

## Abby Straus



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Abby is a pioneer in the field of leadership for complex environments. She partners with individuals, groups and organization systems as a facilitator, workshop leader and coach, helping people develop distributed leadership capacities and methods of interaction to collectively co-create a more successful future.

Organizations that have benefited through collaboration with Abby include the Cleveland Clinic, Eli Lilly, Dun and Bradstreet, the International Center for Complex Project Management, United Way, Pace University, UBS, the International Center for Spirit at Work and the National Education Association.

She holds a BA in cultural anthropology and a masters degree in divinity and works with a number of tools including Polarity Management, Appreciative Inquiry, the Leadership Circle Profile and Culture Survey and the Conscious Pursuits Spiritual Intelligence instrument.

Abby has co-developed a cadre of practical tools that support her clients in proactively leveraging possibility and creating their preferred futures in the midst of complexity, ambiguity and rapid change. With [Maverick & Boutique](#) partner, John Findlay, she has developed applications of the science of complexity that provide both a context and processes for innovation and collaboration across the boundaries of professional disciplines, world views and organizational structures.

Abby is also a partner in the Cleveland-based innovation consultancy, [Mobile Innovation Lab](#) and VP North America for [Zing](#), a technology company that makes collaborative learning and meeting systems. She is the proud mother of a nineteen-year-old son and an avid yoga practitioner. She lives in the Pioneer Valley in Massachusetts.