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### Academic Experience

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**Mississippi State University, Adkerson School of Accountancy**  
Assistant Professor

**Starkville, MS**  
January 2021 to Present

### Education

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**Purdue University**  
Doctor of Philosophy, Management (Accounting)

**West Lafayette, IN**  
December 2020

**Transylvania University**  
Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, *Magna Cum Laude*

**Lexington, KY**  
May 2014

### Research

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#### Research interests:

Taxation, tax enforcement, tax authority, interaction between taxpayers and the IRS, financial reporting, analysts

#### Current Projects:

- “Gaming the IRS’s Third-Party Reporting System: Evidence from Pari-mutuel Wagering” (Dissertation)
  - Revising for 2<sup>nd</sup> round review at *Journal of Accounting Research*
  - Presentations: Texas-Waterloo Tax Symposium, Purdue University, Mississippi State University
- “Raising the Stakes: The Impact of Tax Rates on Risk Taking in Closely Held Firms”, with T. Krupa (University of Connecticut) and R. Laux (Purdue University)
  - Preparing for submission
  - Presentations: UNC Tax Symposium, American Tax Association Midyear Meeting
- “Tax Enforcement and Multinational Investment: Evidence from Tax Inspectors Without Borders”, with T. Krupa (University of Connecticut) and R. Laux (Purdue University)

- “The Impact of Tax Certainty on Spinoff Gains: Evidence from Private Letter Rulings”, with Z. Deng (Oregon State University) and R. Laux (Purdue University)
- “Insider Trading and the IRS”, with D. Kenchington (Arizona State University), R. Laux (Purdue University), and R. White (Arizona State University)
- “The Impact of the Anchoring Heuristic on Sequential Analyst Forecasts”

## **Teaching Experience**

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Mississippi State University: Intermediate Accounting II Spring 2021 - Present  
Average evaluation 4.0 (out of 5.0)

Purdue University: Intermediate Accounting I Fall 2019  
Average evaluation 4.3 (out of 5.0)  
*Krannert Certificate for Distinguished Teaching*

### **Other Teaching:**

Mississippi State University: Coordinated Section of Principles of Accounting I Fall 2021  
Instructor evaluation not available; course evaluation pending

Becker Professional Education: CPA Exam Review Summer 2019, 2020  
REG Section, FAR Section, BEC Section

Purdue University: Teaching Assistant - Management Accounting I Recitation Fall 2018  
*Krannert Certificate for Outstanding Recitation Teaching*

## **Presentations**

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### **Research Presentations:**

UNC Tax Symposium (Presented by co-author) 2021

American Tax Association Midyear Meeting 2021

Texas-Waterloo Tax Symposium 2020

Mississippi State University 2020

Purdue University 2020

## **Professional Experience**

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<b>Blue and Co., LLC</b> Staff Accountant (Tax)	<b>Lexington, KY</b> 2014-2016
<b>Tempur-Pedic North America, LLC</b> Financial Reporting Intern	<b>Lexington, KY</b> 2013-2014
<b>Delta Natural Gas Company Inc.</b> Accounting Intern	<b>Winchester, KY</b> 2013

## **Licenses and Certifications**

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Certified Public Accountant, State of Kentucky #12517	2015-Present
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## **Awards and Honors**

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Krannert Certificate for Distinguished Teaching	2019
Krannert Certificate for Outstanding Recitation Teaching	2018
BKD Doctoral Scholar Award	2017-2018
Frederick N. Andrews Fellowship Recipient	2016-2018

## **Conference Participation**

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UNC Tax Symposium	2020, 2021
ATA Midyear Meeting – American Accounting Association	2019, 2020, 2021
Texas-Waterloo Tax Symposium	2020
AAA/Deloitte Foundation/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium	2020
FARS Midyear Meeting – American Accounting Association	2020
Midwest Accounting Research Conference	2018, 2019
Purdue Accounting Theory Conference	2019