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Ted Christensen

FROM THE DIRECTOR

I Can't Believe I'm Here! I first came to Athens 25 years ago as a grad student and graduated from the PhD program in 1995. While teaching at UGA was always a dream, I didn't think I would ever have the privilege of returning as a faculty member. However, that dream finally came true last year. Looking back on my first year as director, I'm so glad to be here!

News! You might have noticed a change in the way we communicate with you. We previously sent out a bi-annual "newsletter." We decided that twice a year was not the most efficient way to stay in touch with our alumni, friends, and other constituents. We now post almost daily on our Tull Facebook page, thanks to Aspen Kissell, our newest staff member. Please "like" our page and follow the news as it comes out! We're also on Twitter (@TerryAccounting). Please contact Aspen with any news (aspens.kissell@uga.edu)! Since we now post news as it happens through social media, we have replaced the bi-annual newsletter with this annual report.

Our Students are #1! Many of you may have already heard this announcement through social media, but we found out in May that our students were ranked first among large institutions in the first-time CPA exam pass rate. What a great testament to the quality and hard work of our students and the excellent training they receive from the faculty!

World Class! Speaking of our faculty, we are very fortunate to have one of the finest teams in the country and ultimately the world. Our faculty demand excellence in the classroom and push our students to achieve their highest potential, as evidenced by that CPA exam pass rate and our nearly perfect job-placement rate. However, our faculty also constitute one of the finest groups of scholars in the world. By one ranking encompassing both depth and breadth of faculty research, our faculty collectively rank 7th in the world!

We are joined this year by three experienced tenure-track faculty: Frank Heflin and Josh Lee (both from Florida State) and Justin Leiby (from the University of Florida). We also hired three new lecturers: Holley Schramski, Holly Hawk, and Jeff Lark. Finally, we have two changes on our staff, with Jessica Ammons moving to become our undergraduate academic advisor and Aspen Kissell joining our MAcc office. We welcome all of these great additions to the Tull Family!

As you may have heard, two of our longest-standing faculty members retired in August. Michael and Linda Bamber have decided to "hang up their cleats" and move on to other adventures after 26 years at Tull. While we hope to have many years of association with them as emeritus faculty, we'll miss their daily interactions in Brooks Hall. Thanks to Michael and Linda for decades of faithful mentoring!

All-Star Alums! I have been amazed this year as I've met UGA alums on campus and around the world. What impresses me the most is how passionately our alums feel about the Tull School of Accounting and Terry College of Business. Since I'm also an alum of Tull and Terry, I get it, but I'm so appreciative of how supportive you are of what we're trying to do as we continue to grow and improve. The latter part of this annual report is a tribute to our supporters. I try to send individual thank-you letters for your generous contributions, but please know how grateful we are for your willingness to "give back" and help us continue to provide outstanding educational opportunities for our students. You'll never know how much we appreciate your support!

Sincerely,
 Ted Christensen, *Director*
 J.M. Tull School of Accounting and
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Tull student and UGA track team member Kisean Smith.



Pictured here (from L to R): John Taylor, Steven Mroczkowski, Samantha Sick, Minmin Zhang, Steven Huynh, Grant Eddy.

Tull grads rank No. 1 for first-time CPA exam pass rates

Tull grads ranked No. 1 among large programs and No. 2 among all programs for first-time pass rates on the Certified Public Accountant exams during 2015.

According to the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, which proctors the test, Terry College BBA and MAcc students who took the CPA exam for the first time had an 88.4 percent pass rate.

“We are incredibly proud of the success our students are having in passing the CPA exam and the impact they are having in their careers and on their communities,” said Benjamin C. Ayers, dean of the Terry College. “This level of performance is

a great reflection of the caliber of our students and their work ethic, as well as the quality of our faculty and programs.”

This marks the fourth straight year that the college’s first-time pass rate has placed among the nation’s top five.

“We teach our students to be great thinkers and hard workers, but we don’t teach to the exam. That’s what makes this ranking all the more exciting,” said Ted Christensen, director of the Tull School. “We’ve long believed that providing a rigorous education will allow our students to be successful in their lives, and it’s always nice to see that success in action.”

STUDENT HONORS AND J.M. TULL SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTING 2016 SPRING HONORS BANQUET

The Tull 2016 Spring Honors Banquet was held April 21 at the Classic Center in Athens.

