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**Chef**  
**PROFILE**



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**Where were you born?**  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

**What was your first restaurant job?**  
I was a dishwasher at the Skyline Chili Parlor in Cincinnati.

**What is your favorite indulgence?**  
Champagne—good champagne!

**What ingredient could you not live without?** Garlic.

**What is your signature dish?** Oysters in Bondage—Smoked Salmon Potato Encrusted Oysters with Crème Fraiche and Caviar.

**What is your source for your favorite recipes?** Most of my recipes have been influenced by travel. I have traveled to places such as Central America and Southern Mexico for recipe inspiration.

**What is your least favorite condiment?** Bad mustard.

**Who has been your cooking mentor?**  
Jim Sands.

**What is your favorite restaurant in the Boston area for cheap eats?**  
Gulu-Gulu Café in Lynn.

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