

# EASHWAR NAGARAJ

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## EDUCATION

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- University of Florida** *2022 - 2027*  
Ph.D., Business Administration (Accounting)
- Miami University - Oxford** *2015 - 2019*  
M.A., Economics  
B.S., Mathematics and Statistics  
B.A., Economics

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Ernst & Young (EY) LLP** *2019 - 2022*  
Senior — International Tax and Transfer Pricing, Cincinnati, OH

## WORKING PAPERS

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### **Shadow Lobbying During Tax Audits**

*(sole-authored dissertation)*

- Presentations: University of Florida (2025), Georgetown University (2026), UNC Tax Symposium (2026), Geospatial Business Analytics Conference (2026), Tax Foundation (2026), SESARC (2026), 16<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Current Research in Taxation (*Scheduled 2026*)
- Best Paper Award & Best Presenter Award (Rutgers Accounting Doctoral Symposium 2026)

### **IRS Officials' Stock Holdings and Corporate Tax Outcomes**

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

- Revising for resubmission, *Journal of Accounting Research*
- Presentations: *Journal of the American Taxation Association* Conference (2025), Bretton Woods Accounting and Finance Ski Conference (2025), Indiana University (2025, *Rane*), National Tax Association 118<sup>th</sup> 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 Coverage: [Boston Globe](#), [Cato Institute](#), [Marginal Revolution](#), [Milken Institute Review](#), [National Affairs](#)

### **Adaptation in the Accounting Labor Supply**

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

- Preparing for submission
- Presentations: University of Florida (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*

## **How and When Do Accountants Matter? Evidence from Random Allocation of Tax Experts**

*(with Kevin Munch and Marvin Nipper)*

Presentations: LMU Munich (2026, *Nipper*), European Accounting Association Annual Meeting (*Scheduled, Nipper*), Kent State University (*Scheduled 2026, Munch*)

### **SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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#### **Investors' Lay Theories of Accounting: A Mixed Methods Approach**

*(with Dan Rimkus and Brian J. White)*

#### **Data Centers and Municipal Bond Yields**

*(with Kyoungwon Kim and Gabriel Pundrich)*

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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European Conference on Current Research in Taxation (Presenter, Discussant)	<i>Scheduled 2026</i>
Southeast Summer Accounting Research Conference (Presenter)	<i>Scheduled 2026</i>
Rutgers Accounting Doctoral Symposium (Presenter)	<i>2026</i>
Tax Foundation	<i>2026</i>
Geospatial Business Analytics Conference (Presenter)	<i>2026</i>
UNC Tax Symposium (Presenter)	<i>2026</i>
Georgetown University	<i>2026</i>
Labor and Accounting Group Conference (Presenter)	<i>2026</i>
Auditing Midyear Meeting (Presenter)	<i>2026</i>
Hawaii Accounting Research Conference (Presenter)	<i>2026</i>
National Tax Association 118 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (Presenter)	<i>2025</i>
Florida Accounting Symposium (Presenter)	<i>2025</i>
University of Illinois Tax Symposium Doctoral Consortium (Discussant)	<i>2025</i>
AAA Annual Meeting (Presenter, Discussant x2)	<i>2025</i>
Bretton Woods Accounting and Finance Ski Conference (Presenter)	<i>2025</i>
Journal of the American Taxation Association Conference (Presenter)	<i>2025</i>
Florida Accounting Symposium (Canceled, Hurricane Helene)	<i>2024</i>
GRACE Conference, Emory University (Presenter, Discussant)	<i>2023</i>
University of Florida	<i>2023-2025</i>

### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

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

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Graduate Federal Income Tax I, University of Florida	<i>Fall 2025</i>
<i>Instructor Rating: Mean: 4.94/5.00, Median: 5.00/5.00</i>	

## SERVICE

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Ad-Hoc Reviewer:

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

## PERSONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

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

## ACADEMIC VISITS

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Georgetown University McDonough School of Business	Spring 2026
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## OTHER CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

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University of Illinois Symposium on Tax Research, Chicago, IL	2025
Contemporary Accounting Research Conference, Toronto, ON	2024
PCAOB Conference on Auditing and Capital Markets, Washington, DC	2024
AAA Annual Meeting	2024
ATA Midyear Meeting	2023-2025
FARS Midyear Meeting	2023
Florida Accounting Symposium	2022

## PREDOCTORAL RESEARCH

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Master's Thesis: <i>"Skilled Immigration During the Great Recession"</i>	2019
Parliament of India, Legislative Fellow, Tax and International Human Capital <a href="#">Media Article</a> (co-authored with Athreya Mukunthan)	2017
J-PAL, Research Intern	2016

## SKILLS/HOBBIES

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<b>Technical Skills</b>	Python, R, Julia, Stata, SAS, QGIS
<b>Methodological Interests</b>	Geospatial data, spatial econometrics, structured generation
<b>Personal Interests</b>	Cricket, trivia, international cinema, coaching HS debate