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Accountancy Steps It Up



The undergraduate program is ranked No. 10 in the nation in the *Public Accounting Report*.

High fives and broad grins sparked an air of excitement around the Patterson School this spring when word came that the undergraduate program was ranked No. 10 in the nation by the *Public Accounting Report*, the independent newsletter of the accounting profession.

In its December 2011 issue, PAR also ranked the school's master's and doctoral programs at Nos. 11 and 12 respectively in their categories.

While the Patterson School is the only

SEC school in the top 10, other SEC schools ranked in the top 30 were the universities of Georgia (12), Florida (17), Alabama (20) and Tennessee (29).

The 30-year-old PAR Annual Professors Survey bases its results on votes from professors of accounting at U.S. colleges and universities. For many years, UM's undergraduate program has been ranked in the top 30 nationally. Last year, the graduate and undergraduate programs were slotted at 19 and 20 respectively.

Dean Mark Wilder said it is a great ac-

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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Accountancy Alumni and Friends:

We have completed another exciting academic year, and all is well at the Patterson School of Accountancy. We are proud of what the Patterson School continues to be able to accomplish, thanks to high-achieving students, dedicated and supportive alumni, and a teaching-oriented faculty who has maintained the steadfast commitment to excellence in the classroom that has been the hallmark of the Ole Miss accountancy program for decades.

The Patterson School received some historic news back in December. While the Ole Miss Accountancy program has been nationally ranked for seven consecutive years, the most recent annual rankings were released in December 2011, and our programs have achieved all-time best rankings. Our undergraduate program is ranked No. 10 nationally, our graduate program No. 11 and our doctoral program No. 12. Furthermore, for the first time ever, the Ole Miss School of Accountancy is No. 1 in the SEC in terms of our national ranking. We are extremely proud of these rankings, which enhance our national visibility significantly and help us tremendously in recruiting outstanding students.

I am pleased to report that our official enrollment for 2011-12 reached an all-time high for the sixth consecutive year. Our total enrollment of 852 students includes 725 in our undergraduate program and 127 graduate students. Our enrollment has grown more than 25 percent over the past five years. I am also pleased to report that our programs successfully went through the AACSB maintenance of accreditation process this past year, with the peer review team visiting our campus in late January 2012. The accreditation process was highly beneficial, and we are delighted to have been reaccredited for another five years. Our faculty, students and program received high accolades from the AACSB peer review team.

We consider it a true privilege to serve you and our students. We are proud of the opportunities we are able to provide students, and we remain deeply grateful for the role our alumni and friends have played in enabling our success. You help us recruit top students, you provide career opportunities for our graduates, and you ensure we have the funding in place to meet our needs and to achieve excellence. Accountancy supporters have been the standard setters at Ole Miss for decades, and we ask you to continue this commitment to excellence. We appreciate so much your past support of our efforts in the Patterson School and trust that you will remain committed to these efforts.

Sincerely,

W. Mark Wilder
Dean and KPMG Professor

Phi Kappa Phi

Thirty-five Patterson School of Accountancy students were inducted into the Ole Miss chapter of Phi Kappa Phi honor society over the 2011-12 academic year. Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective honor society for all academic disciplines.

Fall 2011

Bradley Allen Benson
William Bradley Dillon
Virginia Anne Gamble
Christophyr Glenn Hayes
Brooke Elizabeth Hendrix
Carly Alia Hogan
Paige Nicole Huhlein
Brock Therrell Hurston
Kathryn Carroll Lewis
Memory LaClair Madden
Miller Childers Majors
Amy Lynn Maness
Ronda Lynn Maness
Kelsey Brianna Maynard
Shelby Ann McKenzie
Mary Margaret Myers
Bryan Taylor Sams
Anish Sharma
Susan Elizabeth Shetley
Mason Sands Smith II
Mary Cannon Spradley
Alexander Parrish Tanner
Derek Anthony VanDunse
John Taylor Yerger

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Martina Cotelo
Philip Graham Jones
Hunter Owen Nicholson
Jinal Ramesh Patel
Kunal Jay Patel
Sophia Yates Smith
Austin Webber Steward
Mary Morris Williams
Tsz Chun Yim
Tsz Man Yim
Joseph Zegel

Global accrediting body gives thumbs-up

The Patterson School of Accountancy and the School of Business Administration have maintained accreditation from AACSB International.

