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BIOGRAPHY

Jim Austin combines business strategy and organizational development theory with extensive industry experience. Jim is a faculty consultant at the Aresty Institute of Executive Education, Wharton Business School, where he tailors senior-level seminars. Specifically, he leads seminars at Wharton on finding new growth opportunities, building a vision, execution and leading strategic change and more.

In 2013, Brown University appointed Austin as a senior lecturer of Healthcare Leadership. He is currently an adjunct assistant professor of Health Services, Policy and Practice. From 1996 through 2016, Austin was a business management professor at the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management where he received the “Most Distinguished Corporate Education Faculty Member” (2009-10) and the “Learning Excellence” (2015) awards. From 2013-2016, he was an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Health Systems Management, College of Health Sciences, Rush University. Austin’s book, *Transformative Planning: How Your Healthcare Organization Can Strategize for an Uncertain Future* (Health Administration Press, 2018), helps healthcare leaders drive transformational change.

From 2005–2016, Austin worked at Decision Strategies International where he directed numerous projects including a strategic plan for the American College of Radiology, scenarios of the future for the League of Southeastern Credit Unions and a new vision and strategic priorities for the national and IL Boards of Volunteers of America (VOA) to name a few.

Prior to joining Decision Strategies, Jim spent 12 years at Baxter Healthcare, the last four as vice president of strategy development for the renal division where he identified new business opportunities, facilitated annual strategy planning processes and worked with senior management on organizational development.

Austin holds a BA in economics and politics from Yale University. He was a special student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the Urban Studies Department where he received a joint Master of Public Affairs (MPA) and Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) from the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University. Previously, Austin was chairman of the Strategic Leadership Forum, a board member of the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois, member of the Board of Directors for the University Club of Chicago among several other organizations.