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## Message from the Chair

Kirsten (Kris) Rosacker

Greetings, Accounting Alumni and Friends of the Department,

Returning to my alma mater, Minnesota State University, Mankato, in 2014 as a tax professor was a career highlight—a privilege that deepened this past July when I assumed the role of Chair of the Department of Accounting and Business Law. I am deeply grateful to this institution for all it has offered me, and equally grateful to the dedicated accounting and business professionals, faculty, and staff who guided my undergraduate

studies. As a proud graduate, I am both indebted and dedicated to the institution that shaped my education and career pathway. In my role as Chair, a primary goal is to pass along to current students the same sage advice that former Chairperson Clinton Kind once shared with me as I embarked on my accounting journey.

While technology has significantly transformed the campus since I first walked through the hallways of Morris Hall, the University remains driven by the same essential community: our students, faculty, staff, Accounting Alumni, and Friends. Today, we offer classes in various modalities to meet the diverse needs of an ever-changing student body. Although our environment has evolved, our goals have not wavered; we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience.

Put simply, our Alumni and Friends are the foundation of this department. Your active engagement with our faculty and students serves as a cornerstone of our mission. By providing timely insights into the evolving landscape of business and professional practice, you help ensure that our curriculum remains relevant to the real world. This intellectual partnership not only keeps our programs current but also elevates the institution's reputation by bridging the gap between academic theory and the demands of the marketplace.

Your expertise creates a seamless transition for students from the classroom to the profession. As industry partners, you drive professional development by recruiting at events such as Meet the Firms, sharing technical insights as guest speakers in classrooms, and mentoring interns. Your leadership within Beta Alpha Psi and the Accounting and Finance Club provides the real-world guidance essential to our program's success—completing the educational experience in a way we cannot achieve alone.

In closing, your philanthropic commitment is equally transformative. College has always been an expensive, life-changing opportunity. Your generous financial support for scholarships, student professional travel, and student development empowers our students to focus on their education and career advancement while reducing the barriers many encounter. And because philanthropy takes many shapes and forms, whether you supervise an internship or stay connected through campus visits, you remain in our minds as the driving force behind our graduates' professional readiness.

**Thank you, and best wishes,**

Kirsten (Kris) Rosacker, Ph.D., CPA  
Minnesota State University, Mankato — Class of 1989



# Message from the MAcc Director

Dr. Byron Pike



Hello Accounting Alumni and Friends of the Program,

We just wrapped up another amazing and successful fall semester. As you read this edition of the accounting magazine, you will hear of the many successful endeavors of our students, alumni, and faculty. None of this would be possible without the enormous efforts of our faculty and support from you. We appreciate your support of our program. Students have many choices when pursuing higher education, and competition for recruitment is fierce. I have seen this firsthand. My oldest daughter is a high school senior and receives countless flyers from educational institutions from across the nation. I'm proud to say she will begin her academic journey at Minnesota State University, Mankato next year. We are in a strong position because of the quality of our education and the reputation of our program. While you may not know it, you are a key contributor to this success. Learners consistently decide to join us after speaking with our alumni, employers of our graduates, and friends/family members that attended Minnesota State, Mankato. Other institutions many times ask us how we defied the trend of declining accounting enrollment in recent years. The key answer to this is you. Thank you for all that you do; you are an amazing ambassador for the program.

The Master of Accounting (MAcc) program is pivotal to our department's success and attracting more entrants into the accounting profession. This fall, enrollment remained at record highs. While the pathways to CPA licensure have expanded, the MAcc is a desirable choice for individuals who want the technical knowledge to ensure successful passage of the CPA exams, while gaining the competitive advantage of unlocking more opportunities throughout their entire careers. The critical thinking and technological skills obtained in our program are vital for success in the ever-changing and dynamic accounting profession. The MAcc is also a great avenue for adult learners who are interested in transitioning to a career in accounting. The flexible nature of the MAcc allows us to not only reach more learners but also tailor the degree to their future goals and ambitions. There is no doubt that the current employment landscape is challenging for recent college graduates. It is gratifying to know that we are able to prepare people for an in-demand and every growing career path.

Each year, we are fortunate to have MAcc graduate assistants that are vital to supporting our undergraduate program. These individuals are some of the best representatives of our program. They offer tutoring services, teach an accounting cycles course, provide mentorship, help recruit new accounting students, and engage in many projects to assist us. Many thanks to Kade Noyes, Jada Peterson, and Madelyn Yetzer for everything you did this fall semester.

Finally, I want to show my appreciation for Dr. Kris Rosacker, who stepped into our department chair role this academic year. The chair position is tremendously demanding, but critical to the success of our program. It has been a pleasure to work with Dr. Rosacker, and her efforts have been integral to everything we do at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me directly ([byron.pike@mnsu.edu](mailto:byron.pike@mnsu.edu)) if you are looking for help with recruitment or engagement, or wish to provide support to our students.

