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For Laura V. Page

Page Management Consulting

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Bruce Wachholz
Owner, Cedar Creek Web Design

“Laura is an amazing presenter. She spoke to our networking group, Madison Area Business Consultants, and it was like a mini-course in communication. That is a topic that just fascinates me and is at the core of every interaction in our personal and professional lives. My thinking and understanding of this topic was forever changed by her presentation. In the days following her presentation, the material she presented has affected, in the most positive way, all of my communications.

I highly recommend Laura for her clear, concise, and useful presentation on communication and her presentation skills in general. She has an amazing ability to connect with her audience.”

Andrew Bronson
Account Coordinator at Svinicki Association Management, Inc.

“For one of my clients, the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association, Laura has been a presenter for over a decade. The Association has repeatedly invited her back to present for workshops on topics about leadership and communication. She always receives very high ratings on our evaluations.”
Top qualities: Personable, Good Value, Creative

Gideon Amoah
Training Officer, Office of Human Resource Development, UW-Madison

“Laura is a first class professional and always a pleasure to work with. Her attention to detail and her in-depth knowledge of how adults learn, makes her one of the best trainers in the business. Laura presents for our professional development programs on campus. Amongst her recent workshops are the art of feedback and building effective work teams. I would highly recommend Laura to others and I am confident of a professional delivery.” Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

Chris Dehlinger
Marketing Manager, Trachte Manufacturing

“We had the pleasure of working with Laura when she facilitated “The Art of Holding Challenging Conversations,” a workshop for our sales department staff at Trachte, Inc. Our busy sales managers were thrilled that Laura was able to cover in one day what could have taken several, still they were able to take away valuable lessons that have a direct impact on our day-to-day work relationships. Laura is warm and approachable – everyone felt very comfortable – yet it was clear that she really knows her stuff as she applied it to our situation. We intend to have Laura back in 2010 to pass along her wisdom to other departments.” Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

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Faye Otero

Director of Staff Training and Special Projects, Marquette University

“When I was the Coordinator of Training and Special Projects at Marquette University (where I worked for over ten years), part of my job responsibility was to find speakers for our internal employee development program. The program was called "Grow with Marquette" and Laura gave an excellent program for us (more than once), "Consensus Decision Making; Not For The Faint of Heart." Her session focused on facilitating difficult meetings and how to avoid false consensus. There were many useful insights and she led a lively discussion. In addition, her take away materials were really helpful. Laura is a talented and professional speaker, and knows her stuff. I would recommend her services. Sincerely, Faye V. Otero” Top qualities: Personable, Expert, Creative

Dana LaFontsee

Program Director, Management Development Training Customized Training, Project Management and IT, UW-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education

“Laura is a talented educator who is universally liked by the participants in her classes. She eagerly shares her wealth of knowledge through a very effective teaching style that is approachable, conversational and fun all at the same time. As a colleague, I always found her to be enthusiastic, creative, and willing to tackle issues head-on and work collaboratively.”

Carrie Raymond Bedore

Owner, Carrie Raymond Bedore LLC

“I have known Laura V. Page as a teacher, colleague, mentor and friend. She is an articulate, thoughtful, insightful and effective educator and professional in her field of management consulting. Laura’s great strength is helping people with their interpersonal communication and management/leadership skills. She has contributed so much to the field of coaching and consulting. I am privileged to know her. I am a lawyer and coach and recommend Laura for training and development, management consulting and teaching engagements. I am happy to answer email questions about Laura’s experience and impact.”

Sarah Gibson

President, Accent Business Communication

“What I love about working with Laura is how her brain constantly spins around viable business solutions. She gets how a company works. She gets people. She gets how to make the company better by making the people better. She will find the bottom-line issue in seconds and hone her skills to make solid, wise recommendations. You rarely find that combination in any business environment, yet here it all oozes from Laura naturally and brilliantly.”