Fifty-six schools maintained their accreditation in business, and 24 have maintained their accreditation in accounting this academic year. Founded in 1916, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

Mark Wilder, accountancy dean, said he is grateful to the faculty and staff for their many efforts and for working together toward the common goal of being one of

the leading institutions in accounting education in the nation.

"Our peer review team members were thorough and diligent, and we appreciate their efforts and the time that they spent examining our program," Wilder said. "They noted that the Patterson School of Accountancy has outstanding students who go on to have very successful professional careers, and loyal and generous alumni who provide great support to the school. While our team suggested areas for continuous improvement, it was also highly complimentary of our program's many strengths and also commended us for a variety of best practices."

Schools must not only meet specific standards of excellence, but their deans,

heads of business units, and academic and nonacademic staff must make a commitment to ongoing improvement to ensure that the institution will continue to deliver the highest quality of education to students.

"While our team suggested areas for continuous improvement, it was also highly complimentary of our program's many strengths."

—DEAN MARK WILDER



AACSB International renewed the Patterson School's accreditation, taking note of the school's accolades, including the *Public Accounting Report's* national ranking of the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degree programs at 10, 11 and 12, respectively.

AACSB accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business education and has been earned by less than 5 percent of the world's business programs. Today, there are 649 business schools across 43 countries and territories that maintain AACSB accreditation, including 482 in the U.S. Similarly, 178 institutions, including 168 in the U.S., maintain an additional specialized AACSB accreditation for their accounting programs.

Among the components evaluated by the review team were the quality and quantity of faculty research, the assessment program that the school has in place to assure that students are learning what they are supposed to learn, the quality of advising services provided to students and the placement of students, and the financial strategies in place by the school.

The accreditation report provided by the Patterson School to AACSB was in three volumes and was several hundred pages in length. This report provided detailed information on teaching, faculty research and faculty service, and financial resources available for the school. The peer review team commended the Patterson School for the detailed information provided in the report on students. For example, the report listed all master's and Ph.D. graduates in recent years and their first employer. Also, every student intern was listed by name and employer. ■

Team earns second place in tax competition

Five Patterson School students, willing to devote time from busy schedules to prepare for a regional tax study competition, were rewarded with scholarships and honors.

The Ole Miss team earned a spot among the top teams in their region, receiving Honorable Mention – or second place – in the 10th annual Deloitte-sponsored event, held in Atlanta in October. The students earned \$200 scholarships, and the school received \$2,000, which, in turn, was added to the students' awards.

New rules allowed a school to field up to two five-member teams, each comprising one graduate student, two sophomores and two seniors or juniors. Team members were graduate student Trey Burgamy, seniors Matthew Garber and Mary Katherine Graham, and sophomores Jinal Patel and Anish Sharma.

Formerly known as the Tax Case Study Competition, the competition this year was renamed FanTaxTic, and the format was altered. Past events were based on a team's written solutions to a case; however, this year the judging was based on the students' presentation of their solutions and their answers to questions from Deloitte professionals, who posed as hypothetical clients and served as judges.

The students worked hard to prepare for the event, said J Riley Shaw, associate professor who accompanied the students to Atlanta.

"The case actually came at a very busy time of the semester, so I was impressed that they devoted so much time to it," he said. "Tonya (Flesher) and I met with the students a few times, but the majority of their work was completed independently."

Two weeks before the competition, Deloitte sent the students a hypothetical case centered on an emerging, innovative company.

"As a team, we worked on the case and created a PowerPoint that had suggestions of what we thought would be the best for the company," Sharma said. "I was very pleased with our showing. None of us knew each other before the competition, but we meshed together very well."

The students agreed that their dili-



Members of the Patterson School team that made an excellent showing in the Deloitte-sponsored FanTaxTic competition in Atlanta last fall are (l-r) Matthew Garber, Jinal Patel, Mary Katherine Graham and Anish Sharma. Team member Trey Burgamy is working in Atlanta and was not available for the photo.

gence paid off in several ways.

