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**EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS, AND AWARDS:**

<b>2020-2021 Undergraduate Accounting Professor of the Year</b> University of Connecticut School of Business Accounting Department	April 2022
<b>2020-2021 University Teaching Innovation Award</b> University of Connecticut Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning	March 2021
<b>2020 Outstanding Undergraduate Faculty Advisor Award Nominee</b> Department of UConn Advising	April 2020
<b>2017-2018 Teaching Innovation Award, UConn School of Business</b>	March 2018
<b>Master of Science in Accounting, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT</b> • GPA 4.12/4.0	May 2017
<b>2015 Educator of Excellence, CT Society of CPAs</b>	May 2015
<b>Certified Public Accountant, Connecticut</b>	1996
<b>Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, <i>cum laude</i></b> University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT • Major: Accounting	1993

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:**

<b>Instructor in-Residence, University of Connecticut School of Business, Storrs, CT</b> Courses taught:	August 2017 to Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Principles of Financial Accounting, ACCT 2001</b>, two sections, 600+ students Fall 2020: Redesigned course for online delivery incorporating numerous technologies and successfully instructing over 550 students in four countries and twelve states. Fall 2022: Restructured assessments resulting in a 10% increase in final exam grade and 0.3 increase in final course grade averages.</li><li>• <b>Intermediate Accounting I, ACCT 3201</b>, two sections, 70+ students<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for Preparers and Reviewers (ACCT 3265 and 4265)</b> Provide instruction, coordination, organization, and supervision for all aspects of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li><li>• Established as permanent courses and Service Learning Designation for spring 2018.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans (EBV)</b> Assist Director with general program administration, serve as judge for Pitch Competition Instructor for <i>Break Even Analysis and Cash Flow Budgeting</i> and <i>The Entrepreneur – Accountant Relationship</i></li></ul>	

- **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

January 2003

Courses taught:

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.

- **FYE Learning Community Seminar** (INTD 1810)

## PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Adams, L. (2023, February), Taxes 101, What You Need to Know for Life After UConn. Invited presentation for Student Support Services Senior Year Experience Course

Adams, L. M., Vesci, T., & Redden, J. (2022, August). Using Technology to Enhance the Teaching and Learning Experience. Invited presentation for the University of Connecticut 2022 Classroom Technology Symposium.

Adams, L. M., Scott, I., Fetters, M., & Meckfessel, M. (2021, February). Best Practices in Delivering a VITA Program. Invited panel for the 2021 ATA Teaching and Curriculum Conference.

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

Adams, L. M. (2020, February). Beyond UConn: Figuring Out Your Taxes and Planning for the Future. Invited presentation for the College to Career Transitions and Alumni Engagement Workshop Series.

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.

#### **MILITARY:**

**NCOIC (Non-Commissioned Officer In-Charge) of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense (NBC) section**; Rank: Sergeant, Connecticut Army National Guard January 1987 to January 1993

U.S. Army Basic Training, Fort Jackson, SC 1987

**Honor Graduate**, 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:**

**GetYourRefund National VITA Site Coordinator, New England Region** April 2021 -Present  
Recruit, coordinate and lead the New England Region National Tax Justice (NTJ) Service Team, providing virtual tax preparation assistance to low-income and homeless National VITA Site clients.

**Virtual VITA Help for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness** May 2021 – May 2022  
Partnered with CityRelief of NYC to identify homeless individuals we could aid by filing 2020 tax returns to allow them access to the Stimulus payments via the Recovery Rebate Credit.

**Vice President**, Community Accounting Services, Rocky Hill, CT 2016-2020  
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.

**Financial Reality Fair**, CT Credit Unions and UConn Office of Public Engagement 2018-2019  
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.

#### **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