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EDUCATION

University of Florida

2022 - 2027

Ph.D., Accounting

2026 Deloitte Foundation Doctoral Fellow

Miami University

2015 - 2019

M.A., Economics, B.S., Mathematics and Statistics, B.A., Economics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ernst & Young (EY) LLP

2019 - 2022

Senior, International Tax and Transfer Pricing, Cincinnati, OH

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I study information asymmetry between regulators, insiders, and market participants, with an emphasis on tax policymaking and enforcement. Additionally, I examine how accounting human capital is developed and help mitigate these information asymmetries.

WORKING PAPERS

[1] Shadow Lobbying During Tax Audits

(sole-authored dissertation)

- Presentations: UNC Tax Symposium (2026), Georgetown University (2026), Tax Foundation (2026), Geospatial Business Analytics Conference (2026), RADS (2026), AAA/J. Michael Cook/Deloitte Doctoral Consortium (2026), SESARC (2026), European Conference on Current Research in Taxation (2026), Stigler Center-CEPR Political Economy of Finance Conference (*Scheduled* 2026)
- Best Paper Award & Best Presenter Award (Rutgers Accounting Doctoral Symposium 2026)

[2] IRS Officials' Stock Holdings and Corporate Tax Outcomes

(with Michael A. Mayberry and Scott G. Rane)

- Revise & Resubmit, *Journal of Accounting Research*
- Presentations: JATA Conference (2025), Bretton Woods Accounting and Finance Ski Conference (2025), Indiana University* (2025, *Rane*), National Tax Association 118th Annual Conference (2025)
- *Developed from first-year proposal*
- SSRN Top Ten Downloads Rank: #1 in Tax for May-June 2025; #4 in Accounting for May-June 2025.
- Media: [Boston Globe](#), [Cato Institute](#), [Marginal Revolution](#), [Milken Institute Review](#), [National Affairs](#)

[3] Adaptation in the Accounting Labor Supply

(with W. Robert Knechel and Paul E. Madsen)

- Presentations: UF (2024), AAA Annual Meeting (2025), Florida Accounting Symposium (2025), NHH Norwegian School of Economics* (2025, *Knechel*), Aalto University* (2025, *Knechel*), Hawaii Accounting Research Conference (2026), Auditing Midyear Meeting (2026), Labor and Accounting Group Conference (2026)
- *Developed from second-year summer paper*

[4] When Do Accountants Matter? Evidence from Random Allocation of Tax Experts

(with Kevin Munch and Marvin Nipper)

- Presentations: LMU Munich* (2026, *Nipper*), EAA Annual Meeting* (2026, *Nipper*), Kent State University* (*Scheduled* 2026, *Munch*), NHH EngageEU Tax Seminar (*Scheduled* 2026)

[5] Sharing to Grow: Coopetition In The Form of Corporate Scientific Publications

(with Arion Cheong, Iris (Yi) Chen, and Jennifer Wu Tucker)

- Presentations: University of Alberta Accounting Research Conference* (2026, *Tucker*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Federal Income Tax I, University of Florida Fall 2025

Instructor Rating: Mean: 4.94/5.00, Median: 5.00/5.00

Graduate Federal Income Tax II, University of Florida Fall 2025

Instructor Rating: Mean: 4.92/5.00, Median: 5.00/5.00

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Stigler Center-CEPR Political Economy of Finance Conference Scheduled 2026

NHH EngageEU Tax Seminar Scheduled 2026

European Conference on Current Research in Taxation, Amsterdam 2026

Southeast Summer Accounting Research Conference (SESARC) 2026

AAA/J. Michael Cook/Deloitte Foundation Doctoral Consortium 2026

Rutgers Accounting Doctoral Symposium 2026

Tax Foundation 2026

Geospatial Business Analytics Conference 2026

UNC Tax Symposium 2026

Georgetown University 2026

Labor and Accounting Group Conference, Charlottesville 2026

AAA Auditing Midyear Meeting 2026

Hawaii Accounting Research Conference 2026

National Tax Association 118th Annual Conference, Boston 2025

Florida Accounting Symposium 2025

AAA Annual Meeting 2025

Bretton Woods Accounting and Finance Ski Conference 2025

Journal of the American Taxation Association Conference 2025

Florida Accounting Symposium (Selected, Canceled due to Hurricane Helene) 2024

GRACE Conference, Emory University 2023

University of Florida 2023-2025

DISCUSSIONS

European Conference on Current Research in Taxation, Amsterdam 2026

University of Illinois Tax Symposium Doctoral Consortium 2025

AAA Annual Meeting (2x) 2025

GRACE Conference, Emory University 2023

MEDIA COVERAGE

Milken Institute Review , “IRS Officials’ Stock Holdings”	<i>August 6, 2025</i>
Cato Institute , “Research Briefs in Economic Policy”	<i>August 6, 2025</i>
Boston Globe , “It pays to work at the IRS”	<i>May 28, 2025</i>
National Affairs , “IRS Officials’ Stock Holdings and Corporate Tax Outcomes”	<i>May 27, 2025</i>
Marginal Revolution , “IRS Officials’ Stock Holdings and Corporate Tax Outcomes”	<i>May 11, 2025</i>

SERVICE

Ad-Hoc Reviewer:

Research in International Business and Finance; Journal of International Accounting, Auditing, and Taxation; ATA Midyear Meetings; FARS Midyear Meetings

HONORS AND AWARDS

Best Presenter Award, Rutgers Accounting Doctoral Symposium 2026	<i>2026</i>
Best Paper Award, Rutgers Accounting Doctoral Symposium 2026	<i>2026</i>
Deloitte Foundation Doctoral Fellowship Award	<i>2026</i>
Dr. Bipin Ajinkya PhD Award	<i>2024</i>
ATA Doctoral Consortium Fellow	<i>2023, 2024</i>
FARS Doctoral Consortium Fellow	<i>2023</i>
Grinter Fellowship, University of Florida	<i>2022-2027</i>
<i>Paul M. Vail Award</i> , Department of Economics, Miami University	<i>2019</i>
University Honors, Miami University	<i>2019</i>
Redhawk Excellence Scholarship (Full Tuition), Miami University	<i>2015-2019</i>

ACADEMIC VISITS

Georgetown University McDonough School of Business	<i>Spring 2026</i>
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OTHER CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Hawaii Accounting Research Doctoral Institute (HARDI)	<i>2026</i>
University of Illinois Symposium on Tax Research	<i>2025</i>
<i>Contemporary Accounting Research</i> Conference	<i>2024</i>
PCAOB Conference on Auditing and Capital Markets	<i>2024</i>
AAA Annual Meeting	<i>2024</i>
ATA Midyear Meeting	<i>2023-2025</i>
FARS Midyear Meeting	<i>2023</i>
Florida Accounting Symposium	<i>2022</i>

PREDOCTORAL RESEARCH

Parliament of India, Legislative Fellow, Tax and International Human Capital	<i>2017</i>
Media Article (co-authored with Athreya Mukunthan)	
J-PAL, Research Intern	<i>2016</i>

SKILLS/HOBBIES

Technical Skills	Python, R, Julia, Stata, SAS, QGIS
Methodological Interests	Geospatial data, spatial econometrics, structured generation
Personal Interests	Cricket, trivia, international cinema, coaching high school debate