The guest speaker was Melaney Smith (BBA '89), founder of Books for Keeps, a Georgia-based organization that grew from an effort to help a second-grader who loved to read but had no books at home. A graduate of the Terry College of Business and the Tull School of Accounting, Smith took a yearlong break from her 25-year career in analytics to start a grassroots effort to provide books to children who might otherwise have none. After helping hire a full-time executive director, Smith returned to her corporate career in information security analytics for Symantec. She continues to serve Books for Keeps as a board member, tasked with strategic expansion to 15 additional Georgia schools. She was named a 2015 “Woman of Worth” by L’Oreal Paris in their 10th annual program recognizing women for making an impact on their communities. Melaney lives in Athens with her husband Bayne.



Melaney Smith



Grant Kising presenting Tina Carpenter with the 2016 Beta Alpha Psi Outstanding Graduate Teacher Award

In Spring 2015, Tull graduated the following Fellows and Scholars from the Leonard Leadership Program:

- BBA Fellows:**
 Katherine Davis
 Zachary Fenster
 Megan Fogle
 Robin Haas
 David Jacobs
 Shannon Tooley
 Abigail Weinstein
 Katherine Williams

- BBA Scholars:**
 Sarah Biondich
 Kathryn Hester
 Rachael Jay
 Jacob Naviaux
 Trevor Woodward

- MAcc Fellows:**
 Kevin Bevallard
 Eric Lehman

- MAcc Scholars:**
 Wilson Couture
 Daniel Fields
 Derek Cole
 Rhiana Ilago
 Christina Koch
 Matthew LaMontagne
 David Liow



Pictured here (from L to R): Ted Christensen, Zack Murphy, Elizabeth Schmidt, David Liow, Derek Hammock, Heather Houston, Brandon Keith, Kristen Tribble



Spring Student Honors Banquet, L to R: Ted Christensen, David Liow, Linda Bamber, Elizabeth Schmidt, Ben Whipple, Jason Gong

Spring Honors Banquet, L to R: Elizabeth Schmidt, Tom Cochran, Charles Witherington, Jessica Wang, Lauren Gentry, Taylor Graves, Jason Rogers, Deionna Jackson

STUDENT HONORS

Robert Richardson Rice Graduate Fellowship
Jenna Feagin

Voynich Family Graduate Fellowship
Christy Sims

Behrend Family Scholarship
Andrew Hester

E. Dan Smith Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award
Joseph Horenstein

Dr. Linda S. Bamber Graduate Scholarship
Mike Ricci

Federation of Schools of Accountancy Graduate Student Achievement Award
David Liow

Meli Arant Memorial Scholarship
Dibya Chuke

Paula Denise Baughtman Memorial Scholarship
Adriana Gutierrez-Sureza

Malcolm Byron Davis Memorial Scholarship
Thomas McGlone

Lisa L. Graves Memorial Scholarship
Hannah Butler

James David Holtz Memorial Scholarship
Brian Peek

Stuart S. Kennedy Memorial Scholarship
Sarah Lantz

Ceasare & Mary Laverne Maestri Scholarships
Matt Lynch
Abby Weinstein

Flexible Products Award
Jennifer Uher

Georgia Society of CPA's Academic Excellence Awards
Jason Gong
Elizabeth Hocking
Heather Houston
Erin Schultz

J.M. Tull School's Academic Excellence Awards
Torrie Chen
Stephen Crawford
Jason Gong
Charles Lai
Kay Nadeau
William Rogers

J.M. Tull Outstanding Tax Research Award
David Liow

Becker CPA Review Scholarships
Elizabeth Schmidt
Hanke Xiao

Roger CPA Review Scholarships
Karina Flores
Catherine Huggins

Gleim CPA Review Scholarships
Ashley Armfield
Margaret Copeland
Nicholas Vining
Danielle von Mehren

CPAexcel Review Scholarships
Taylor Graves
Anna Schoenbaechler

BDO USA Award
Brian Whitaker

Bennett Thrasher Award
Kristen Reichard

Cherry Bekaert's Your Guide Forward Scholarship
James Mitchell Fucetola

CohnReznick Scholarship
Victoria Francis

Crowe Horwath Outstanding Junior Scholar Awards
Lucy Cox
Maria Orlando

Crowe Horwath Outstanding Senior Scholar Award
Grant Kisling

Deloitte Academic Excellence Award
Alexandra Felsing

Deloitte Community Involvement Award
Ariel Waters

Dixon Hughes Goodman Scholarship
Ty Nelson

Elliott Davis Decosimo Scholarship
Trey Reece

Ernst & Young Outstanding Student Award
Ethan Bilkert

Frazier & Deeter Accounting Award
Abigail Deane

Grant Thornton Excellence in Community Service Award
Annelle Brunson

Grant Thornton Leadership Award
Deionna Jackson

Habif, Arogeti & Wynne's Merrill D. Wynne Scholarship
Warren Smith

HLB Gross Collins Scholarship
Summer Burnett

KPMG Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award
Rachel Cole

KPMG Outstanding Graduate Student Award
David Liow

Mauldin & Jenkins Scholarship
Addison Tate

Moore Colson Accounting Achievement Award
Jenna Fleming

Moore Stephens Tiller Scholarship
Eleanor Mann

Porter Keadle Moore's Dennis R. Beresford Scholarship
Hallie Ngo

PricewaterhouseCoopers Scholarship
Robin Haas

Smith & Howard Scholarship
Lory Deoleo

Turner Accounting Scholarship
Noah McCutcheon

Warren Averett Award
Julia Moldenhawer

Percy B. Yeargan Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher
John Campbell

