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## EDUCATION

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University of Connecticut, School of Business, Storrs, CT (expected) May 2024  
Doctor of Philosophy - Accounting

Wake Forest University, Schools of Business, Winston-Salem, NC Dec 2014  
Master of Science in Accountancy

San Diego State University, San Diego, CA Aug 2008  
Universidad de Valparaíso, Valparaíso, Chile  
Bachelor of Arts in International Business (Dual Degree Program)

## RESEARCH

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### Interests

Corporate Taxation, Individual Taxation, Capital Markets

### Working Papers:

First-Year Summer Paper: "Returns and R&D Intensity"

### Work in Process:

Second-Year Summer Paper: "Tax Constraints and Executive Turnover: Evidence From the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017"

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATION

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Ernst & Young LLP, Los Angeles, CA Jan 2014 – July 2017  
Tax Senior Associate, Tax Associate, Tax Intern

United States Department of Justice, Civil Division July 2010 – Aug 2013  
Office of Immigration Litigation, Washington, DC  
Paralegal Specialist

US Investigation Services, Washington, DC Oct 2009 – July 2010  
Document Management Technician

Certified Public Accountant: California License #133845

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

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| • American Accounting Association Annual Meeting       | Aug 2019  |
| • University of Texas/Waterloo Tax Symposium (Virtual) | Sept 2020 |
| • American Tax Association Midyear Meeting (Virtual)   | Feb 2021  |

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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| • American Accounting Association (AAA)                      | Current |
| • American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) | Current |
| • National Tax Association                                   | Current |
| • The PhD Project  | Current |

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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| • AICPA Accounting Doctoral Scholars Program      | 2019 |
| • AICPA William (Bill) Ezzell Scholarship         | 2019 |
| • AICPA Fellowship for Minority Doctoral Students | 2019 |
| • Harriott Fellowship (University of Connecticut) | 2019 |

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

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| • Bilingual: Spanish (advanced proficiency) |
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