

## Yaron Brook

Dr. Yaron Brook is executive director of the Ayn Rand Institute (ARI). ARI, headquartered in Irvine, California, promotes Objectivism, the philosophy of Ayn Rand, through educational programs. Dr. Brook helped develop ARI's Leadership Development Program for Hutchinson Technology Inc.'s executives and has taught several of the program modules. Dr. Brook speaks regularly before business and other professional audiences as well as universities around the country and internationally on issues such as Foreign Policy, terrorism, Middle East history, capitalism, finance, banking, ethics and corporate governance.

Dr. Brook has been interviewed extensively by the print, radio and television media for the Objectivist position on current events, including business ethics, the Middle East conflict, terrorism, environmentalism, animal "rights" and the energy crisis. Among his recent radio interviews are *The Michael Reagan Show* and the *BBC World Service*, and TV appearances on CNBC's *Closing Bell* and *On the Money* (CNBC), as well as FOX News Channel's *The O'Reilly Factor*. His opinion editorials have been published in many newspapers, including *The Orange County Register*, *The Chicago Sun-Times* and the *Houston Chronicle*.

As an entrepreneur, he founded three companies, including BH Equity Research, a venture-capital consulting firm in which he is still a managing partner. Prior to his present position, Dr. Brook was an award winning teacher and an assistant professor of finance at Santa Clara University in California. He currently teaches finance in the Santa Clara University Executive MBA program.

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