Percy B. Yeargan Outstanding Graduate Teacher
Tina Carpenter

BAP Advisor's Award
Grant Kisling

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED AWARDS

Beta Alpha Psi Fall & Spring 2016 Initiates

Daniel Bart	Eleanor Mann
Michael Browning	Christina Martin
Hannah Butler	Julia Moldenhawer
Mengqi Chen	Brandon Nichols
Dibya Chuke	Gabriella Pagano
Rachel Cole	Brian Peek
Jack Fitzwater	James Reece
Karina Flores	Kristen Reichard
James Fucetola	Lindsay Schaad
Michael Goldman	Ryan Sermonet
Kristin Hannon	Zachary Stephenson
Brenden Hull	Coleman Sykes
Adeyinka Joseph	Jennifer Uher
Blue Kim	Ariel Waters
John Lee	Hanke Xiao
Charles Lei	

2016 Deer Run Fellows

Rebecca Cessna
Robin Haas
Abby Weinstein

Who's Who

Blue Kim

UGA Graduate School 2015-2016 Assistantships

Jason Gong
Heather Houston
Elizabeth Schmidt

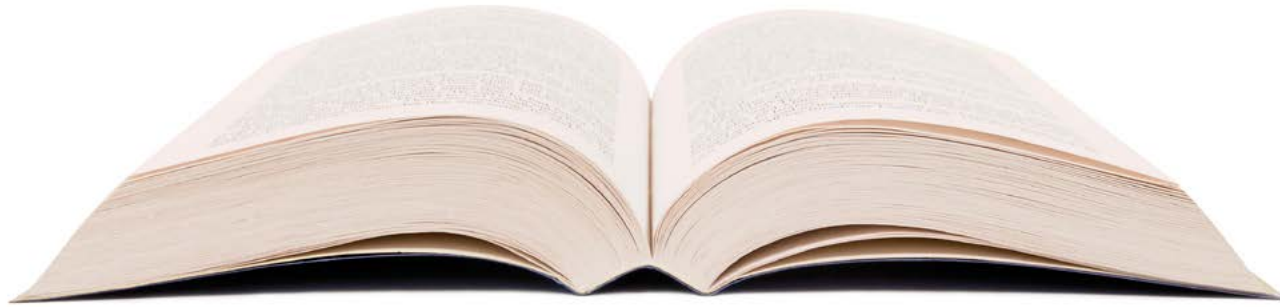
EY GMAT Scholarship

Ramoni Barnhart
David Bui
Lory Deoleo
Deionna Jackson

FASB/GASB & PCAOB Nominees

Colton Huebner
Allison McElreath
Elizabeth Schmidt*
Erin Shultz
Jaclyn Speer*

*accepted position



Shelby Collins: Why I Wrote a Research Textbook

Since graduating with my MAcc from Tull in 2002, my career has focused primarily on technical accounting research, first at the Financial Accounting Standards Board as a postgraduate technical assistant, then in KPMG's accounting advisory services group and finally in the accounting policy and research group at Exelon Corporation in Chicago. In each of these roles, I focused on the application of technical accounting guidance to complex and judgmental transactions (such as leases, derivatives, consolidation, and the like), and on the implementation of new accounting standards. A key deliverable of this work was to write and review accounting issues and policy memoranda, as well as to ensure consistency in our positions taken across the organization.

It was through these experiences that I learned an important lesson: Accounting research and communication skills can really take you places! Even from an early stage in my career, I was frequently included in meetings with top finance professionals where key transactions were discussed.

In 2010, my husband's job as an FBI agent brought us to Buffalo, NY. In order to enjoy time with our growing family, I dialed

my career back slightly, taking on a part-time position teaching accounting research at the University of Buffalo. (We now have three daughters, ages 7, 5 and 2).

This leads me to the textbook. In teaching the research course, I was surprised to learn that no hands-on, practical textbook was available that would teach students to research the way professionals do. Seeing this need, and recognizing the importance of research skills, I set out to write my own book. When I ran the idea past Denny Beresford, he was immediately supportive and volunteered to review each chapter as I wrote it. All told, this writing and review process took about a year and a half. As I completed each chapter, my publisher sent the drafts to a selection of other accounting research instructors, whose feedback further contributed to the quality of the book. These same instructors began requesting the chance to use the manuscript — immediately — in their own courses.

