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Nicholas Aretakis is an entrepreneur, a high-tech veteran, and the author of ***Ditching Mr. Wrong: How to End a Bad Relationship and Find Mr. Right*** (Next Stage Press, 2008). He was a jet-setting bachelor until the age of 42, when he met and married Ms. Right. After he settled down, one question about the dating scene he'd left behind nagged at him: Why do so many great gals settle for men who aren't right for them?

So he began talking to women and thinking about his observations of men he knew from his social circle, business contacts, college days, and time on the singles circuit. Their stories became the foundation for ***Ditching Mr. Wrong***, a book he dedicates to "the millions of women each year searching for Mr. Right."

Aretakis, 48, received advanced degrees in mathematics at Hobart and William Smith Colleges and electrical engineering at Columbia University. He started his career in sales and marketing in the high-tech industry, and then moved on to become a senior executive at ESS Technology, Inc., and GlobeSpan, Inc. He became a Silicon Valley millionaire by age 30. His analytical skills, ambition, and managerial savvy came in handy for writing ***Ditching Mr. Wrong***. Aretakis firmly believes that "most problems, when viewed objectively, have effective solutions."

Aretakis is author of the top-selling book ***No More Ramen: The 20-Something's Real World Survival Guide*** (www.NoMoreRamenOnline.com). He has a family-run business that offers humane solutions for walking your dog (www.ezleash.com). He is also a member of the ASU Technology Investor Forum, providing access to angel funding and mentorship to fledgling companies in Arizona.

Aretakis continues to share his insights on dating and relationships at www.DitchingMrWrong.com, an interactive website community geared toward women searching for Mr. Right.

A seasoned media pro, Aretakis has appeared on national TV including ABC News, FOX, News, FOX & Friends, The Morning Show with Mike and Juliet and Comcast News; has appeared in the Associated Press, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *New York Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, and *Arizona Republic*; and has been featured in *Fortune Magazine*, *CNN Money*, *MSN*, *MSNBC*, and at *Yahoo*, *AOL*, *CareerBuilder.com*, and *Monster*, among others. He has appeared at Columbia University, Santa Clara, UC San Diego, Fresno State and ASU. Keynote Topics Include

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Ditching Mr. Wrong:

In his keynote, Nicholas takes his listeners on a humorous no-nonsense journey on how to find a good man and have a healthy long-term relationship which starts with Ditching the "wrong guys". He uses his own real life examples of being Mr. Non-Committal and years of experience of being a single male and having a high profile job in Silicon Valley. This talk will make you think, laugh out loud and move you to change the way you look at your current relationship or future one. It is great topic for single women, divorced, married and mothers or grandmothers - everyone knows someone who could use some help in the dating world!

No More Ramen:

In this keynote presentation, Nicholas Aretakis, answers the question of what 20-somethings want is simple -- it's what we all want. In his book "No More Ramen: the 20-something's Real World Survival Guide," Aretakis breaks it down to four qualities that make up a balanced life: freedom, accomplishment, money, and enjoyment.

Aretakis wrote his award-winning book over the course of a year with the input of some 200 young people interviewed on college campuses across the United States, including Arizona State University, UCLA, Kansas State, Penn State, Columbia and Harvard Universities. His Web site, www.nomoreramen.com, contains practical and useful exercises and outlines a resources toolkit and Q&A for those who wish to further explore topics introduced in the book.

Aretakis and his wife, Ginger, live in Scottsdale, Arizona, and Saratoga Springs, New York in the summers, with their two young daughters, Ella and Sophia, his son Niko and two Jack Russell terriers.