-Owner/Operator of 31 Restaurants	Dough, re, mi: How Panera Bread Plays its Tune	<b>Mitch Roberts</b> is Co-Founder and CEO of PR Restaurants LLC, a franchisee of Panera Bread, and of NEEPL, LLC, a franchisee of El Pollo Loco. Their 31 restaurants are all located in New England outside of Boston's 128 loop. A former Vice President of Real Estate for Au Bon Pain, he has been involved with site selection, lease negotiation and construction of over 190 restaurants. He is President of the Board of Trustees of the Huntington Theater Company, and serves as Director of

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several private companies.

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Jothy Rosenberg,  
Entrepreneur,  
Extreme Athlete,  
Author, TV Host

Who Says I Can't: Using Sports to  
Triumph Over Life's Knock-Downs

**Jothy Rosenberg** has a PhD in computer science from Duke University where he was also an ass't professor. He founded 9 high tech startups, two of which had exits of over \$100M. He wrote three technical books: *How Debuggers Work*, *Securing Web Services*, and *The Cloud at Your Service*. His autobiography *Who Says I Can't* recounts how he used extreme sports to recover from two bouts with cancer and an amputation as a teenager when he was told he had zero chance of survival. He is still very active in those extreme sports, uses them to raise money for important causes, helps startups navigate the perilous early days, is an award-winning motivational speaker and creator of *Who Says I Can't*, a reality TV series focusing on incredible people who refuse to be knocked down by life and show us through sports how to fight back and thrive regardless of what life throws at us. Check Jothy out at [www.whosaysicant.org](http://www.whosaysicant.org).

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Howard Singer,  
Assoc. Dir.  
Admissions, Boston  
College

How to be an Inspiring College  
Applicant

**Howard Singer** has worked in Undergraduate Admissions at Boston College for 26 years (formerly the office liaison for Newton High Schools). He has had responsibility with Athletics, Music, Art, Debate, Honors Program, School of Management. Mr. Singer is Director Boston College Alumni Admission Volunteer Program and a Member of the Administrative Judicial Board. He was the Women's Tennis Coach at BC for 5 years. Mr. Howard is a graduate of Rutgers.

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