

Education Session No. 275: Interview: Bethany McLean, Author of All the Devils Are Here

June 15, 2011 at 4:30 PM Chicago IL

Bethany McLean's incisive depiction of the financial crisis highlights the interlocking forces of corporate management, regulation and the complex and inter-dependent products of the financial meltdown that continues to shadow the markets today.

Join us for an interview with this savvy journalist that will provide insights into where we've been and what lies ahead as the alternative investment industry regains momentum. McLean, a contributing editor to Vanity Fair magazine and a contributor to Slate, will autograph copies of her book, which will be available for purchase. The book is co-authored by Joe Nocera.

We'd like to thank Mesirow Advanced Strategies (Mesirow Financial) for hosting this event.

Event Details

Date: June 15, 2011 Time: 4:00 - 4:30 pm Registration and Networking 4:30 - 5:30 pm Author and Guest Speaker, Bethany McLean 5:30 - 6:00 pm Book Signing, Raffle and Networking We will begin *promptly* at 4:30 PM; please arrive early. Since it is disruptive to everyone when latecomers enter the session, those arriving after an education session has begun will only be admitted at the discretion of 100WHF and the host. Please note the start time on this invite and plan to arrive early. Networking and cocktails before and after session. Host: Mesirow Advanced Strategies, Inc Location: Mesirow Financial Auditorium 353 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654 - <u>Directions</u> RSVP: <u>http://www.100womeninhedgefunds.org/pages/event_registration.php</u>

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Admission is free, but there is a \$25 charge if you register and do not attend, even if you cancel in advance. No-show proceeds will be donated to the Clinton Global Initiative's US Childhood Obesity Prevention Program, the 2011 beneficiary of 100WHF's US philanthropic initiatives.

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Space is limited. No walk-ins will be permitted.

Biography

Bethany McLean, Writer, Vanity Fair

Bethany McLean is a writer for Vanity Fair and co-author of <u>All the Devils are Here: The Hidden History of the Financial Crisis</u> and <u>The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron</u>.

Prior to joining Vanity Fair, Bethany McLean was a senior writer at Fortune where she covered a wide variety of topics, with stories ranging from Barry Diller and his controversial company InterActiveCorp to the strange world of the Masters of Wine.

In 1995, Bethany McLean joined Fortune as a reporter and soon began writing pieces on everything from 401(k) plans to the latest innovations in biotechnology. In early 2001, she wrote a skeptical story about Enron, which was then a high-flying company with a stock price of around \$80 a share. Her story asked the simple question, "How does Enron make money?" and it is widely viewed as the first questioning story about the company to run in a national publication. Along with another senior writer at Fortune, Peter Elkind, she began to work a book, and in the fall of 2003, Penguin published The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron.

Bethany McLean graduated from Williams College in 1992 with a double major in mathematics and English. She began her career in the investment banking division of Goldman Sachs, where she worked from 1992 to 1995, spending two years in the Mergers & Acquisitions Department and one year in Real Estate Principal Investing.

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