



Thomas W. Knapp

Associate Professor of Clinical Entrepreneurship
University of Southern California

Work History

- Associate Professor of Clinical Entrepreneurship – USC Marshall School of Business – 2017 to present
- Academic Director Master of Science in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, USC Marshall School of Business – 2014 to present
- Colony Starwood Homes – Board of Directors NYSE-SFR – 2016 to 2017
- National Science Foundation National Innovation Network, instructor – 2014 to present
- Assistant Professor of Clinical Entrepreneurship – USC Marshall School of Business – 2009 to 2016
- Associate Director Lloyd Greif Center of Entrepreneurial Studies – 2011 to 2013
- Island Fun, Inc. dba Honolua Surf Co, President and Founder – 1995 to 2014
- Blue Jay Bay Ventures/DW Investments, partner – 2011 to present
- Club Sportswear, Inc., founder and president – 1984 to present

Education

- Master of Business Administration, University of Southern California – 2013
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, USC – 1986

Board Committees

- Ameritas Audit & Risk Committee – Member
- Ameritas Finance Committee – Member

Business and Community Activities

- MCP Meals with Faculty mentors program
- Marshall faculty elective advisor
- Lloyd Greif Center – Undergraduate coordinator
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – Member
- Colony Starwood Homes – Board member
- Challenged Athletes Foundation – Board member, finance committee chairman
- Semester at Sea – Institute for Shipboard Education – Board member, academic affairs committee vice chair

Past Business and Community Activities

- USC University Club – 2011 to 2013
- USC Parent Leadership Circle – 2014 to 2017
- Viterbi Maseeh Entrepreneurial Prize Competition – 2010 to 2012
- Marshall Committee on Technology – 2013 to 2016
- Marshall Committee for Undergraduate Programs – 2009 to 2013
- Marshall Corporate Council – 2011 to 2013
- Marshall Admissions, Merit Scholars Interviews – 2011 to 2013

- Marshall Undergraduate Advising Search Committee – 2012
- Marshall Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – 2011 to 2012
- Lloyd Greif Center New Venture Seed Competition – Director – 2011 to 2013
- Lloyd Greif Center for Entrepreneurial Studies – advisory board – 2007 to 2013

Honors & Awards

- MBV Outstanding Teaching Recognition – 2016
- Certificate of Recognition City of Los Angeles Outstanding Summer Program – 2015
- Golden Apple Teaching Award – 2009, 2011, 2017
- Outstanding Community Service Contribution, NFTE Los Angeles – 2009
- World Champion, International Triathlon Union – 2004, 2005
- Environmentalist of the Year, SIMA – Surf Industry Manufacturers Association – 2000
- Alumni Entrepreneur of the Year, USC Marshall Greif Center – 1990