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Experienced speaker who advocates the development of innovation discipline and tools to create asymmetric advantage

Michael has a passion for starting things. Whether it's companies or communities, he has spent much of the last 15 years breaking new ground. He is a leader in design thinking and innovation, with a passion for making both more rigorous and more accessible.

Michael helped establish the Strategic Innovation Lab (slab.ocad.ca) a center for research and development in design, innovation and strategic foresight at the Ontario College of Art & Design. He is also chief catalyst of the Unfinished Business initiative (unfinished.torchiswicked.com) to apply open source ideas and methods to the practices of business management and design. And he invented and co-developed (with Matthew Milan) Innovation Parkour, a scalable framework for training people in large organizations to become more innovative. He has led several successful start-ups and is a regular speaker at design and business events.

A philosopher by training, Michael's Ph.D. research concerned ideas and norms of objectivity. He has written and lectured on topics in the history and philosophy of science, legal and political theory, psychology, and criminal law.

Michael has co-founded: Moso (2010), Foundery (an innovation lab in Toronto, 2010), Torch Innovation (2010), Overlap (peer-to-peer innovation organization 2006), Torch Partnership (Strategic and Innovation Consulting 2006), Aegis (1999)

Keynote, Panelist, Workshop, Author Appearance

Internet, Information Services, Financial Services

Design Thinking, Democratizing Innovation

First, Let's Kill All the Designers

A case against the rhetoric of design thinking and arguing for the need to create and share tools rather than jargon.

Title

TED India

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Ignite Toronto 2

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Ignite Toronto 3

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Invitational Forum on Leadership & Management

Title

NetChange, MaRS

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CoThinkTank 2011

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NetChange, MaRS

Earlham College

B.A. Philosophy

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