Today, *Skills for Accounting Research* is in its third edition and is the primary textbook for accounting research courses at an ever-growing number of schools, including the University of Georgia, Notre Dame, Indiana University, Boston University, Brigham Young University and more. The course itself is rapidly catching on as an essential curriculum requirement, as schools recognize the value of research, communication and critical-thinking skills for their graduates.

What's more, many schools are beginning to introduce research skills at the intermediate level as well. What better way to learn gross vs. net accounting, for example, than by applying codification guidance to a case study? My publisher will soon release *A Guide to Intermediate Accounting Research* featuring key chapters from the broader text.

I will always, always be grateful for my Tull education and the professors who invested in me, both personally and professionally. Although my career has not taken a traditional course, the strong foundation and network from Tull have helped me to forge a career path that allows great flexibility. Remember the open doors you'd pass whenever you walked through Brooks Hall? Those doors are still open to us, long after graduation.



L-R: Mathew, Lily, Shelby, Paige, and Claire Collins

BRIAN STANISZEWSKI: SEC PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING FELLOW

Brian Staniszewski (MAcc '06) has been admitted into a three-year Professional Accounting Fellowship in the Office of the Chief Accountant at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. This prestigious and competitive fellowship provides the opportunity to work closely with the SEC's chief accountant as well as other divisions within the SEC to support the office's overall mission.

The PAF program, which began in 1972, provides participants with outstanding opportunities for public service to investors, personal development and career advancement. During the three-year program, Fellows participate in the study and development of rule proposals under the federal securities laws, liaise with accounting, auditing and other professional standard-setting bodies, and consult with registrants on reporting matters.

Upon receiving his MAcc degree, Staniszewski headed north to take part in a one-year rotation at the Financial Accounting Standards Board in Norwalk, CT. After leaving FASB, he joined PricewaterhouseCoopers in New York and worked his way from senior associate to senior manager. After his first year as a senior manager, he was tapped to take part in a two-year rotation at PwC's national office, working in the Accounting Services Group. He planned to return to New York after the rotation, but firm leaders asked him to consider the PAF program.

Staniszewski says he was extremely honored when he learned that he had been nominated for the fellowship opportunity by PwC's selection committee, and gladly accepted. After a rigorous application process and interview, he was ecstatic to learn he was chosen for the program, and joined the SEC in July 2015.

One of the most rewarding aspects of his job is that every day is different and presents a new set of challenges. Staniszewski spends considerable time consulting with public companies on the appropriate accounting and financial reporting for various transactions. The issues that come to the Office of the Chief Accountant are typically the most challenging and complex accounting issues the SEC considers in practice.

Another aspect of Staniszewski's responsibilities is standards setting. The SEC staff takes an active role in working with the FASB staff in the development of new accounting standards. As the regulator for all publicly listed companies in the United States, the SEC has a unique insight into current accounting trends and



Emily and Brian Staniszewski with son, William.

practice issues that are shared with FASB on a real-time basis. Staniszewski's role also includes supporting other divisions within the SEC. One example is the Division of Enforcement on SEC litigation cases brought against parties who commit fraud, insider trading or securities violations. When the division conducts an investigation that involves an accounting issue, whether it is a misapplication of accounting rules or fraud, Staniszewski may be called upon to provide assistance to determine whether accounting rules have been violated. While he acknowledges the three years in the PAF program will fly by, he is soaking up as much as he can by working with some of the brightest minds in the profession.

Staniszewski attributes his professional accomplishments to the strong foundation he built as a student in the Terry College of Business and the Tull School of Accounting. He earned a BBA in finance from UGA in 1999, and spent several years working as an equity analyst before returning to UGA to earn a BBA in Accounting and a MAcc degree in 2006. Staniszewski is a CPA licensed in New York and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. He currently resides in Arlington, VA, with his wife, Emily; 11-month-old son, William; and 4-year-old Cooper (a slightly overweight beagle mix). They love Arlington, but sometimes miss the excitement of Manhattan.



Brian Staniszewski

"Few individuals possess Brian's deep foundational knowledge of accounting concepts as well as world-class subject matter expertise in as many diverse areas — derivatives, debt vs. equity, consolidations and income taxes. Coupled with his personal humility and understated sense of humor, he is simply an outstanding professional, and I'm proud that Brian has been able to leverage his PwC experience to further serve the capital markets as a Professional Accounting Fellow at the SEC." — Mike Gallagher, managing partner, assurance quality, PwC



Longtime faculty Michael and Linda Bamber are retiring after over 26 years with the Tull School. Both will remain active in their service to the accounting field and as emeritus faculty.

