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EDUCATION AND RELEVANT CERTIFICATIONS

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 2024 (expected)
Ph.D. Accounting

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC 2014
M.S. Accountancy – Tax Specialization

San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 2008
Universidad de Valparaiso, Valparaiso, Chile
B.A. International Business (Dual Degree Program)

Certified Public Accountant (California). License #133845

RESEARCH

Interests

Corporate taxation, tax avoidance, environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues

Working Papers

- **“Public Pensions and Firm Tax Avoidance” (dissertation)**
Committee: Steven Utke (chair), David Weber, Francis Murphy
Presentations:
 - Rising Scholars Conference, hosted by the University of Chicago (2022)
 - University of Connecticut (2023)
 - Baruch College/The Ph.D. Project Research Symposium (2023)
 - AAA Annual Meeting (2023, scheduled)
- **“Tax Constraints and Executive Turnover: Evidence from the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017”**
Presentations:
 - University of Connecticut (2021)

Work in Process

- **“Returns and R&D Intensity”**
Presentations:
 - University of Connecticut (2020)

Research Assistant, University of Connecticut

Dr. Yanhua Sunny Yang 2022-2023

Dr. Francis Murphy 2020-2021

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE

AAA Annual Meeting (Presenter, scheduled)	2023
Integrating ESG Into Your Classroom, Fordham University/The Ph.D. Project	2023
Baruch College/The Ph.D. Project Research Symposium (Presenter)	2023
AAA Sustainability, ESG, and Accounting Conference (Discussant)	2023
ATA Midyear Meeting (Reviewer)	2023
Rising Scholars Conference, hosted by the University of Chicago (Presenter)	2022
ATA Midyear Meeting (Reviewer)	2022
AAA Journal of International Accounting Research Consortium	2021
The Ohio State University Tax Research Consortium	2021
AAA ATA Midyear Meeting	2021
University of Texas/University of Waterloo Tax Symposium	2020
AAA Annual Meeting	2019
University of Connecticut Tax Readings Group	2019-Present

TEACHING**University of Connecticut**

Principles of Managerial Accounting. Instructor of Record (3 sections, in-person)	Fall 2022
Principles of Managerial Accounting. Instructor of Record (1 section, online, asynchronous)	Summer 2022
Principles of Financial Accounting. Teaching Assistant	Fall 2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ernst & Young LLP, Los Angeles, CA Tax Senior Associate, Tax Associate, Tax Intern	2014-2017
United States Department of Justice, Civil Division Office of Immigration Litigation, Washington, DC Paralegal Specialist	2010-2013
IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program	2010-2013
US Investigation Services, Washington, DC Document Management Technician	2009-2010

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Ph.D. Project	Current
National Tax Association (NTA)	Current
American Accounting Association (AAA)	Current
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)	Current

AWARDS AND HONORS

AICPA Accounting Doctoral Scholars (ADS)	2019-2024
AICPA Fellowship for Minority Doctoral Students	2019-2024
Harriott Fellowship (University of Connecticut)	2019-2024
AICPA William (Bill) Ezzell Scholarship	2019

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Bilingual: Spanish (advanced proficiency)	
Religious Education Instructor, St. James Catholic Church, Redondo Beach, CA	2016-2018
Middle School Tutor, Jubilee Youth Services, Washington, DC	2011-2012

REFERENCES

Steven Utke (Dissertation Chair)

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