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The Pineapple: The Princess Of Fruit and the Symbol of Hospitality!
Thru Oct. 2005

Help Us Welcome Gina Rippens to our staff

In coming to Rosen’s Universal Orlando Foundation Library, Gina brings her commitment to education and research. As both an undergraduate and graduate student, she spent years documenting student demonstrations on southern college campuses during the Vietnam War era. It was this research that first brought Gina to Central Florida, as she placed a special emphasis on the events at the University of Florida. After completing her thesis, Gina spent 2 years working at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, helping doctors write and submit grant proposals to further their research in finding new and effective cancer treatments.

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Dr. Pizam Edits New Encyclopedia

From now on, when students need an authoritative source on all things hospitality, they can turn to a familiar name.

Dr. Abraham Pizam, Dean of the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management, is the Chief Editor of the new International Encyclopedia of Hospitality Management (Elsevier, 2005). A leading expert in the field, Pizam enlisted the support of more than 200 different authors from around the world to produce what he describes as “a serious attempt to describe, define, and analyze the major issues relevant to the international and multi-sectoral hospitality industry.” Among the contributors were fellow Rosen College faculty members Deborah Breiter, Bill Fisher, Tammie Kaufman, Stephen LeBruto, Christopher Muller, Kim Severt, and Randall Upchurch.

With entries ranging from à la carte to zoning codes, and touching on the major sectors of the industry (e.g., foodservice, lodging, special events) as well as the major managerial disciplines (e.g., accounting, human resources, marketing), the one-volume encyclopedia offers something for every hospitality student. Each entry is signed by the author and includes references for further study. All in all, the International Encyclopedia of Hospitality Management will serve as an indispensable reference for the study of hospitality management. The book may be found in the Rosen Library at Rosen Reference TX905 .I68 2005.