"I gained real-world experience through participating in this unique competition," Patel said. "I got to network with and learn from Deloitte tax professionals. It was a great experience, and I gained a tremendous amount of insight about real-life tax scenarios. If I have a chance, I will definitely do it again."

Sharma concurred, saying, "The Deloitte employees described our case as being very realistic to what they do in regard

to the subject matter and timeline. In that respect, the competition was very beneficial, as we gained experience in that area of accounting. And, personally, my participation helped me greatly with my presentation skills."

This was the second consecutive year for a Patterson School team to win Honorable Mention. "It's gratifying to see our students do so well two years in a row," Shaw said. ■

Student's travels include Uruguay, Times Square

Martina Cotelo has traveled many miles since leaving her native Uruguay more than a decade ago. The granddaughter of a German Jew who emigrated from Hungary to escape Nazi persecution, she is a junior at Ole Miss majoring in accountancy, German and international studies.

“I know that she was a superb representative for Ole Miss in the Discover Ernst and Young Diversity Leadership Conference.”

—DEAN MARK WILDER

A trip back to Uruguay last summer to research her ancestry proved to be a rewarding experience; however, she's equally excited about spending this summer in New York as an intern at the Times Square office of Ernst & Young. She pursued the opportunity on her own after receiving a tip from the accountancy school about the annual Discover Ernst & Young Conference.

Dean Mark Wilder said he is not surprised at Cotelo's latest accomplishment.

“Martina is an outstanding student,” he said. “I know that she was a superb representative for Ole Miss in the Discover Ernst and Young Diversity Leadership Conference, and I'm certain she will excel in its

Horizon Program as well.”

The internship runs from mid-June through mid-August and rotates the students throughout the different sections of the company and provides a broad overview of how it operates.

“I hope to see how the material we learn in class is put to use in the office and how everything is applied,” Cotelo said.

Born in Uruguay, Martina moved with her family to Oxford in 2001. After graduating from Oxford High School, she entered Ole Miss to take advantage of opportunities provided by the Patterson School, Croft Institute for International Studies and Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College.

She said she has not been disappointed in her college choice.

“I have had incredible professors and countless opportunities to pursue what interests me. The Patterson School, Croft and the Honors College constantly support my ideas and goals. There has never been a moment in my three years when I felt like I didn't have support from the faculty and staff. It has been truly incredible.”

She holds a Barksdale Scholarship, and last year, she was one of two Honors College students to receive a Barksdale Award.

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Who's Who Honorees 2011-12

Twenty-three accountancy majors were among 154 Ole Miss students inducted into the 2011-12 class of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The honorees were nominated and selected by a committee of representatives from each of the academic schools.

Elizabeth Avant
BJ Barr
Patrick Bleyer
Martina Cotelo
Brad Dillon
Eric Folk II
Alyssa Green
Lindsey Hansbrough

Danielle Ivy
John James
Ashley Jolly
Patrick Lo
Sebastian Lopez Duarte
Mollie Mellon
Kevin Parrish
Stephen Roybal

Taylor Sams
Matthew Shorter
Stephanie Teague
David Thompson
Thorne Williams Jr.
Mary Anna Wright
Ye Xiao

Professor adds research award to accolades



Vicki Dickinson strives to balance teaching, research and service.

Vicki Dickinson, assistant professor, joined the Patterson School faculty in fall 2010, bringing with her an armload of teaching awards. At the end of the year, she was named the school's 2010-11 Outstanding Researcher of the Year.

“It was a wonderful honor, and I’m humbled to be recognized given the talented researchers we have on our faculty.”

—VICKI DICKINSON

Dickinson holds a B.S. and M.S. in accounting from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota and a Ph.D. from the

University of Wisconsin-Madison. She worked for several years in public accounting before returning to graduate school. She held academic appointments at both St. Cloud and UW-Madison and at the University of Florida.

Ole Miss Accountant visited with the professor recently and enjoyed the following conversation:

OMA: *I notice you worked in public accounting before entering academe. When and for what reason did you make this decision?*

Dickinson: After working as an auditor and adviser in public accounting, I worked as a financial analyst for Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. However, my husband accepted a great position in Southern California, so after we made the move out west, I temporarily “retired,” and we started our family. Once my children started school, I went back to graduate school during which time I began teach-

ing and doing research. I was hooked.