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Sara Bossingham
Professional Development Coordinator at Dane County Parent Council

“Laura provided us with an afternoon of informative and thoughtful processes to help us confront challenging conversations and resolve them in an honest and productive way. We look forward to working with her in the future!” Top qualities: Personable, Expert, Creative

Jon Aleckson, PhD
CEO, Web Courseworks

“I hired Laura Page to facilitate a Web Courseworks planning session. Laura met with me several times prior to the session to collaboratively set goals for the all day planning session. The planning day was a huge success! She is truly a student of process and human behavior. Her commitment to exceed my expectations was evident in the fact that my goals for the session were achieved. Her technique of getting every one of our 14 employees to contribute was outstanding. I would not hesitate to hire her as a consultant and will be planning a repeat performance in six months”
Top qualities: Great Results, Good Value, High Integrity

Marilyn Holt-Smith, CFA
Owner and Senior Portfolio Manager at Holt-Smith Advisors

“Laura is a wonderful facilitator, teacher, mentor, coach, advisor and listener. As a consultant, she focuses her energy on you or your group to develop a deep understanding of what you want to accomplish. After she understands the situation, she then works with you to provide the best solution available, always keeping the participants' objectives realistic. She is highly ethical and a direct but tactful communicator.” Top qualities: Expert, High Integrity, Creative

Donna Lewein
Owner, Scribe Shop and IT Project Manager, State of Wisconsin

“It's limiting to have to choose only 3 attributes above to describe Laura...any of the above apply. She is a very skilled and gifted counselor, providing seasoned insight into human relationships within the work environment. She helped me to find strategies to deal with a difficult colleague who had undermined my project -- within a government IT setting. Thanks to Laura's advice, I was able to find a productive way to relate despite the difficult situation. I have valued Laura as a colleague since meeting her in 1993. She never fails to find creative ways to reach people.”
Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, High Integrity

Kara Pitt-D'Andrea
Executive Director at Renaissance Child Development Center

“Laura is an outstanding trainer and presenter. Laura worked closely with me to collaborate on ideas and best assess the needs of our training and our organization. As the Executive Director of a non-profit it is very important for us to get the best value out of all our investments. I can say with

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absolute certainty that Laura was an amazing value for the investment of staff training and team building.

I can not speak highly enough of this session and of Laura's ability to quickly adapt to her surroundings and audience to ensure the information connects to each person. My staff were very excited about their day with Laura. We look forward to scheduling with her again for next year!"
Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

Becky Alsup

Program Manager, Leadership Development & Organizational Learning, Chrysler Engines

"Laura provided excellent training for front-line supervisors and their managers who face unique and difficult challenges. She provided an extraordinary service from beginning to end. She expertly facilitated the development phase of our training making it easy for us to secure a creative, high-energy learning experience which produced lasting results for our mid-level managers. Laura listened closely to our needs, asking the right questions to target our time and resources into relevant and highly-productive sessions." Top qualities: Personable, Expert, Creative

Kathy Martinson

Director, Volunteer Center, United Way of Dane County

"I have had the pleasure of working with Laura for many years and had the good fortune to reconnect with her when she so graciously agreed to be our keynote speaker for a conference this fall for nonprofit volunteer managers. This annual conference – sponsored by United Way Volunteer Center and the Dane County Administrators of Volunteer Services – provides professionals in nonprofit agencies who do volunteer management with training to improve and enhance their skills to recruit, engage and recognize volunteers.

Laura's keynote "Communication is Impossible... And That's No Excuse" really hit the mark and was the perfect way to kick off our day! She followed that with a breakout session on "Emotional Intelligence: Keeping Your Cool in Challenging Conversations."

