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Caroline Chen

Before starting at SJSU this fall, Caroline was the Director of the Low Income Tax Clinic at Santa Clara Law, where she supervised students providing pro bono services and representation before the IRS for low-income taxpayers for the 5 years. She was also an Assistant Clinical Professor of Law and taught Federal Income Tax, International Tax and Tax Practice & Procedure.

Before creating the Tax Clinic, Caroline was a senior attorney at the Office of Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service in San Jose for 13 years, primarily with the Large Business & International Division, specializing in international corporate tax. She has also been an adjunct professor at Golden Gate University, where she taught Federal Tax Practice and Procedure, and worked at Ernst & Young as a tax consultant before joining the IRS.

Caroline received her LL.M in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center, her Juris Doctor from Washington College of Law, American University, and her B.S. from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. After receiving her J.D., she clerked for the Honorable Deborah Robinson of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Kelly Gaffaney—Business Technology Partner Technology Sector Leader - West Deloitte Tax LLP

Kelly has been providing innovative tax solutions and quality client service to taxpayers for 20 years. She has served both private and publicly-held companies from start-ups to large multinational corporations primarily in the technology, life sciences and manufacturing industries. She specializes in accounting for income taxes, consolidated tax returns, corporate reorganizations, and accounting methods. Kelly works with several multinational companies and teams within Deloitte's international worldwide tax network to identify and implement worldwide tax efficient strategies as well as the overall necessary transfer pricing for companies in multijurisdictional locations. Kelly has extensive experience supporting her clients' efforts to mitigate their overall effective tax rates and improve operating cash flow. The majority of Kelly's career has been spent serving clients in Silicon Valley with the exception of two years where she served in Deloitte's National Tax Office in Washington, D.C. While in DC, she collaborated with various firm national tax specialists in developing innovative tax planning opportunities and alternatives for clients' business needs.



Kelly received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Saint Mary's College of California and her Masters in Taxation from Golden Gate University. Kelly is a licensed CPA in California and is a member of the AICPA and the California Society of CPAs.

Gaffaney is teaching BUS 225L: Accounting for Income Taxes

Three MST Alums teaching Undergraduates at SJSU

Three alumni from the MST program are now teaching tax courses to SJSU undergraduates in the Accounting and Finance Department in the Lucas College and Graduate School of Business. They are Melody Barta, Lynda Boman and Nancy Ghodrati.

MST students and alums: Have news to share with others? Please send details to
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MST PROGRAM NEWS

SJSU MST PROGRAM RANKED #2



San Jose State University has been identified as having one of the best values in Master of Taxation degree programs in a recent ranking by "Online Accounting Degree Programs". All of the Master of Taxation programs in the United States were examined and then ranked based on CPA exam pass rates, early career salary, student appeal, and average cost. The editors noted that "SJSU's flexible program provides students with unparalleled expertise in the most treacherous and confounding (i.e., the most important) details of tax law and procedure, making them an indispensable resource to any business around the world."

The article can be found here:

<http://www.online-accounting-degrees.net/best/top-values-master-taxation-degree-programs-2016/>

The Online Accounting Degree Program's mission is to help prospective graduate students make informed decisions about what kind of degree to pursue and where to study. Their main focus is providing rankings and profiles of degree programs in the field of accounting.

STUDENT NEWS



Congratulations to Jae Eun (Jane) Kang, who was selected as the Outstanding MST graduate for Fall 2016. Jane will be recognized at the Lucas College and Graduate School of Business convocation ceremony on Thursday, December 22 at the SJSU Event Center.

"The MST program provided me with both a theoretical and practical understanding of tax implications while setting a strong foundation in all the core areas of taxation. I was also able to develop my interpersonal and communication skills by interacting with tax professionals and peers through presentations, group discussions, and group projects. Through my coursework at the MST program, I was fascinated to learn how various tax laws and their implications greatly influence planning by individuals, business entities, and even nations. Upon graduation, I hope to work as a tax professional who can advise businesses and individuals on how to enhance their financial results through effective tax planning."

Congratulations to Saqib Amin, recipient of this year's Ronald and Patricia Vandenberghe Family Scholarship. This scholarship is for business graduate students who are United States citizens, California residents, full time students with a GPA of at least a 3.6.



FACULTY NEWS



Annette Nellen, MST Director, became chair of the AICPA Tax Executive Committee on October 25 for a two and a half year term. <http://www.aicpa.org/Press/PressReleases/2016/Pages/Annette-Nellen-Named-Chair-of-AICPA-Tax-Executive-Committee.aspx>.

She was also appointed co-chair of the California Bar Tax Section's new committee- Women in Tax.

Joel Busch, MST faculty, will have his research article entitled Student or Professional Athlete - Tax Implications in the United States if College Athletes Were to be Classified as Paid Employees, published in the March 2017 edition of CCH's Labor Law Journal. In recent years there have been many court and regulatory agency challenges brought forth by college athletes to be classified as employees where the perceived non-tax benefits of being treated as employees have been the focus and goal of these student-athletes. However, there are numerous federal and state tax implications - some substantial, in the event college athletes were to be classified as employees."

Vince Fong, MST adjunct faculty member, recently presented two half-day lectures on Creating a Self-Managing Sustainable High Performance Tax Department at the CEDEP executive training center located on the INSEAD campus in Fountainbleau, France.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Marcia Atkinson, CPA, MST



Marcia is a partner with Jeffrey Wriedt & Company which is located in Salinas, CA. She has over 25 years of experience in public accounting with a concentration in accounting and tax services for small businesses, individuals, trusts, estates and non-

profits. Salinas is an agricultural based community. Much of Marcia's time is spent advising farms and farm-related businesses along with a focus on the medical profession.

Marcia's interest in tax developed in high school civics when her teacher taught the class how to prepare a 1040-EZ. She continued on to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Accountancy Option from Fresno State. Knowing that a stronger foundation was necessary to excel in tax, Marcia received her Master of Science in Taxation from San Jose State in May 2002. Marcia is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and California Society of Certified Public Accountants. She has technically reviewed self-study courses for the Cal-CPA Education Foundation.

Marcia was appointed by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to Natividad Medical Center's Board of Trustees where she currently serves as board secretary and chair of the finance committee. She is also on the advisory boards for Gathering for Women - Monterey (day care facility for homeless women) and SpectorDance. Marcia serves as treasurer for the Entre Nous Society in Salinas and has previously served as treasurer for the Boys and Girls Club of the Salinas Valley. She is an active parishioner at San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey and serves as a co-team leader for the Loaves and Fishes ministry feeding the homeless. Additionally, Marcia also participated as the executive committee's finance chair for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Salinas during its reign as a million-dollar relay.

Professionally, Marcia would not be where she is today without the astute guidance and direction from the dedicated tax department professors at San Jose State. She uses the knowledge gained from the program every day and applies it to a myriad of issues. Marcia's advice for MST students: At the end of your journey you will end up with a specialized skill-set, and it's important that you use it wisely by giving back to your community.