

Dr. Mike Barger — perhaps best known for his leadership as co-founder of JetBlue Airways and an accomplished former chief instructor at the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) — is a high-stakes leader who has generously committed his recent career pursuits to teaching other leaders how to weather an organizational crisis.

Barger graduated from the University of Michigan in 1986 and then received his commission as an Officer in the United States Navy, where he served for 13 years, completing three, six-month deployments as a pilot and flight instructor flying the F/A-18 Hornet. While in the Navy, he spent his entire career in pilot education, highlighted by a tour as a student, instructor, and then chief instructor at the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN). Throughout his Naval career, he was a widely published author, speaker, and educator on combat strategy, training techniques (particularly in advanced simulation), and complex weapons systems employment.

In 1999, Barger left the US Navy to become a founding member of JetBlue Airways. He created JetBlue University, the award-winning corporate training function that provides learning and development to all members of the JetBlue workforce. To this day, it remains the only single-source provider of company education in the airline industry worldwide. During his time at JetBlue, Barger also served as the senior pilot on both varieties of JetBlue aircraft (the Airbus 320 and Embraer 190); was the senior leader responsible for all flight operations, maintenance operations, talent management and enterprise strategy; and led the company's emergency command center.

Following his 13 years at JetBlue, Barger served for six years as the Chief Operating Officer of CorpU, an education technology company based in Philadelphia. As COO, he oversaw all CorpU operations, including the design, creation and delivery of all CorpU Academy courses, educational offerings built on the wisdom and insight of the brightest minds in academia and business. Barger has a deep passion for helping leaders solve their most complex business challenges with knowledge and tools that help them harness the collective genius already present in their organizations.

In 2006, Barger helped create a doctoral program in Workplace Learning Leadership at the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as an advisory board member, faculty member, and program participant. He received his Master's degree in Learning Leadership in 2008 and his Doctor of Education degree in 2009.

Today, Dr. Mike Barger is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Business Administration and Executive Director, Ross Online, at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, University of Michigan. In his teaching role, Dr. Barger leads courses in crisis leadership and entrepreneurship. In his staff role, he facilitates the design and execution of the School's digital education initiatives.

Dr. Barger lives with his wife and children in Novi, Michigan. *High-Stakes Leadership in Turbulent Times* is his first non-fiction business book.