OMA: *What is your teaching philosophy and what do you enjoy most about the classroom?*

Dickinson: My teaching philosophy is that students should not focus so much on the grades, but instead focus on gaining a valuable set of tools and the knowledge of when to use them. Many students experience anxiety over grades and once you ‘give them permission’ to relax and enjoy the learning process, good things happen. That said, I never sacrifice rigor, and my students know if they apply themselves, they’ll be among the best prepared graduates out there.

OMA: *What classes do you teach?*

Dickinson: Recently I’ve been teaching the International Accounting graduate elective, Principles of Accounting and the core accounting class in the MBA program. Each course is unique due to the goals of

the differing student bodies, and the teaching approaches need to differ accordingly. The variety in course work makes for an enjoyable workload.

OMA: *You have received recognition for both your teaching and your research. How do you balance the two and of what benefit is one to the other?*

Dickinson: I always try to leverage one off the other. My teaching keeps me grounded in what important accounting issues are being deliberated within the profession. Likewise, my research, along with the research of numerous colleagues, keeps our curriculum on the cutting edge. Any given research publication will take, on average, 10 years to be incorporated into the textbooks. By maintaining an active research agenda, we put our students ahead of the curve in terms of both accounting theory and by providing innovative tools with which they will make accounting-related decisions.

OMA: *What did it mean to you to have been named the Patterson School's 2010-11 Outstanding Researcher of the Year?*

Dickinson: It was a wonderful honor, and I'm humbled to be recognized given the talented researchers we have on our faculty. Prior to this award, I've mainly been recognized for my teaching, so it was gratifying

to achieve some success on this other dimension. Of course, we always strive to emphasize teaching, research and service to the profession and university community in equal balance, and this award let me know that I'm on the right track. (Note: Dickinson's previous awards include the 2007-08 J. Michael Cook Excellence in Teaching Award, the 2008 Warrington College of Business Teacher of the Year and the 2009 Judy Fisher Teaching with Technology Award, and she was a 2008-09 Anderson Scholar Faculty Honoree, all while on the faculty at the University of Florida.)

OMA: *What brought you to the University of Mississippi, and what do you enjoy most about the Patterson School?*

Dickinson: Where do I start? Ole Miss has such a sense of 'place' – and Oxford is truly unlike any other community I've lived in. The campus is absolutely lovely, and the people are warm and welcoming. I knew I wanted to find a university that honored its students, alumni and community, and I've definitely found that at Ole Miss. We have such incredible facilities and resources thanks to the generosity of the Ole Miss – and Patterson School of Accountancy – community, and that, coupled with the excellent student body and administration, make it an incredible place to be. I feel very blessed to be here.

OMA: *How do you spend your spare time?*

Dickinson: Like most academics, I enjoy reading. I love to cook, hike and spend time with my husband, Tom, and children, Chelsea and Cooper, who are both students at Ole Miss. And I'm enjoying a new hobby: tailgating in the Grove. Hotty Toddy! ■



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The \$5,000 awards were established to encourage students to test themselves in environments that don't have the built-in safeties of a classroom, teaching lab or library. She used the funds to travel to Uruguay last summer to continue research on her grandmother's autobiography.

In her quest to learn more about her ancestors, Cotelo plans to continue her research by studying in Potsdam, Germany, during the 2013 spring semester.

"The research is incredibly broad, but I will choose one angle of it for my senior thesis for Croft and Honors."

As Cotelo continues her Ole Miss career, those who know her best expect her record of excellence to continue.

"Martina is an absolutely amazing student," said Kees Gispen, executive director of the Croft Institute. "In addition to combining challenging majors like accountancy, international studies and German, she will be adding a fourth dimension: a senior thesis on a topic central to ethics in the modern world, based on difficult-to-decipher German language sources and

holding deep personal meaning for her and her family. She reflects today's globalized world in a way that bodes well for the future. We haven't seen or heard the last of Martina Cotelo yet."