Michael Bamber joined Tull in 1990 as an associate professor. He has been the Harold M. Heckman Chair of Public Accounting since 2003, focusing on audit in both teaching and research. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in economics at Australia's Monash University and his PhD at Ohio State.

Published in all of the major accounting journals, Michael ranks among the top five percent of the most prolific accounting authors over the past 50 years. He has held editorial positions with the *Journal of Accounting Literature*, *Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory*, *The Accounting Review* and *Behavioral Research in Accounting*. He also served as president of the Auditing Section of the American Accounting Association (AAA), and has chaired numerous section committees.

LINDA AND A LEGACY

Michael has worked extensively with accounting students at the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels. "He takes special interest in his students' career prospects, following up on their progress with job hunting and working behind the scenes to assist those having trouble," say fellow faculty members Tina Carpenter and Jackie Hammersley. "He also pays attention to the large and small details that affect the impressions students make during interviews, from evaluating their presentation skills down to critiquing their handshakes and introductions."

Former student Holly Thomas notes, "Dr. Bamber's watchful eye went well beyond the classroom. He cares about the success of his students and is going to go above and beyond to help them achieve their potential."

Michael has made significant contributions to auditing education and scholarship through his immersion in work with doctoral students, junior co-authors and junior colleagues. He has taught the experimental auditing doctoral seminar at UGA for 20 years, has participated in five doctoral consortiums and has co-presented a seminar titled "Publishing Your Research" at 11 institutions around the world. He has also chaired 11 dissertations and participated as a reading committee member on 16 more.

In their combined total of over 50 years with Tull, Michael's and Linda's contributions to the field of accounting in education and research are staggering, but the impact they have had on the lives of colleagues and thousands of students is the greatest and most enduring aspect of their legacy.

In 2013, Michael was the recipient of the AAA Outstanding Audit Educator Award, one of many accolades he has received for excellence in teaching.

Linda Bamber has been with the school since 1990. She joined the faculty as an associate professor, was the Harold M. Heckman Chair of Public Accounting from 1999 to 2002, and has been the Tull Chair of Accounting for the last 13 years. Linda earned her BS in accounting at Wake Forest, her MBA at

MICHAEL BAMBER, OF EXCELLENCE

Arizona State, and PhD at Ohio State.

Her teaching and research focus on managerial accounting, and she has been published in almost every major academic journal in accounting and finance, serving in editorial capacities for the majority of them. She is the former managing editor for *The Accounting Review*, the flagship journal of the AAA. She has been a co-author of five accounting textbooks. Tull department head Ted Christensen has called her "one of the greatest researchers of our time."

Linda has been especially active in the AAA for the span of her career at Tull. Among her many service roles within the association, she has been involved with the New Faculty Consortium as a group leader, speaker and committee chair. She has served on the AAA Governing Council, Nominations Committee, Research Advisory Committee and on the Steering and Advisory Board to the FARS.

Her teaching history is as impressive as her research record. Over the years she has earned several commendations on her teaching, including the AAA 2009 Outstanding Accounting Educator Award.

A mentor to graduate students, Linda has chaired the dissertations of several, including Isabel Wang, associate professor at Michigan State. "Every time I left the office late at night, the light in Linda's office was still on. Knowing that a well-established chaired professor was working harder than I was working motivated me to reach my fullest potential," says Wang. "She helped me shape and define my career as a PhD student and focus my efforts during my first few years as an assistant professor at Michigan State University. Looking back at the long way I have come, I know I would not have achieved anything had it not been for Linda's invaluable guidance and selfless giving of her time and effort. Because of Linda, I became a better scholar, better teacher and a better person."



L to R: Linda Bamber, Ben Ayers, Michael Bamber, Ted Christensen.



The Bammers at a celebration of their retirement with past and present PhD students. Pictured here from L to R: 1st row: Cheryl Allen, Michael Bamber; 2nd row: Mary Callahan Hill, Linda Bamber, Isabel Wang; 3rd row: Suzanne Sevin, Lisa Hinson, David Koo; 4th row: Steve Utke, John Jiang, Ted Christensen, Jeremy Griffin, Chad Simon

MEET OUR FACULTY

Stephen P. Baginski is the Herbert E. Miller Chair in Financial Accounting at the Tull School. He received his PhD from the University of Illinois in 1986, and has taught at several institutions, including Indiana University, Northeastern University, Florida State University, the University of St. Gallen, the Swiss Banking Institute at the University of Zurich, INSEAD and more. He has published articles in journals such as *The Accounting Review*, *Journal of Accounting Research*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, *The Review of Accounting Studies*, *The Journal of Risk and Insurance*, *Quarterly Review of Finance and Economics* and *Review of Quantitative Finance and Accounting*. He sits on the editorial board of *The Accounting Review*, and is an associate editor at *Review of Quantitative Finance and Accounting*. He has won numerous undergraduate and graduate teaching awards at the department, college and university levels.



