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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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### **Lundquist College of Business, University of Oregon**

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

### **Smeal College of Business, Pennsylvania State University**

Associate Professor (with tenure), 2022 - Present  
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

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### **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

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### **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

Forthcoming, *The Accounting Review* ([Link](#))

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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

- Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*

“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

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

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Penn State University**

Principles of Taxation, Integrated Master of Accounting (Pennsylvania State University)

Fall 2018 Average Evaluation: 6.9/7.0

Fall 2019 Average Evaluation: 6.0/7.0

Spring 2021 Average Evaluation: 6.3/7.0

Spring 2022 Average Evaluation: 6.3/7.0

**University of Utah**

Financial Accounting, Executive Leadership Series – Spring 2018

Financial Accounting, Professional MBA – Fall 2016, 2017

**Northwestern University**

Accounting for Decision Making, MBA – Fall 2015

**University of Illinois at Chicago**

Introduction to Individual Taxation - Spring 2015

**Arizona State University**

Introduction to Managerial Accounting – Winter 2010, Summer 2011

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATION**

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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**

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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

**INTERNAL ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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**University of Oregon*****College Service***

Promotion and Tenure Comimittee (2023 – Present)

***Department Service***

Faculty Recruiting Committee (2023 – Present)

Doctoral Student Committee (2023 – Present)

**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; N/A)  
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)