Wilder concurred, saying, "Martina has taken full advantage of the opportunities Ole Miss affords top students. She is part of a newly created double degree program partnership between Croft and the School of Accountancy, while also excelling as a student in the Honors College. She will have countless opportunities in the professional world. We are extremely proud of Martina and her accomplishments."

Cotelo's parents are Enrique and Irene Cotelo, UM faculty members in the Department of Modern Languages. ■

Team impresses judges at KPMG competition

The Patterson School was among 20 accountancy schools from across the nation invited to field a team for KPMG's International Case Competition last fall.

Twenty-four accountancy students, divided into six teams, tried out in early November for the opportunity to network with students and professionals from around the world. The winning team, the Global Intangibles, traveled to Miami on Nov. 7 for the semifinal competition. Team members were Chelsea Dickinson, Pat Galagan, Josh Lawrence and Tanner Phillips.

The four students competed with Florida State, North Carolina A&T, University of Virginia and Wake Forest, losing to Wake Forest, the defending international champions. Wake Forest was defeated by the University of Wisconsin team, who represented the United States at the international leg of the competition in Hong Kong in late April.

The Ole Miss team gave Wake Forest "a true run for their money," said Mollie Flynt (BAccy 97, MAccy 98), KPMG's campus recruiting manager.

"The Global Intangibles [team members] absolutely blew the judges away with their presentation skills and ability to deliver their message," Flynt said. "I personally was amazed at what they were able to accomplish, having had only three hours to analyze the case, develop a solution, and create and practice their presentation. Not only was their presentation top-notch, but their ability to think quickly on their feet during the judges' Q and A was remarkable."



A team of Patterson School students came close to beating Wake Forest, runner-up to the winning team from the University of Wisconsin, in KPMG's International Case Competition last fall in Miami. Dubbed the Global Intangibles, team members are (l-r) Josh Lawrence, Chelsea Dickinson, Tanner Phillips and Patrick Galagan.

Team member Pat Galagan highlighted the difference between typical course work and a presentation of this magnitude.

"Not to undervalue the importance of receiving great marks in classroom settings, but there is a significant difference between presenting to classmates and presenting to partners and senior managers from a premier international public accounting firm," Galagan said. "The Q and A session is where students can expect a wide range of questions on their case anal-

ysis and solution. This required our team members to truly understand every aspect of the case, not just our individual parts, and to be able to effectively communicate on-the-spot responses to serious business questions."

Flynt spoke highly of the Patterson School students.

"All of the Ole Miss teams were extremely impressive," she said. "While each team was different in its approach and delivery, it was very evident that they are all sharp, well-rounded students and team players."

For the campus round of the competition, held at the Patterson School, the six teams received a complex business case on a Friday and had the weekend to develop a solution to the problem without using the Internet. The teams presented their findings to KPMG professionals and faculty on the following Monday.

Team member Miller Majors captured the intensity of the preparation, saying, "The competition was a challenging critical-thinking problem, and in attempting to find a solution, we were fighting against the limitations of time and external resources."

KPMG's International Case Competition

Twenty-four Patterson School students, divided into six four-member teams, participated in the campus round of KPMG's International Case Competition.

Miranda Arnold	Kenny Lamb	Lee Sanderson
Ashley Bailey	Josh Lawrence	Lisa Schalk
Nicole Barnes	Miller Majors	Anish Sharma
Katrina Briscoe	Lauren McLean	Mary Margaret Simmons
Chelsea Dickinson	Steven Montross	Mason Smith
Patrick Galagan	Kyerra Moody	Ye Xiao
Matthew Garber	Rachel Nieters	
Jennifer Green	Paden Patterson	
Lee Harris	Tanner Phillips	

The campus competition involved KPMG client service staff and accountancy faculty acting as judges. A reception and awards ceremony were held at the end of the day, where the winning team was announced. KPMG representatives were Katie Cliburn (BBA 2009, BAccy 2009, MAccy 2010), Keith File (BAccy 2000, MAccy 2001), Kelly Lomax (BAccy 2000,

MAccy 2001), Sholon Rucker and Will Threadgill (BAccy 2010, MAccy 2011). Judges included Kendall Bowlin, assistant professor, and doctoral student Brian Goodson.