Tim Bentsen, CPA, is a part-time lecturer in the MAcc program, teaching Accounting Policy to many Tull graduates. He joined the Tull School faculty in the fall of 2013, after retiring as an audit partner from KPMG. He spent the last 19 years of his career in the Atlanta office of KPMG, where he served in a variety of leadership roles, including the Atlanta office managing partner and Southeast area managing partner, both of which placed him in national leadership positions. He was very active with KPMG's Audit Committee Institute as a regular speaker on corporate governance matters, and served as a frequent speaker for the National Association of Corporate Directors and the Terry College Annual Board Governance Summit. He currently serves on the boards for Synovus Financial Corp., Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Inc. and RidgeWorth Funds.



Denny Beresford, CPA, CMA, is Executive-in-Residence at the Tull School, having formerly been the Ernst & Young Executive Professor of Accounting. Prior to coming to UGA, he was chairman of the Financial Accounting Standards Board for 10 years, and before that a senior partner with Ernst & Young. He has served on the board of directors and as chairman of the audit committees of five large public companies. Among his various awards are an honorary doctorate from DePaul University, the American Institute of CPAs' Gold Medal for Distinguished Service, the Institute of Management Accountants' Distinguished Member Award and inclusion in the Accounting Hall of Fame as well as the Financial Executives International's Hall of Fame.



Swati Bhandarkar, CPA, is a full-time lecturer and a Tull School alumna, having completed her MAcc at UGA. She primarily teaches Principles of Financial Accounting to approximately 1,500 students each year. In addition, she teaches Principles of Financial Accounting online during the summer semesters as well as a Survey of Accounting course. Prior to joining the Tull School, Swati taught a variety of accounting courses at the Athens Technical College and worked as a staff accountant at Merial Inc.



John L. Campbell, PhD, CPA, is an associate professor of accounting, EY Faculty Fellow, and PhD coordinator at the Terry College. He received a BS degree in analytical finance from Wake Forest University, an MS degree in accountancy from Wake Forest University, a PhD in management from the University of Arizona and a CPA certificate in the state of Illinois. At the Tull School, he teaches Intermediate Accounting, for which he has been recognized with teaching awards at the department, college and university levels. His research focuses on how accounting information is valued in the capital markets, and is published in journals such as the *Review of Financial Studies*, *Review of Accounting Studies*, *Contemporary Accounting Research* and *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*. He has presented his research throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, China and Singapore.



Tina D. Carpenter, PhD, CPA, is an associate professor of accounting and EY Faculty Fellow. Her research investigates the prevention and detection of fraudulent financial reporting. She has received the AAA Auditing Section Outstanding Dissertation Award and the AAA Deloitte Wildman Medal Award. She has published in journals such as *The Accounting Review*, *Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory*, *Accounting Horizons*, *Behavioral Research in Accounting*, *Journal of Business Ethics* and *Issues in Accounting Education*. She has been invited twice to serve on a fraud panel at the PCAOB, and her research has been cited by the PCAOB, the SEC and *TIME* magazine. She has been recognized for teaching excellence with awards at the department, college and university levels. Prior to obtaining her PhD, she was a senior auditor with Arthur Andersen.



BUILDING TERRY

The Business Learning Community, future home of the Terry College of Business, is under construction at the intersection of Lumpkin and Baxter streets. Currently in its second phase, the 285,000-square-foot complex will be built in three parts. The first phase, Correll Hall, was completed in July 2015 and houses classrooms for graduate programs, a business innovation lab, multiple project team rooms, and staff offices. The second phase, three buildings anchored by Amos Hall, will be completed in July 2017. Phase II is the largest phase at 140,000 square feet, and will house two auditoriums, eight classrooms, a capital markets lab, music business recording lab and an undergraduate commons. The third phase will include the final two buildings consisting of additional classrooms, project team rooms, offices and a sales and behavioral lab.





