

**LEANNE M ADAMS, CPA, MSA**  
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**EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS, AND AWARDS:**

<b>2020 Outstanding Undergraduate Faculty Advisor Award Nominee</b> Department of UConn Advising	April 2020
<b>2017-2018 Teaching Innovation Award</b> , UConn School of Business	March 2018
<b>Master of Science in Accounting</b> , University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT • GPA 4.12/4.0	May 2017
<b>2015 Educator of Excellence</b> , CT Society of CPAs	May 2015
<b>Certified Public Accountant</b> , Connecticut	1996, reinstated 2017
<b>Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, cum laude</b> University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT • Major: Accounting	1993

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:**

<b>Instructor in-Residence</b> , University of Connecticut School of Business, Storrs, CT Courses taught:	August 2017 to Present
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- **Principles of Financial Accounting**, ACCT 2001, two sections, 600+ students  
Fall 2017: Redesigned course using new textbook, to include an online learning management system, online exams, remote presentation software and iClickers.  
Fall 2020: Redesigned course for online delivery incorporating numerous technologies and successfully instructing over 550 students in four countries and twelve states.
- **Intermediate Accounting I**, ACCT 3201, two sections, 70+ students
  - Taught effectively online for the last six weeks of the semester due to Covid restrictions. Utilized online assessments, short video clips, synchronous classrooms via Blackboard Collaborate Ultra, real-time annotated practice problems, WileyPLUS learning management system and discussion boards.
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for Preparers and Reviewers** (ACCT 3265 and 4265)  
Provide instruction, coordination, organization, and supervision for all aspects of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site.
  - Brought our VITA program completely virtual in two weeks after social distancing notification. Processed over 170 tax returns in the subsequent two-week period, completely virtually. Utilized Blackboard Collaborate Ultra Course Room as our “main office” while an average of 10 sessions were simultaneously conducted in Ultra session rooms. Each session room consisted of a reviewer and 2-3 preparers, completing tax returns and communicating via phone, Whatsapp, or other media with clients as far away as China and Australia.
  - Established as permanent courses and Service Learning Designation for spring 2018.
- **Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans (EBV)**  
Assist Director with general program administration, serve as judge for Pitch Competition  
Instructor for *Break Even Analysis and Cash Flow Budgeting* and *The Entrepreneur – Accountant Relationship*
- **Accounting Career Awareness Program**  
One-week residency program for high school students, from underrepresented ethnic groups, interested in a career in business. Designed curriculum to bring students through the first four chapters of ACCT 2001, incorporating original classroom content to help students navigate without a textbook.

**Adjunct Faculty**, University of Connecticut School of Business, Storrs, CT  
Courses taught:

January 2003  
to August 2017

- **Principles of Financial Accounting**  
(ACCT 2001, 15 sections, 5.0/5.0 average and median ratings)  
Designed curriculum as the first to teach this course in the intensive intersession format.
- **Principles of Managerial Accounting**  
(ACCT 2101, 12 sections, 9.6/10 average, 9.7/10 median ratings followed by 5.0/5.0 average and median)  
Team-taught with multiple sections and common exams.
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance** (ACCT 4895 and 4899)  
Provide instruction, coordination, organization, and supervision for all aspects of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site.
  - Voluntarily redesigned course; self-taught content and incorporated multiple pedagogic methods to enable students to work with hundreds of clients from diverse backgrounds.
  - In first year of active instruction, increased clients served by 44%.
- **FYE Learning Community Seminar** (INTD 1810)

## PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Adams, Leanne, and Suzanne Cansler. "Engaging a Village: Effective Strategies to Reach Every Corner of the Lecture Hall." Faculty Focus | Higher Ed Teaching; Learning, 2 June 2020

UConn Center for Career Development, College to Career Transitions, February 12, 2020. "Beyond UConn: Figuring Out Your Taxes and Planning for the Future"

AAA 2019 Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Section Midyear Colloquium, November 8, 2019. "How Service Learning, Through VITA, Transforms Students into Accounting Professionals"

AAA 2018 Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Section Midyear Colloquium, November 9, 2018. "Engaging a Village: Effective Strategies to Reach Every Corner of the Lecture Hall"

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Administrative Assistant**, UConn School of Business Accounting Department, Storrs, CT 2001-2017  
Under the general direction of the Department Head, provide overall administrative and academic program support for all accounting programs.

**Financial Analyst**, Gerber Scientific Products, Inc., South Windsor, CT 2000-2001  
Prepared, researched and analyzed historical information, projections and budget information for internal and external purposes under the SAP operating system.

**Senior Financial Consultant**, Gerber Scientific Inc., South Windsor, CT 1997-2000  
As lead auditor; supervised staff, planned, performed and reviewed financial and operational audit fieldwork for a variety of domestic and international audits. Served as Lead Auditor on several fraud investigations, both domestic and internationally

**Accounting Manager**, Grove Property Services, Hartford, CT 1996-1997  
Managed and supervised staff of five accountants producing all financial reporting, budgeting, and forecasting for \$160 million real estate portfolio of 45+ properties.

**Supervising Senior Accountant**, KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, Hartford, CT 1993-1996  
Senior staff member of specialized Real Estate and HERON (Higher Education, Research, and Other Nonprofit industries) Focus Groups. Supervision of staff, completion of internal control reviews, planning and administration of multi-location audits, management of concurrent audit engagements, and development of business recommendations.

**MILITARY:**

<b>NCOIC (Non-Commissioned Officer In-Charge) of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense (NBC) section;</b> Rank: Sergeant, Connecticut Army National Guard	January 1987 to January 1993
U.S. Army Basic Training, Fort Jackson, SC	1987
<b>Honor Graduate</b> , U.S. Army Administrative Specialist Course, Fort Jackson, SC	1988
U.S. Army Nuclear, Biological, Chemical School, Camp O'Neil, Niantic, CT	1989
• U.S. Army Achievement Medal for Outstanding Achievement	1992
• Superior Performance Award, Annual Training	1992
• HHD, 238th Supply & Service Bn, "Soldier of the Year"	1989 and 1991
• U.S. Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal for Meritorious Service	1991
• U.S. Army Achievement Medal for Meritorious Achievement	1989

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**

**Financial Reality Fair**, CT Credit Unions and UConn Office of Public Engagement  
High school students get hands-on experience using a budget sheet to live within their given means. Our students staffed the individual tables, such as clothing or food, describing their alternatives to them and trying to get them to spend above their means.

**Vice President**, Community Accounting Services, Rocky Hill, CT  
Community Accounting Services seeks to empower the less advantaged to make better financial decisions that enhance their well-being and strengthen our communities. CAS volunteer CPAs assist eligible individuals, couples, families, businesses, and not-for-profit organizations by providing accounting, business, financial, and tax advice, coaching, and education.

**Volunteer and Foster**, Kenway's Cause, Hartford, CT

**Volunteer Foster**, Furry Friends Foster and Rescue, Inc., Groton, CT

**Mobile FoodShare**, Mansfield, CT

**OTHER:**

Member, Connecticut Society of CPAs (CTCPA)

- Scholarship Assessment Task Force
- Educators FOOD (For Our Own Development) Group

Member, American Accounting Association

- Member, Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Section