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EDUCATION

The University of Georgia Athens, GA
Master of Accountancy, Tax May 2015
GPA: 4.00/4.00
Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting and International Business May 2014
GPA: 3.94/4.00
Certificate in Personal and Organizational Leadership, Institute for Leadership Advancement
Study Abroad: University of Salamanca - Salamanca, Spain, Summer 2012

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

J.M. Tull School of Accounting, University of Georgia Athens, GA
Lecturer August 2020 – Present

- Instruct 90 students over three sections of Accounting Policy and Research during the fall semester
- Instruct 100 and 200 students over one and two sections of Survey of Accounting during the fall and spring semesters, respectively
- Instruct 70 students over two sections of Advanced Accounting during the spring semester

J.M. Tull School of Accounting, University of Georgia Athens, GA
Graduate Assistant August 2014 – May 2015

- Selected in highly competitive process to provide support to professors teaching 100+ students each semester
- Assisted for three sections of Auditing, Risk Assessment and Control and three sections of Managerial Accounting I during the fall and spring semesters, respectively

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Teaching Academy Fellows Program, UGA, *Fellow* 2021 – Present

- Selected as 1 of 25 early career faculty across the university for the 2021-2022 academic year

Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion, UGA, *Earned* 2021

- Completed 6 courses led by UGA's Office of Institutional Diversity

FASB and GASB Postgraduate Technical Assistant (PTA) Program, Tull, *Faculty Mentor* 2020 – Present

- Promote the PTA program to Tull's students, interview students, and coach candidates to apply to the program (e.g., host information sessions, liaison with PTA alumni, review resumes and cover letters, host mock interviews). 2 of the 4 candidates I have mentored received positions at the FASB/GASB.

PCAOB Internships, Tull, *Faculty Mentor* 2020 – Present

- Interview and coach candidates to apply to the internship. I have placed 3 students in internships thus far.

Financial Accounting Curriculum Committee, Tull, *Member* 2020 – Present

PUBLIC ACCOUNTING AND INDUSTRY WORK EXPERIENCE

Norfolk Southern Corporation Atlanta, GA
Senior Tax Accountant May 2020 – July 2020
Tax Accountant August 2019 – May 2020

- Assisted with the preparation of the income tax provision calculation, journal entries, and 10-K footnote
- Prepared federal and state income tax returns and supporting book-to-tax calculations, including analysis of the general ledger to assess for any variances and any unusual entries that require further tax analysis
- Led process improvement efforts to streamline and automate multiple accounting processes, often using technology platforms such as Excel and Alteryx

EY

Atlanta, GA

Senior Tax Accountant

October 2017 – August 2019

Staff Tax Accountant

July 2015 – October 2017

Tax Intern

June 2014 – August 2014

- Non-client serving duties performed included:
 - o Mentoring staff and interns formally as a Peer Advisor and informally as a leader on my team
 - o Actively recruiting students on campus at UGA and providing insight into a career as a CPA
 - o Leading the quarterly technical trainings within my team and presenting various topics such as accounting for mergers and acquisitions and tax accounting of insurance companies
- Served a public Fortune 500 financial services corporation in the audit of the consolidated U.S. GAAP 10-K and U.S. GAAP and Statutory Accounting Principles separate company financial statements and in tax consulting
 - o Applied the FASB Codification, SSAP, Internal Revenue Code, and other technical authority to address accounting complexities such as the accounting for stranded tax effects in AOCI resulting from tax reform
 - o Participated in meetings with the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Tax Officer, and EY subject matter experts to discuss accounting guidance, 10-K disclosures, and tax planning strategies
 - o Coached staff to prepare the audit workpapers, perform accounting and tax research, and further understand technical concepts
- Served a private mid-sized financial services corporation in the audit of Statutory Accounting Principles financial statements, tax planning and consulting, and federal income tax compliance
 - o Audited the statutory financial statements, which included complexities such as the method of recognizing gains and losses on hedging transactions and funds withheld reinsurance
 - o Discussed tax planning strategies such as with the Head of Tax, Chief Financial Officer, and EY subject matter experts. Discussion examples included strategies to reduce taxable income involving insurance tax reserves and the timing of deferred deductions.
 - o Led the project management of multiple work streams and served as the main point of contact with the client and each EY team
- Served an acquisitive private corporation in the preparation of the income tax provision, tax planning and consulting, and federal and state income tax compliance
 - o Prepared the purchase accounting calculations for stock and asset acquisitions for the tax provision, the corresponding filings for the federal tax return, and the memos documenting the tax positions
 - o Communicated directly with the Chief Financial Officer regarding proposed projects and key deliverables as well as complex accounting topics such as opening balance sheet calculations, earnout contingencies, and purchase price asset allocations
 - o Managed projects by preparing and monitoring the project plan, budget, and calendar and leading a team of five to complete all projects timely with high-quality deliverables

Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP

Atlanta, GA

Intern

June 2013 – August 2013

- Prepared federal tax returns and the return-to-provision analysis for corporate consolidations
- Researched federal and state tax laws using the tax research software program CCH IntelliConnect

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND CERTIFICATIONS

American Accounting Association	2021 - Present
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants	2017 - Present
CPA - Certified Public Accountant (GA)	2017 - Present

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

AAA Annual Meeting	Virtual, 2021
AAA Conference on Teaching and Learning in Accounting	Virtual, 2021
Thomson Reuters SYNERGY User Conference	Denver, CO, 2019
Ernst & Young's Emerging Leaders Program – selected as team facilitator	Atlanta, GA, 2018
Ernst & Young's Elite Skills Week for selected rising seniors	Orlando, FL, 2017
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Ernst & Young's Emerging Leaders Program	Atlanta, GA, 2013
PricewaterhouseCoopers' Elevate Program	Atlanta, GA, 2013
Discover KPMG	Nashville, TN, 2013

LEADERSHIP AND PHILANTHROPIC EXPERIENCE

Emerging Leaders Network (CHRIS 180), <i>Member</i>	Atlanta, GA, 2017 - 2019
Terry Mentor Program, <i>Mentor</i>	Atlanta, GA, 2015 - 2017
MAcc Class Gift, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Athens, GA, 2015
Leonard Leadership Scholars Program, <i>Leonard Scholar</i>	Athens, GA, 2012 - 2014
Terry Leadership Connection, <i>Mentor</i>	Athens, GA, 2014
Pi Beta Phi Sorority, <i>Vice President</i>	Athens, GA, 2012
Thomas Lay After-School Program, <i>Volunteer</i>	Athens, GA, 2011-2013
UGA Math Counts Outreach, <i>Volunteer</i>	Athens, GA, 2011

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

MAcc Graduate Assistantship	2014 - 2015
Beta Alpha Psi Honors Fraternity	2012 – 2014
Educational Foundation of the Georgia Society of CPAs Accounting Scholarship	2014
Top International Business Student Award	2014
Behrend Family Scholarship	2014
Bitsy Youngblood Most Outstanding Scholar Award	2014
Malcolm Byron Davis Memorial Scholarship	2013
Deer Run Fellow nominee	2011
UGA Honors Program	2010 - 2014
Zell Miller Scholarship	2010 - 2014
UGA Charter Scholarship	2010 - 2014
AT&T Foundation Scholarship	2010 - 2014