Jennifer L. Chapman, JD, CPA, is a senior lecturer in the Tull School, and serves as director of the MAcc Program and as the Tull School AACSB coordinator. She holds a both a BBA in accounting and a MAcc in taxation from the Tull School as well as a Juris Doctorate from the UGA School of Law. Chapman teaches primarily in the MAcc Program's taxation track. Prior to joining Tull in fall 2015, she was the assistant dean for operations and an associate professor of legal studies and accounting in Georgia Gwinnett College's School of Business. While there, Chapman was selected as a 2014 Governor's Teaching Fellow. She also has experience both as a CPA with PriceWaterhouseCoopers and as a practicing tax attorney. She has also served as a part-time instructor at the UGA School of Law for over 10 years, teaching various tax planning courses as well as a course on accounting for lawyers.



Margaret Christ, PhD, CIA, is an associate professor and a PwC Faculty Fellow. Her research focuses broadly on management control systems, including their effects on the organization and its employees. She has earned several research awards from the American Accounting Association and her research is published in peer-reviewed journals, including *The Accounting Review*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, *Accounting, Organizations and Society*, *Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory*, *Accounting Horizons* and *The Journal of Management Accounting Research*. She is an editor for *The Journal of Management Accounting Research* and serves on the editorial boards of *Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory*, *Accounting Horizons* and *Behavioral Research in Accounting*. She is currently working with the Ernst and Young Academic Resource Center to develop educational materials on the "analytics mindset."



Ted Christensen is director and Terry Distinguished Chair of Business in the Tull School. Prior to coming to UGA, he was on the faculty at Brigham Young University and Case Western Reserve University. He received a BS degree in accounting at San Jose State University, a MAcc degree in tax at Brigham Young University, and a PhD in accounting from UGA. He is an associate editor of the *Journal of Business Finance & Accounting*. His research focuses on voluntary disclosure and more particularly non-GAAP reporting and management earnings forecasts. He has authored and co-authored articles published in many journals, including *The Accounting Review*, *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, *Journal of Accounting Research*, *Review of Accounting Studies*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, *Accounting Organizations and Society*, *the Journal of Business Finance & Accounting*, *the Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance*, *Accounting Horizons* and *Issues in Accounting Education*.



Karen Czarick is a part-time instructor at Tull and received both her AB and MEd in English at UGA. She worked as a writer in the advertising industry before joining Tull in 1993 and serves as a writing consultant and editor for the School in addition to teaching Professional Accounting I and II. Professional Accounting I provides an opportunity for accounting professionals in both public accounting and industry to connect with current Tull students through guest lectures. Professional Accounting II focuses on the development of students' interpersonal and written communications skills.



Amanda Farmer, CPA, has been a full-time lecturer in the Tull School since 2006. She is also a UGA alumna, having received her BBA and MAcc degrees from UGA. After graduation, she worked for Trinity Accounting Group in Athens and ran her own company, DolCor Inc., which provided tax and accounting services to business and individual clients. Her primary area of teaching is managerial accounting. She also serves as the faculty advisor for Beta Alpha Psi, Tull's accounting honors fraternity.



Marianne Fortuna, CPA, CGMA, EDB, is a full-time lecturer for the Terry College of Business where she teaches accounting, finance and statistics at UGA's Griffin campus. She has more than 30 years experience in accounting and financial operations, with an expertise ranging from directing major project initiatives to leading large organizations in Fortune 100 companies. She has held senior positions in multinational corporations, and has traveled extensively throughout the world. She believes that combining her practical and theoretical experiences helps her students understand and enter the business world well-prepared.



