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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Business Administration (Accounting) 2022-2027 (expected)
University of Michigan, Stephen M. Ross School of Business
Ann Arbor, MI

Master of Science, Accounting 2021-2022
Texas A&M University, Mays School of Business
College Station, TX

Certificate of Non-Profit Management 2021-2022
Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Service
College Station, TX

Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting and Business Honors 2017-2021
Magna Cum Laude
Texas A&M University, Mays School of Business
College Station, TX

Research

Working Papers

- “Trading Gifts for Transparency: Insider Giving and the SEC” (solo-authored)
 - Dissertation
- “Hybrid Governance Models and Firm Financial Outcomes” (solo-authored)
 - Based on Second-Year Summer Paper
 - Recipient of Emeritus Ph.D. Fellowship Award (2024) for the most outstanding second-year research paper across the Ross School of Business

Works in Progress

- “The Value of Shareholder Proposals” (with Lindsey Gallo, Kendall Lynch, and Greg Miller)
 - Data Analysis Phase
- “External Monitors of Internal Controls: Evidence from Caremark Claims” (with Greg Miller)
 - Data Analysis Phase

Honors and Awards

William A. Paton Fellow	2022 – Present
Robert F. and Phyllis J. Westover Scholarship	2025 – 2026
Emeritus Faculty Ph.D. Fellowship	2024 – 2025
Ben B. Trotter Ethics & Integrity Scholarship	2021 – 2022
Mays Business School Scholarship	2018 – 2022
William Clyde Freeman Scholarship	2017 – 2021
Mrs. Maude O. Hunter Scholarship	2017 – 2021
FEA Simpson Trust Endowed Foundation Scholarship	2017 – 2021

Conference Participation

FARS Mid-Year Meeting (<i>Moderator</i>)	2026
Arkansas Accounting Research Conference (Invited)	
UNC Tax Symposium (Invited)	
AAA/Deloitte/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium (Nominated)	
AAA Annual Meeting (<i>Discussant</i>)	2025
Harvey E. Kapnick Accounting Spring Conference	
FARS Doctoral Consortium & Mid-Year Meeting	
UNC Tax Doctoral Consortium	
Michigan Ross Centennial Research Conference	2024
Harvey E. Kapnick Accounting Spring Conference	
AAA Annual Meeting	
Harvey E. Kapnick Accounting Spring Conference	2023

Teaching Experience

University of Michigan, Ross School of Business

Lead Instructor

Financial & Managerial Accounting (MBAN 502), MBAn	Fall 2024
○ Overall Instructor Rating: 4.6/5.0	

Teaching Assistant

Accounting for Decision Making (ACC 501), MBA	Summers 2023 – 2025
Principles of Financial Accounting (ACC 502), MBA	Fall 2023, 2025

Texas A&M University, Mays Business School

Teaching Assistant

Introductory Financial Accounting (ACCT 229), Undergraduate	2018 – 2022
Managerial and Cost Accounting Principles (ACCT 329), Undergraduate	2020 – 2021

Academic Service

Ad-hoc Reviewer

Financial Accounting Reporting Section (FARS) Midyear Meeting	2024 – 2026
AAA Global Connect (Annual Meeting)	2026

Professional Experience

Deloitte & Touche, LLP

2021

Audit and Assurance Intern - Houston, TX