

Michael Spence



Michael Spence received his Princeton undergraduate degree in philosophy and was selected for a Rhodes Scholarship. He holds a BA/MA from Oxford University and a PhD from Harvard. While teaching at Harvard, he received the John Kenneth Galbraith Award for teaching excellence at that institution. He taught at Stanford as Associate Professor of Economics from 1973 to 1975. He was then Professor of Economics and Business Administration at Harvard University from 1975 to 1990. Before finally returning to Stanford, Spence served as Dean of Harvard's School of Arts and Science. He then served as dean of the Stanford Business School from 1990 to 1999. As Dean, he oversaw the school's finances, organization and

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