I admire Laura's presentation style, depth of knowledge, passion and ability to connect with her audience! Our participants left the conference with some excellent knowledge and tools to strengthen their volunteer management skills and to enhance their professional development. Thanks Laura!!"
Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

Beth Costello

Product Line Manager at Standard Process

"I completed Laura's Effective Communications seminar at UW Milwaukee. Her approach is practical, logical, effective and fun! I contacted her after the course to work through real life examples. Her guidance was spot on. Laura's a great listener, and able to quickly analyze situations in order to help find workable solutions. Laura's an excellent coach and trainer." Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

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Pam Peterson

Vice President of Employee and Volunteer Services at HospiceCare Inc. (former)

Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development at UW Credit Union (current)

“I have worked with Laura on multiple occasions and found her extremely valuable every time. Laura was a key part in developing a "Learning While Leading" Program for mid-level leaders that allowed learners to get quick, practical tools and resources they could apply immediately on the job. In my past organization, she played a critical role in conducting a culture audit for various areas of the organization which allowed us to identify opportunities to strengthen teamwork, increase service and develop a plan to achieve the desired business results. Several times, Laura served as an individual coach to leaders within the organization assisting them in becoming more effective in their role.

Laura's approachability, intuition and relationship management is some of the best I've ever witnessed. She has the knack to take a difficult situation and turn it around in a positive way. She does this through honesty, direct feedback and offering practical tools for each situation. One thing I have always loved about working with Laura is that she doesn't just take an "off the shelf" approach but adapts to your organization. I highly recommend Laura and look forward to continuing to work with her as a colleague and a client.” Top qualities: Great Results, Expert, High Integrity

Marilen Driscoll

Coordinator, Education and Training / Human Resources, at Mead & Hunt

“Our company has done some multi-day professional development and planning conferences, bringing together our Project Managers and Business Unit Leaders from around the country. As one of the conference coordinators, we brought in Laura to do a general session at our Fall 2010 conference. Her session, "Clear Thinking for Improved Decision Making" was very well received. Laura's dynamic and participatory style was able to involve the large group of well over one hundred attendees. I especially appreciated Laura's working with me to customize her talk with specific examples from our company and industry. She is a pleasure to work with and I recommend her to anyone planning staff training and development.” Top qualities: Personable, Good Value, Creative

April McHugh

Career and Educational Counselor at University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Laura presented The Art of Feedback to our Job Search Support Group. We asked Laura to speak specifically to using feedback as a form of communication among group members and how to receive feedback from anyone in their job search process. Laura delivered in a grand fashion! Our group members loved the way she set the tone for her presentation, she engaged the group easily, entertained questions and comments throughout, had brief activities and examples to assist with delivering concepts, had excellent handouts, and gave ideas, concepts, and concrete processes to help members communicate more effectively. I would highly recommend Laura to any group needing assistance with human awareness and understanding, especially as this relates to effective communication skills. Thank you, Laura!” Top qualities: Great Results, Expert, Creative

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Tedi Winnett
Director at Kenosha County UW-Extension

“Each year we bring our UW-Extension state-wide county leaders together for a multi-day conference for planning and learning. Our conference committee invited Laura to be our capstone speaker at the end of the conference this year. We asked her to address the topic of how to say "No" effectively without damaging relationships in high-stress environments. Laura came highly recommended and she did not disappoint. She created a customized presentation that was interactive, helpful and thought provoking. Feedback was very positive and I personally enjoyed working with her.”
Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Good Value

Ericka Mendez
Professional Development Coordinator at UW-Milwaukee, University IT Services

“Our department provides all the IT services for UW-Milwaukee. We decided in 2007 to provide significant training in interpersonal communications to our team. We worked with Laura, who is a long time ad hoc faculty for the School of Continuing Education at UWM, to create a highly customized program. We are so very happy with the resulting 5 x 1/2 day program, which Laura facilitates, that we have gradually sent our entire staff over the following years, including this year, 2011.

The innovative design that Laura created, which includes reading homework and in-class quizzes, along with her energetic and highly participatory facilitation, has given us a learning experience that has genuinely had a positive impact on our team and work performance. I've enjoyed working with Laura over these years and recommend her as a talented instructor who understands adult learning and organizational culture.” Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

Jane McGowan
Director of Marketing & Events at Catholic Charities

“Laura was a presenter at our Annual Aging Conference in September 2011 where she spoke on "Meaningful Conversations - Bringing up Difficult Topics". This session had high attendance and great survey results. She is really an expert in Communication.”
Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert