

Taylor Foster James, CPA

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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 in Accounting & Marketing

Waco, Texas
 December 2016
 December 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Financial accounting and tax-related topics including corporate charitable contributions and how nonprofit organizations' accounting decisions impact their access to capital

RESEARCH PROJECTS (*: presented by co-authors)**[1] "Doing good on the down-low: Corporate philanthropy and public disclosure intensity"**

Job market paper. Committee members: Patricia Dechow (chair), Shane Heitzman, David Hirshleifer, and Tracie Majors.

[2] "Funding needs and tax underpayments"

Working paper with Shane Heitzman. Presented at Stanford University*, 2023 Accounting Conference at the University of Illinois – Chicago*, EIASM 13th Conference on Current Research in Taxation*

[3] "Separation of church and approval rate: The impact of shared identity on credit extension decisions in the charitable sector"

Working paper, solo-authored. Presented at University of Southern California.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Financial accounting, corporate taxation, individual taxation, financial statement analysis, accounting information systems, managerial accounting

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**ACCT561 Income tax of corporations and their shareholders**

Teaching Assistant to Gregory Kling

Summer 2024

BUAD280 Introductory financial accounting

Instructor (*Instructor rating mean: 4.38, median: 5.0*)

Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Matthew Shaffer

Spring 2023

ACC3301 Intermediate financial accounting & reporting I (Baylor University)

Graduate Assistant to Dr. David Hurtt

Spring 2016

ACC3303 Accounting information systems (Baylor University)

Graduate Assistant Dr. Bradley Lail

Fall 2015

AAA Inclusive Classroom Certificate

2024

AAA DEIB: Architecture of Inclusion Certificate

2024

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Deloitte (Dallas, Texas)

June – August 2015, June 2017 – July 2020

Senior Consultant, National Federal Tax Services

- Saved clients tens of millions of dollars by switching to more favorable accounting methods, amending returns to yield permanent benefits, and reviewing capital expenditure projects
- Projects: revenue recognition, casualty gains and losses, bonus depreciation, and interest capitalization
- Led campus recruiting efforts for Baylor University and Southern Methodist University
- Led pro-bono engagements evaluating the financial statements of nonprofit grant applicants

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dissertation Proposal Award, USC Marshall School of Business	2024
William (Bill) Ezzell Scholarship, AICPA	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 of the Year, Baylor University	2016
Regents Gold Scholarship, Baylor University	2012 - 2016
Jack & Julie Redding Jr Scholarship	2016
Waterhouse & Dokupil Scholarship	2015
Ernst & Young Scholarship	2015
Brian & Karen Tinsley Scholarship	2014
National Merit Finalist (top 1% of PSAT and SAT test takers)	2012

ACHIEVEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

Conference participation

FARS Midyear Meeting	(upcoming) 2025
AAA Annual Meeting	2024
AAA Deloitte Foundation/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium	2024
Southern California Accounting Research Forum (SCARF)	2024
ATA Doctoral Consortium	2024
ATA Midyear Meeting	2024
Texas Tax Theory Seminar	2023
RAST Conference	2021, 2022

Professional memberships and certifications

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in Texas, licensed 2017 - present
 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), member
 American Accounting Association, member

Professional service

Discussant, American Accounting Association annual meeting 2024
 Ad hoc reviewer, AAA Government and Nonprofit section midyear meeting 2025
 Ad hoc reviewer, American Accounting Association annual meeting 2022, 2023, 2024
 Ad hoc reviewer, Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory

Volunteer service

Rose City Center Board of Directors - Treasurer (May 2023 -pres), HEAR Center Board of Directors & Finance Committee (2023-2024), Everlasting Education Form 990 consulting (2023), Treasured Vessels Foundation Finance Committee (2017-2021), Literacy Achieves ESL instructor (2016-2021), Village of Hope Guatemala finance and accounting intern (2017), Baylor Philanthropy Senior Fellow

Interests

Skiing, practicing yoga, horseback riding, reading

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Patricia Dechow (doctoral advisor)

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Tracie Majors (committee member)

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