



## Ross Shott, Adjunct Professor

Ross Shott joined the Houston Futures program faculty in 2013. He graduated from the program in 2009. He was a business turnaround specialist in Houston for some time, but wanted to use his new skills in more futuristic work. And that happened almost right away. Ross was accepted into the first summer cohort (GSP-09) at Singularity University (SU), Ray Kurzweil and Peter Diamandis' venture into high tech futures. He distinguished himself in that class so much that they hired him to manage the entrepreneurial projects that his class spun off and help design the upcoming executive programs. His most recent project brought him back to Houston last year to be CEO of the Conrad Foundation set up in honor of Pete Conrad, one of the 12 astronauts to walk on the Moon. The Foundation runs the Spirit of Innovation Challenge in which high school students create technologies to solve the world's problems. Ross recently founded Psyphers Group where he continues to do strategic consulting, executive coaching, and leading-edge research into human potential.

Ross is teaching Strategic Planning this semester because 1) he did outstanding work in his program (Rumor has it that he read every reading in Social Change!), 2) he has an excellent business background, 3) his futures work at Singularity University is unique, and finally 4) he is completing a doctorate in the psychology of human performance at University of the Rockies. Ross is scarily strategic -- he knows how to innovate, plan, and implement change so it should be an outstanding class.

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