

# Matthew Bernatsky

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Matthew Bernatsky served on the faculty of the School of Hotel Administration from September 1960 to June 1972. Prior to 1960 he served on the summer school faculty of the Hotel School. Professor Bernatsky taught courses in the area of restaurant management, and it is believed that he taught the first course in a university in the area of beverage management-wines. Before coming to Cornell, Professor Bernatsky was director of the Hotel Department at the University of Denver.

Mat Bernatsky had a most interesting career. He was born in Budapest, Hungary, and apprenticed on the Orient Express during its days of glory. He later worked as executive chef in some of the finest hotels in Europe and North America, including the Radisson Hotel in Minneapolis, where he participated in a research study with Professor William F. Whyte. A frequent lecturer to industry and military groups, Mat Bernatsky was more than a teacher of techniques. He was, more importantly, a food historian and, to a real degree, a philosopher in his field.

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