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About Michelle

SPEAKER, FACILITATOR & COACH

Michelle Rakshys is a highly regarded speaker and the Vice President of Learning and Development at Cadence Leadership. With over 20 years of experience in corporate leadership roles, she specializes in Program/Product Management, Strategic Planning, Business Operations and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Michelle's career includes significant positions at Amazon, where she served as Chief of Staff and Senior Manager of Business Operations, leading Product, Design, and Engineering teams. She has collaborated with top executives to develop impactful business strategies that benefit millions of employees and customers.



EXPERTISE

Program Management | Strategic Planning | Stakeholder Engagement |
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion | Business Operations | Team Leadership | Data
Analysis | Change Management | Executive Presence | Leadership
Development | Mentorship

BACKGROUND AND APPROACH

Michelle most recently served as Chief of Staff and Senior Manager of Business Operations at Amazon, where she also led Product, Design, and Engineering teams for nine years. Through these roles, and previous positions with Oracle's Marketing Cloud, Michelle worked with CEOs and Senior VPs to create business strategies that affected millions of employees and customers.

Michelle proudly serves as board Treasurer for the Mensa Foundation, which is a non-profit that awards over \$250,000 annually to students, researchers, and doctoral candidates. She is also a dedicated volunteer at AnitaB.org, a non-profit dedicated to advancing women in technology, where she hosts the "Leadership: The Next Level" video and event series, and spoke at the Grace Hopper Celebration. As a lifelong learner, Michelle loves sharing her experience through public speaking engagements and, previously, as an adjunct professor.

Michelle holds a master's degree in Music Business from New York University (NYU), and a bachelor's degree in Communication from King's College. She holds certifications in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Project Management, and Women's Leadership.





SPEAKING & PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENTS



YEARS OF EXPERIENCE



BOARD TREASURER
MENSA FOUNDATION



ANITA
B.ORG

VOLUNTEER, HOST,
SPEAKER

NOTABLE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Michelle has spoken, moderated, and hosted events on leadership, mentorship, women in technology, DEI, career development, and business strategy. Her speaking experience includes technology and professional organizations, universities, non-profits, and major industry conferences.



SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS CON'T



GRACE HOPPER CELEBRATION
SPEAKER, HOST & PANELIST |
2020-2023

ANITAB.ORG
HOST, LEADERSHIP: THE NEXT
LEVEL | 2024-PRESENT

**AMERICAN MENSA & MENSA
FOUNDATION**
SPEAKER & FIRESIDE CHAT
HOST | 2021-2025

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
SPEAKER, WOMEN IN
COMPUTER SCIENCE | 2023

OFFBEAT Sparks

Michelle
Rakshys

20 August

Seattle

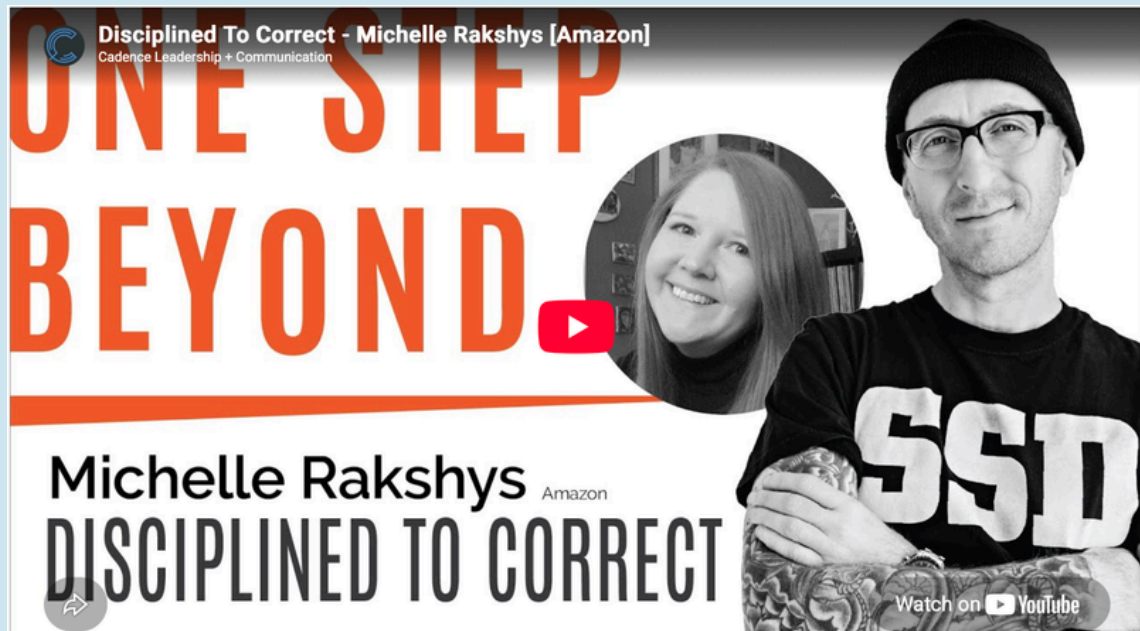
Work Smarter: Everyday Habits
That Rewire Your Brain

OFFBEAT SPARKS
SPEAKER, AUGUST 2026

ON CAMERA



FULL SERIES - 21 EPISODES
"ASK US, WE'VE BEEN THERE"
ANITAB.ORG COMMUNITY



DISCIPLINED TO CORRECT
ONE STEP BEYOND PODCAST
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PRINT MEDIA



AUTHORED

Why Every Manager Should Be a Coach—and How to Start Today
October 2025

3 Traits of Great Managers That Drive Employee Engagement
September 2025

Unproductive Meetings Cost Businesses Billions—Here's How to Fix Yours
May 2025

Employee Engagement is Low... Here's What to Do About It.
February 2025

4 Reasons You Need a Leadership Strategy.
November 2024

5 Tips for Being an Exceptional Mentee: Maximizing Your Mentorship Relationship.
June 2024

Circle of Influence: Unlocking Potential with Mentor Circles.
April 2024

MEDIA FEATURES

Mensa Foundation. At 50, the Mensa Foundation Sees a Bright Future

Atlassian. Scripts for Difficult Conversations at Work

Atlassian. Advice for First-Time Managers

Cake. Respectful Communication in the Workplace

TechTarget. Infinite Workdays and the Triple-Peak Day Explained

Third Sector. Leaders Need Better Digital Boundaries

Pebb.. 10 Principles of Ethical Workplace Communication



GALLERY





Client Testimonials



"Michelle was so engaging and spoke at a great pace, making it easy to cover each topic in just the right amount of detail. It wasn't information overload, despite it being a full day of learning."



"Just wanted to touch base and share that the session yesterday was excellent - great content, perfect balance of listen & interact and super important content for a business like ours!"



"I've consistently been impressed by how well she connects with others. Michelle has strong communication skills and can understand and adjust to the needs of her audience."



"A coach, mentor and a source of inspiration. Michelle is a change leader with a strategic eye and deep functional knowledge."



GET IN TOUCH

To inquire about keynotes, workshops, leadership programs, or event hosting, please get in touch:



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