Vicki Dickinson, assistant professor and faculty adviser for the teams, said, "It was an honor for the Patterson School to be chosen to compete in the event, and we're

so appreciative of KPMG's dedication to the school. The students did a fantastic job and gained extremely valuable experience for their future careers. I encourage students to start thinking now about forming teams for next year because Wake Forest hasn't heard the last of Ole Miss. Congratulations to all participants for a job well-done." ■

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complishment for the school to once again be recognized nationally as a top accountancy program and to achieve all-time high rankings in all three program categories.

"This honor is a testament to the hard work of our faculty in delivering a rigorous educational experience. Our faculty [members] are highly successful in their research and professional service endeavors while maintaining the commitment to excellence in teaching that has been the hallmark of our accountancy program for many years."

"In that ranking, we are either third or fourth in each of the three categories, ranking up there with Chicago and MIT, and ahead of perennial power Illinois."

**—DALE FLESHER
ASSOCIATE DEAN**

Wilder also credited the students for having a positive impact on the school's reputation.

"The Patterson School is fortunate to have outstanding students who go on to have phenomenal careers," he said. "The academic profile of our accountancy student body gets stronger every year, a fact that is certainly being recognized in the marketplace."

This year, for the first time, the report has added a ranking of schools that eliminates votes of faculty members who placed

their school's own accountancy program as No. 1 in the country.

"In that ranking, we are either third or fourth in each of the three categories, ranking up there with Chicago and MIT, and ahead of perennial power Illinois," said Dale Flesher, associate dean.

More than 1,000 schools in the United States offer accounting programs and around 500 of those, including UM, are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, known as AACSB International, as being among "the best accountancy and business programs in the world."

PAR voters who determine the rankings are influenced by other factors that set the Patterson School apart, Flesher said.

"Many voters, some of whom may not know much about Ole Miss, know that the university houses the AICPA Library, the largest accountancy library in the world," he said. "Also, a recent study showed that we are the only university of our size in the country that has every accounting class taught by a professor with CPA

designation."

A visiting lecturer program, publishing success of faculty members and hosting a couple of major conferences are other ways the Patterson School has been showcased, he said.

"In summary, there is not one thing that we are doing differently; we are basically doing the same fine job of educating students that we have always done, but more people are learning about our successes," Flesher said.

Wilder further noted the importance of private support in the Patterson School's successful equation.

"The successes we are enjoying are directly attributable to the loyalty and generosity of our alumni and friends," he said. "Their support helps us to offer scholarships to attract outstanding students, to reward our faculty and to strengthen our program. We are grateful for their loyalty and willingness to give back to the school – it is absolutely a difference-maker for us and allows our successes to be built upon and perpetuated." ■

Public Accounting Report 2011 Undergraduate Rankings

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|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Texas | 10. Ole Miss | 19. Virginia |
| 2. Illinois | 11. Michigan State | 20. Alabama |
| 3. Brigham Young | 12. Georgia | 21. Penn State |
| 4. Southern Cal | 13. Washington | 22. Miami Ohio |
| 5. Notre Dame | 14. Wisconsin | 23. CUNY Baruch College |
| 6. Michigan | 15. Pennsylvania | 24. NYU |
| 7. Indiana | 16. UNC Chapel Hill | 25. Wake Forest |
| 8. Texas A&M | 17. Florida | 26. Iowa |
| 9. Ohio State | 18. Missouri | 27. Arizona State |
| | | 28. Northern Illinois |
| | | 29. Tennessee |
| | | 30. Utah |

Patterson School of Accountancy

Faculty 2012



W. Mark Wilder,
Dean and KPMG Professor
PhD: Florida State University
MBA: University of South Alabama
BS: University of Alabama
Joined faculty: 1993



James W. Davis,
Peery Professor Emeritus
PhD: The University of Mississippi
MBA: The University of Mississippi
BS: The University of Mississippi
Joined faculty: 1965



Dale L. Flesher,
Associate Dean and Arthur Andersen Professor
PhD: University of Cincinnati
MA: Ball State University
BS: Ball State University
Joined faculty: 1977