**Go Mavs!**

Byron J. Pike, Ph.D., CPA

The Allen Lenzmeier Accounting Professor of External Partnerships

Master of Accounting (MAcc) Program Director





## Meet the Firms

The College of Business hosted its premier career fair for accounting and finance majors, Meet the Firms (MTF), on September 25th. The fair included employers from public accounting firms, private industry companies, and government agencies. MTF was once again a resounding success with over 50 employers and 350 students in attendance.

Students networked and learned about the various accounting and finance opportunities available to them. The employers remarked that they were impressed with both the caliber and number of students in attendance, noting that they were especially thrilled with the number of first-year students. MTF is not only a great recruitment resource for our students but also a valuable mechanism for attracting individuals into the profession. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the event. We look forward to seeing you at next year's MTF on September 17th, 2026.





# Accounting Advisory Board

The Accounting and Business Law Department at Minnesota State University, Mankato, held its annual Accounting Advisory Council Meeting prior to Meet the Firms. During the meeting, members received an update from the Dean of the College of Business, Dr. Bach, and the department presented the current state of the accounting program. The council then engaged in an open discussion regarding a possible merger with the Finance Department, the expanded pathways for CPA licensure, and the impact of AI on the profession.

## A special thank you to our Accounting Advisory Council Members:

**Chris Austin**.....Taylor Corporation  
**Ashley Forrer**.....Froehling Anderson  
**Joe Hellman**.....Redpath and Company  
**Samantha Tramp**.....Copeland Buhl  
**Tim McNeal**.....RSM  
**Chris Powers**.....Abdo  
**Jesse Stamm**.....United Health Group

**Heather Thielges**.....Eide Bailly  
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**Matt Wills**.....LB Carlson  
**Brittany Wencil**.....Clifton Larson Allen  
**Amy Napolski**.....Becker



Accounting Advisory Council and Faculty



## Recruiting the Next Generation of Accountants

It has been another busy semester of recruitment for both the accounting profession and our future Mavericks. In October, Dr. Byron Pike, Dr. Ferdinand Siagian, Professor Sean Fingland, and two pairs of students traveled to Century High School (Rochester) and Lakeville North High School (Lakeville) to present to three accounting classes about careers in accounting. The high school students participated in a 30-minute presentation about the accounting profession followed by a competitive 20-minute Kahoot game for prizes. The presentations were well received, with one teacher commenting, *"Several of my students are now seriously considering accounting as a major, which speaks volumes about the impact you made."*



Visit to Lakeville North High School



Visit to Century High School

In November, with the sponsorship of Eide Bailly and the additional volunteer support of Abdo, Boulay, Taylor Corporation, Deloitte, Accounting Faculty, Beta Alpha Psi, and the Accounting and Finance Club, Professor Fingland hosted the first-ever **Accounting MythBusters** event. The target audience was students enrolled in introductory financial and managerial accounting courses. With Keith Wrage (Abdo) and Professor Fingland acting as hosts, students were guided through a series of activities that included busting traditional myths about accounting careers, a virtual escape room, and a panel of accountants at varying career stages.

The event concluded with participants and volunteers socializing in the Centennial Student Union Bullpen over pizza and pop, along with billiards and bowling. Following the event, students were surveyed. For the question *"The event changed or clarified my perception of accounting,"* **91%** of respondents agreed or strongly agreed. For the question *"The content was engaging and held my interest throughout,"* **100%** of respondents agreed or strongly agreed. Professor Fingland plans to host a similar event in Fall 2026.

Looking ahead to the spring, we will be hosting area high school students at the Maverick Innovation Gateway, supported by students from Beta Alpha Psi and the Accounting and Finance Club. Additionally, Professor Fingland will participate in the Career Navigator Program hosted by the South Central Service Cooperative and anticipates additional visits to individual high schools throughout the semester.



Panelists at Accounting MythBusters Event



Accounting MythBusters Recruiting Event



## Congratulations to some of our new Certified Public Accountants (CPAs)

Graduates from the accounting program at Minnesota State University, Mankato continue to perform well on the CPA exams. We want to highlight several recent graduates who achieved the professional milestone of passing the CPA exams, share their advice for current students, and reflect on their memories from their time at Minnesota State University, Mankato.



### Waleed El Saadi

Waleed is a Senior Audit Assistant at Deloitte in Minneapolis, MN. He is originally from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Waleed was drawn to the accounting field because of the vast exposure it provides to different aspects of business. One of his favorite memories from MSU was group study sessions at the library with friends—collectively struggling through challenging topics from class, all of which helped him in the long run.

Waleed's advice to current accounting students is to never stop learning and to actively seek advice and guidance from peers and mentors.