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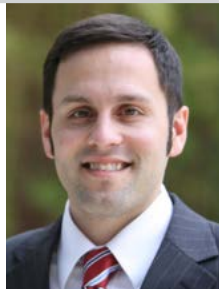
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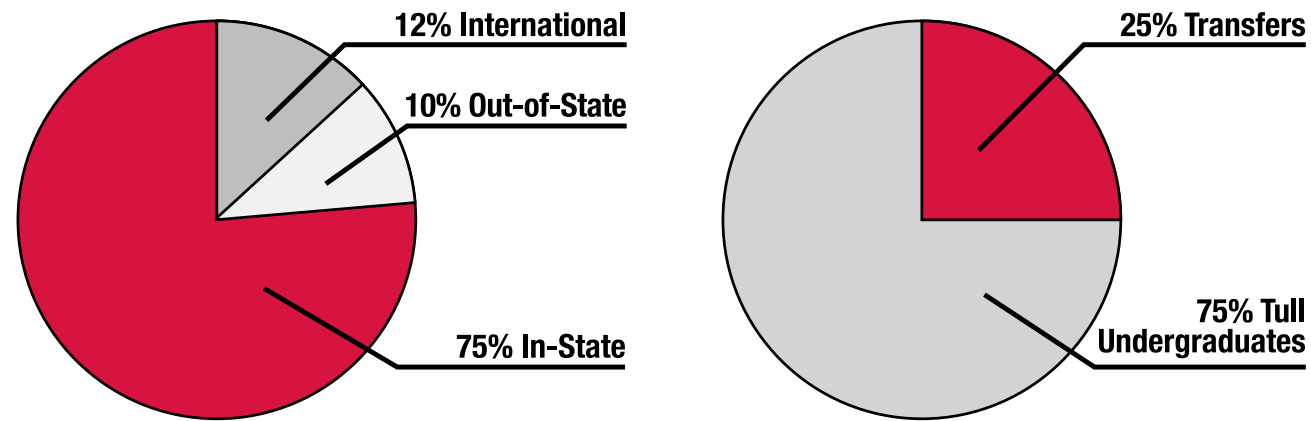
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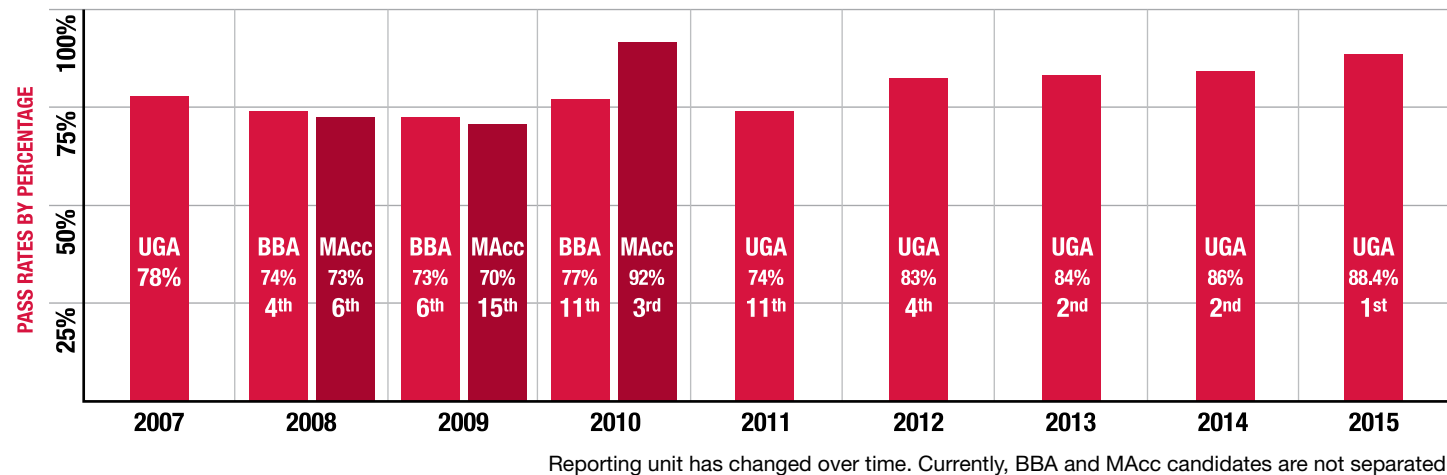
Tull student and UGA football team member Matthew Herzwurm

TULL SCHOOL STATS

MAcc PROGRAM



CPA EXAM PASS RATES



DEMAND FOR STUDENTS

(Internships: BBA and MAcc)

	2013-14
National/Intl. Firms	91
Local/Regional firms	62
Industry	28
Government	1
Other	6
Total	187

GPA

Average Accounting Undergraduate GPA:

3.40

Average Overall Accounting GPA:

3.61

FACULTY ACTIVITIES



Tina Carpenter (front row third from left) was one of only 12 professors from across the University honored as a 2015 University of Georgia Teaching Academy Fellow.

Bridget Stomberg has been named a 2016-2018 Lilly Teaching Fellow. The Lilly Fellows program selects only 10 assistant professors each year from across the entire University. It honors excellence in teaching and research and encourages collaboration across disciplines to develop best practices.



Jenny Gaver taught in Verona, Italy this past spring.



This spring, the Christensen family hosted a luncheon at their home to celebrate the end of the school year. The event was prefaced by a "sprint triathlon." Several members of the Tull family participated in one or more of the phases, which included laps at the UGA Ramsey Center pool, a 15-mile bike ride to the Christensen's farm in Oconee County, and a 5K run/walk. Top, the Whipple and Campbell families enjoy "Lake Christensen." Bottom, Triathletes (L to R) John Campbell, Michael Bamber, Jason Matthews, Ted Christensen, Jennifer Chapman, and Bridget Stomberg.



Erin Towery's paper, "The Effect of Mandatory Financial Statement Disclosures of Tax Uncertainty on Tax Reporting and Collections: The Case of FIN 48 and Multistate Tax Avoidance," received the *Journal of the American Taxation Association* Outstanding Paper Award.

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