Five Quick Facts

1. Grew up in Norway
2. Went to culinary school
3. Father of two children, both Spartan alumni
4. Fluent in many languages (Norwegian, Danish, Swedish, etc.)
5. Began in the industry at the age of 14

About the Professor

Dr. Borchgrevink is a professor in The School of Hospitality Business who uses his decades of experience to better the lives of his students. Originally from Youngstown OH, Dr. B later moved to Norway with his family. As a child growing up in Norway, Dr. B began his career in the hospitality industry at the age of 14. He reminisces about fileting an entire barrel of herring while spending the summer working in the kitchen of a hotel in Norway, kicking off his career. After completing culinary school where Dr. B originally planned to be a baker, he moved to London to work in the Norwegian Embassy as a chef. Throughout these experiences, he continued to educate himself in the incredible world of hospitality. In 1984, Dr. Borchgrevink moved to the United States to attend University of Massachusetts to study Hospitality and Tourism. In 1989, Dr. B and his wife Barb moved to East Lansing, MI. He was drawn to Michigan State University because of the Ph.D. opportunities and The School of Hospitality Business.

Career at The School of Hospitality Business

Once Dr. B joined the faculty at The School, he taught a variety of courses. Originally many of the classes he taught were in the food lab, and his culinary background was an advantage. Today, many of us know Dr. B as the professor of Hospitality Human Resources (HB 307) and Hospitality Beverages (HB 411). After all his experience, all over the world, Dr. Borchgrevink's favorite job is teaching at Michigan State University. He loves working with the students, researching, and the overall quality of life has been an amazing experience in his life. Students see his dedication and it is clear in his classroom how much he loves his job. In HB 411, students are given the opportunity to research, work with one another, and realize why we all love being in The School. Having dedicated professors like Dr. Borchgrevink puts The School of Hospitality Business at the very top!