

Taylor Foster James, CPA

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Financial accounting, economic consequences of corporate taxation, corporate charitable contributions

EDUCATION

University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business Doctor of Philosophy, Leventhal School of Accounting	Los Angeles, California August 2020 – May 2025
Baylor University, Hankamer School of Business Master of Accountancy Bachelor of Business Administration	Waco, Texas December 2016 Majors: Baylor Business Fellows, Accounting, Marketing

WORK EXPERIENCE

Deloitte (Dallas, Texas) Senior Consultant, National Federal Tax Services	June – August 2015, June 2017 – July 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Conducted Strategic Tax Reviews in accordance with U.S. GAAP and the Internal Revenue Code</li><li>Saved clients tens of millions of dollars by switching to more favorable accounting methods, amending returns to yield permanent benefits, and capital expenditure review</li></ul>	

WORKING PAPERS

“Lender of last resort? Funding needs and tax planning” Working paper with Shane Heitzman	
“Separation of church and approval rate: The impact of shared identity on credit extension decisions in the charitable sector” Working paper, solo-authored	

TEACHING

Introduction to Financial Accounting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Instructor: BUAD 280</li><li>Teaching assistant, Dr. Matthew Shaffer (USC)</li><li>Teaching assistant, Dr. David Hurtt (Baylor)</li></ul>	Fall 2023 Spring 2023 Spring 2016
Accounting Information Systems	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Teaching assistant, Dr. Bradley Lail (Baylor)</li></ul>	Fall 2015

HONORS AND AWARDS

William (Bill) Ezzell Scholarship	2021
Doctoral Fellowship, USC Marshall School of Business	2020 - pres
GMAT Score: 770 (V47, Q49, top 1% of test takers)	2019
Outstanding Master of Accountancy Graduate (awarded to one student per class, voted on by faculty)	2016
Baylor Regents Gold Scholarship	2012 - 2016
Jack & Julie Redding Jr Scholarship	2016
Waterhouse & Dokupil Scholarship	2015
Ernst & Young Scholarship	2015
Brian & Karen Tinsley Scholarship	2014
Tom Landry Scholarship	2012
National Merit Finalist (top 1% of PSAT and SAT test takers)	2012

ACHIEVEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

Conference Attendance	
RAST Conference	2021, 2022
Texas Tax Theory Seminar	2023
Professional Memberships and Certifications	
Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in Texas, licensed 2017 - present	
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), member	
The American Accounting Association, member	
Professional Service	
Ad hoc reviewer, Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory	
Ad hoc reviewer, American Accounting Association annual meeting 2022	

Volunteer Service

HEAR Center Board of Directors (2023-pres), Treasured Vessels Foundation Finance Committee (2017-2021), Village of Hope Guatemala finance and accounting intern (2017), Baylor Philanthropy Senior Fellow - directed donations of \$50,000 to Waco nonprofits (2015)

Interests

Skiing, practicing yoga, horseback riding, reading, baking