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EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Ph.D. in Business Administration – Accounting

Expected May 2026

University of Maine, Orono, ME

M.B.A. – Accounting, Summa Cum Laude

May 2019

B.S. in Business Administration – Accounting, Summa Cum Laude

May 2018

Certified Public Accountant

Maine – active (License # CP10571)

RESEARCH

Research Interests

The economic consequences of federal, state, and local tax policies and regulatory requirements.

Working Papers (* - presented by co-author)

“The 150 Credit Hour Rule: Differential Effects Across Accounting Firms” (dissertation)

- Presented at the 2025 AAA Western Region Doctoral Student/Faculty Interchange, Arizona State University, the 2025 BYU Accounting Research Symposium, Miami University, the University of Arkansas, and the University of Oklahoma

“Uncertainty and State Income Tax Conformity: Evidence from the Paycheck Protection Program” with Jenny Brown and Roger White.

- Revising for third-round submission at *Contemporary Accounting Research*
- Presented at the 2023 American Taxation Association Midyear Meeting, Arizona State University, 2023 University of Illinois Tax Doctoral Consortium, and the University of Texas at Arlington*

“Demand-Based Tax Policies and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from the Restaurant Industry” with Jenny Brown and Mary Cowx.

- Revising for submission to a top accounting journal
- Presented at the 2024 American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, the 2025 American Taxation Association Midyear Meeting, the Southern California Tax Readings Group, and Texas Tech University*

“Taxes and the Choice of Organizational Form: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from the Pass-Through Entity Tax” with Mary Cowx, David Kenchington, and Roger White.

- Under first-round review at *The Accounting Review*

- Presented at the 2026 American Taxation Association Midyear Meeting (*scheduled*), the 2025 BYU Accounting Research Symposium*, and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville*

EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

2026 ATA Midyear Meeting (*scheduled*)

2025 University of Arkansas
 Miami University
 University of Oklahoma
 BYU Accounting Research Symposium
 AAA Western Region Doctoral Student/Faculty Interchange
 ATA Midyear Meeting

2024 AAA Annual Meeting
 AAA/Deloitte Foundation/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium

2023 University of Illinois Tax Doctoral Consortium
 AAA Annual Meeting (*discussant*)
 ATA Midyear Meeting

2022 NTA Annual Meeting (*canceled – Tropical Storm Nicole*)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

AAA Annual Meeting	2023 – 2025
AAA FARS Midyear Meeting	2023
AAA/Deloitte Foundation/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium	2024
AAA Western Region Doctoral Student/Faculty Interchange	2025
ASU Cactus Conference	2024, 2025
ASU/University of Arizona Joint Conference	2022 – 2025
ATA Midyear Meeting	2023 – 2025
BYU Accounting Research Symposium	2025
KPMG/ATA Doctoral Consortium	2023, 2024
NTA Annual Meeting	2022
University of Illinois Arthur R. Wyatt Young Scholars Research Symposium	2025
University of Illinois Symposium on Tax Research	2023, 2025
University of Illinois Tax Doctoral Consortium	2023, 2025
University of Texas Tax Theory Seminar	2023

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Ad-hoc Journal Reviewer

Journal of International Accounting, Auditing and Taxation

Conference Reviewer

AAA Annual Meeting	2023 – 2025
ATA Midyear Meeting	2024 – 2026
Hawaii Accounting Research Conference	2025, 2026

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ**

Instructor	Spring 2025
Taxes and Business Decisions (ACC 430)	
<i>Instructor Rating – Mean: 6.7/7.0 Median: 7.0/7.0</i>	

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Research Assistant	August 2021 – Present
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University of Maine, Orono, ME

Graduate Assistant	August 2018 – May 2019
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**Baker Newman Noyes, Portland, ME**

Tax Staff	May 2019 – June 2021
Audit Intern	May 2018 – August 2018

BerryDunn, Bangor, ME

Tax Intern	January 2018 – April 2018
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AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Deloitte Foundation Doctoral Fellow	2025
AAA/Deloitte Foundation/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium Fellow	2024
University of Maine Business School Outstanding Graduate Student	2019
University of Maine Business School Outstanding Undergraduate Student	2018