Kendall O. Bowlin,
Assistant Professor
PhD: University of Texas-Austin
MAccy: The University of Mississippi
BBA: The University of Mississippi
Joined faculty: 2008



Victoria Dickinson,
Assistant Professor
PhD: University of Wisconsin
MS: St. Cloud State University
BS: St. Cloud State University
Joined faculty: 2010



Tonya K. Flesher,
Arthur Andersen Professor
PhD: The University of Mississippi
MA: Appalachian State University
BS: Ball State University
Joined faculty: 1979



Judith Cassidy,
Associate Professor
PhD: Texas Tech University
MBA: University of Texas at Arlington
BS: Tulane University
Joined faculty: 1989



Rick Elam,
Reynolds Professor of Accountancy
PhD: University of Missouri-Columbia
MA: University of Missouri
BS: Culver Stockton College
Joined faculty: 1999



Howard Lawrence,
Clinical Professor
PhD: The University of Mississippi
MBA: University of Memphis
BS: Christian Brothers University
Joined faculty: 2005



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MAccy: The University of Mississippi
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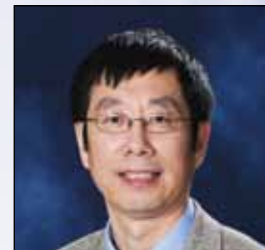
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Clinical Assistant Professor
JD: The University of Mississippi
MBA: The University of Mississippi
BS: Delta State University
Joined faculty: 1982



J Riley Shaw,
Associate Professor
PhD: Oklahoma State University
MS: Oklahoma State University
BS: Oklahoma State University
Joined faculty: 2002



Morris H. Stocks,
Provost and Professor
PhD: University of South Carolina
MS: Middle Tennessee State
 University
BS: Trevecca Nazarene University
Joined faculty: 1991



Karl Wang,
Associate Professor
PhD: University of South Carolina
MCAA: University of South Carolina
BA: Fudan University
Joined faculty: 2003



Mitch Wenger,
Assistant Professor
PhD: Virginia Commonwealth
 University
MBA: University of Texas
 at Arlington
BS: University of Illinois,
 Urbana-Champaign
Joined faculty: 2008

Patterson School of Accountancy

Internships Spring 2012

First Name	Last Name	Firm	Location
Ann	Atkinson	Deloitte	London
Stevie	Bankston	KPMG	Dallas, Texas
BJ	Barr	Deloitte	Memphis, Tenn.
Brennan	Black	BorgWarner	Water Valley
Patrick	Bleyer	PWC	Dallas, Texas
George	Boone	KPMG	Memphis, Tenn.
Laura	Cole	EY	Dallas, Texas
Domina	Cox	Dixon Hughes Goodman	Memphis, Tenn.
Bailey	Crenshaw	PWC	Atlanta, Ga.
Andrew	Dunbar	EY	Atlanta, Ga.
Grayson	Edwards	Tyson	Springdale, Ark.
Eric	Folk	KPMG	Memphis, Tenn.
Matthew	Garber	Deloitte	Houston, Texas
Mary Katherine	Graham	Deloitte	Nashville, Tenn.
Virginia	Grayson	KPMG	Memphis, Tenn.
Alyssa	Green	KPMG	Atlanta, Ga.
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He attributes his success to the foundation he received at the University of Mississippi.

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Accountancy graduate student Lee Harris (left) of Marietta, Ga., prepares to assist an Oxford resident with her tax filing on April 5 at the Stone Recreation Center in Oxford. At other tables are Jeffrey Logan (second from left) of Newton and Megan Toles of Oxford. The three students, enrolled in Professor Tonya Flesher's ACCY 603 course, Contemporary Issues in Taxation, volunteered to help with Tax-Aide. The AARP Foundation program offers tax assistance to people with low-to-medium incomes. The service was offered to the public each Thursday through the April filing deadline.

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Sixty-four University of Mississippi undergraduates were recognized this spring as recipients of Taylor Medals, the university's highest academic award. The awards recognize no more than 0.45 percent of undergraduates for meritorious scholarship and deportment. Recipients must have at least a 3.90 grade-point average.

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