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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Lundquist College of Business, University of Oregon

Tykeson Associate Professor of Accounting 2024 - Present
Richard W. Lindholm Associate Professor of Taxation, 2023 – 2024
Associate Professor (with tenure), 2023 – Present

Smeal College of Business, Pennsylvania State University

Associate Professor (with tenure), 2022 - 2023
Assistant Professor, 2018 - 2022

David Eccles School of Business, University of Utah

Assistant Professor, 2016 – 2018

Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2015 - 2016

University of Illinois at Chicago

Lecturer (ABD-Arizona State University), 2014 - 2015

- Completed dissertation proposal and defense during the 2014/2015 academic year

Assistant Professor, 2015 - 2016

EDUCATION

Arizona State University – W.P. Carey School of Business

- Ph.D. in Accounting, December 2014
- Master of Taxation, May 2007
- Bachelor of Science – Accounting, May 2006

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

“The Benefits of a Relational Approach to Corporate Political Activity: Evidence from Political Contributions to Tax Policymakers,” with Jennifer Brown and Katharine Drake

2015. *Journal of the American Taxation Association* ([Link](#))

- Recipient of the Journal of the American Taxation Association Outstanding Paper Award
- Media mentions: Washington Post, NPR National, Politico, The Hill

“From K Street to Wall Street: Politically Connected Analysts and Stock Recommendations,” with Dane Christensen, Mike Mikhail, Beverly R. Walther

2017. *The Accounting Review* ([Link](#))

“Mitigating Political Uncertainty,”

2017. *Review of Accounting Studies* ([Link](#))

“The Effect of Economic Policy Uncertainty on Investor Information Asymmetry and Management Disclosures,” with Venky Nagar and Jordan Schoenfeld.

2019. *Journal of Accounting and Economics* ([Link](#))

“Profiting from Connections: Do Politicians Receive Stock Tips from Brokerage Houses?” with Andrew P. Stephan and Beverly R. Walther

2021. *Journal of Accounting and Economics* ([Link](#))

“Hedging on the Hill: The Influence of Political Hedging on Equity and Earnings Volatility,” with Dane Christensen, Hengda Jin and Suhas Sridharan

2021. *Management Science* ([Link](#))

“A New Take on Voice: The Influence of BlackRock’s ‘Dear CEO’ Letters,” with Andrea Pawliczek and Nikki Skinner

2021. *Review of Accounting Studies* ([Link](#))

- 2020 *Review of Accounting Studies* Conference paper
- Recipient of the 2020 *Review of Accounting Studies* Conference Best Paper Award
- Media mentions: Institutional Investor, Forbes, Newswise, The Financial, Phys.org

“The Impact of Tax Policy Uncertainty on Forecasting,” with Jennifer Brown, K.C. Lin and Jared Moore

2021. *Journal of the American Taxation Association* ([Link](#))

“Political Information Flow and Management Guidance,” with Dane Christensen, Arthur Morris and Beverly Walther

2022. *Review of Accounting Studies* ([Link](#))

“Corporate Political Activism and Information Transfers,” with Dane Christensen, Hengda Jin, Joshua A. Lee, and Suhas Sridharan

2024. *The Accounting Review* ([Link](#))

“Political Activism and Market Power,” with Elia Ferracuti and Roni Michaely

Forthcoming, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis* ([Link](#))

WORKING PAPERS

“ESG Ownership and Environmental Disclosures” with Scott Robinson, Jonathan Rogers, and Nikki Skinner

- Revise and Resubmit, *Contemporary Accounting Research*
- Media mentions: *The FinReg Blog*, Duke Financial Economics Center

“Legislators’ Demand for Firms’ Public Disclosures: Evidence from U.S. Congressional Redistricting Events,” with Matthew Ma, Jing Pan and Ethan Rouen

- Revise and Resubmit, *Review of Accounting Studies*

“Location, Location, Location: Senate Trading and Seat Proximity,” with Dane Christensen, Hengda Jin, and Beverly Walther

“State-level Policy Uncertainty and Green Investing,” with Scott Robinson, Beverly Walther, Anthony Xu

“Politically Informed Trading and Managerial Learning,” with Zackery D. Fox, Jaewoo Kim, and Bryce Schonberger

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Oregon

Principles of Managerial Accounting, 2023 - Present

Penn State University

Principles of Taxation, Integrated Master of Accounting, 2018 – 2022

University of Utah

Financial Accounting, Executive Leadership Series, 2018

Financial Accounting, Professional MBA, 2016 – 2017

Northwestern University

Accounting for Decision Making, MBA, 2015

University of Illinois at Chicago

Introduction to Individual Taxation, 2015

Arizona State University

Introduction to Managerial Accounting, 2010 – 2011

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATION

Senior Accountant– Abalos & Associates, PLLC, Phoenix, Arizona 2007-2010

Senior Accountant– US Airways, Phoenix, Arizona 2007

Tax Associate, Intern– RSM McGladrey, Inc., Phoenix, Arizona, 2005-2006

Tax Intern – Geoffrey Caldwell, CPA, Phoenix, Arizona 2005-2006

Certified Public Accountant (inactive), Arizona, 2007

EXTERNAL SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Editorial Board:

The Accounting Review (2023 – Present)

Ad hoc reviewer:

Journal of Accounting and Economics

Journal of Accounting Research

The Accounting Review

Review of Accounting Studies

Contemporary Accounting Research

Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis

Managerial Finance

Journal of Accounting and Public Policy

Journal of American Taxation Association

Public Choice

Discussant, Reviewer, American Accounting Association, Annual & Midyear Meetings

External Dissertation Reviewer:

Nicola Maria Fiore, Bocconi University, Milan Italy (2024)

INTERNAL ACADEMIC SERVICE

University of Oregon

University Service

Graduate Council (2024 - Present)

College Service

Lundquist Strategic Plan Advisory Committee (2024 – Present)

Lundquist College of Business Mentoring Program (2024)

Promotion and Tenure Committee (2023)

Stewart Distinguished Faculty Award Selection Committee (2023)

Department Service

Doctoral Student Committee (2023 – Present)

Strategic Planning Committee (2023 – Present)

Promotion and Tenure Committee (2023 – Present)

Faculty Recruiting Committee (2023)

Penn State University

University Service

Academic Administrative Evaluation Committee – Review of the Office of the Dean of Penn State Smeal College of Business (2021 – 2022)

College Service

Task Force of New Master of Taxation Program Development (2019 – 2020)

Committee for Small Grants to Support Research Expenses for Smeal Faculty and Doctoral Students (2018 – 2020)

Department Service

PhD-Prep Program Development (2022 – Present)

P&T Committee: Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor (2022 – Present)

P&T Committee: Second-Year and Fourth-Year Reviews (2022 – Present)

Tenure-Track Faculty Search Committee (2019 – Present)

Department Advisory Committee (2018 – 2019, 2022 – Present)

Honors & University Scholars Advisors Committee (2022 – Present)

Search Committee for Clinical Tax Professor/Director (2019 – 2020)

Research Colloquium Committee (chair, 2019 - 2020)

Doctoral Dissertation Committee:

Vincent Castellani (member; University at Buffalo, School of Management)

Alyssa Hagerty (member; Georgia Southern University)

Mirna Boghossian (member; University of Delaware)

University of Utah

Department Service

Faculty Recruiting Committee (2016 – 2017)

Research Seminar Series (2016 – 2017)

University of Illinois at Chicago

Department Service

Faculty Recruiting Committee (2014 – 2015)

2014 Accounting Conference Committee (2014 – 2015)