### Emily Hilpsch

Emily is a Tax Associate at RSM in Minneapolis, MN, which is close to her hometown of Shoreview, MN. One of her favorite memories from MSU was being a part of Beta Alpha Psi, as it allowed her to meet new people, stay connected, and maintain relationships with those she met at MSU.

Emily knew in high school that she wanted to go into accounting after taking an accounting class and really enjoying it. Her advice for current accounting students is to strongly consider completing internships so they can determine which area of accounting is the best fit for them.



### Maranda Hoogenraad

Maranda is a Senior Accountant in the Business Advisory Services department at Froehling Anderson in Minneapolis, MN, which is near her hometown of St. Louis Park, MN. A recent graduate of the MAcc Program at Minnesota State University, Mankato, she enjoyed the group projects and collaboration the program offered, as well as the opportunity to learn from others and gain new perspectives.

Maranda began as a business major but quickly transitioned to accounting after taking her first accounting course and loving it. Her advice for current accounting students is to not be afraid to step out of their comfort zone and to embrace mistakes as learning opportunities.



## Audrey Kamps

Audrey is an Accounting Associate at Eide Bailly in Mankato, MN. She is originally from Hamburg, MN. Some of her fondest memories from MSU come from an accounting course she took with Professor Fingland. Before taking his class, she never planned on earning her CPA license, but the course helped her discover her passion for accounting.

Audrey also served as a graduate assistant for the Master of Accounting Program at MSU. This role allowed her to connect with students and faculty on a deeper level, and she found it to be one of the most rewarding parts of her college experience.

She chose to pursue accounting after a summer job where she had the opportunity to shadow the controller of a company and gain a deeper understanding of the profession. Audrey's advice for current accounting students is to continue networking and push themselves to complete an internship, as internships are a great way to confirm that they have chosen the right career path.



## Faith Milton

Faith took time off after graduation to study for the CPA exams and travel. So far, she has visited Maui, HI, and Ireland, and she plans to travel to Iceland in the spring. After her travels, she will begin work in the summer of 2026.

Faith grew up close to MSU, in North Mankato, and some of her favorite memories from her time on campus include being a part of Beta Alpha Psi and traveling with other members across the country to represent the MSU chapter at meetings in San Antonio, New York, and Orlando. Through these meetings, Faith learned from other chapters, networked, and built meaningful friendships—all while having a lot of fun.

She was first inspired to take Intro to Financial Accounting after seeing the accounting profession featured on the TV show Parks and Rec, and she quickly found the field interesting. Her advice for current accounting students is to make friends with your classmates and others in the program. Accounting can be challenging and discouraging at times, but building connections early can help boost your confidence.



## Ben Serbus

Ben, originally from Kimball, MN, is a Senior Accountant at Myslajek Kemp & Spencer, LTD in St. Louis Park, MN. While at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Ben enjoyed attending the accounting golf tournaments and learning "good accounting" from Dr. Habib. He chose the accounting field because he appreciates the challenge and variety the work brings each day. Ben notes that every project he works on is like a puzzle, and he enjoys fitting all the pieces together.



## Business Law Students Visit the Minnesota Supreme Court and Form a New Student Organization

On November 3, Professors Wade Davis and Todd Lundquist led 19 Business Law students on a field trip to St. Paul to meet with leaders in Minnesota's legal community.

The day began with students observing oral arguments before the Minnesota Supreme Court involving the appeal of a felony domestic abuse conviction and an attorney disbarment. Afterwards, they spoke with Justice Karl Procaccini about his career journey—from working as a corporate lawyer to serving as General Counsel to the Governor's office during the COVID-19 shutdown and, ultimately, to his appointment to the Supreme Court.

The group then met with Jacob Smith, Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Chief of Staff to Governor Walz, to discuss the intersection of law and public policy. The day concluded at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, where students connected with current law students and the Director of Admissions—an exciting opportunity for those planning to pursue law school.

As experienced attorneys, Professors Davis and Lundquist actively seek opportunities to give students real-world insights into the legal profession. However, nothing compares to experiencing the state's highest court firsthand, meeting with leaders of the judicial and executive branches, and visiting a local law school.

To support these types of high-impact experiences for our students, the Business Law program has launched a new student organization—the Business Law Association—and established the Business Law Foundation. To support the Business Law Foundation, visit: <http://link.mnsu.edu/supportbusinesslaw>



*Business Law students visiting the Minnesota Supreme Court*



# PCAOB Scholars Program

The Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002 requires that funds collected from monetary penalties imposed by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) be used to support a merit-based scholarship program for students pursuing accredited accounting degrees. Established in 2011, the PCAOB Scholars Program aims to support exceptional students who are likely to pursue careers in accounting and auditing, thereby strengthening the integrity of the profession.

Scholarships are awarded to students nominated by participating institutions, which are selected based on

their accreditation status and the number of accounting graduates they produce each year. The scholarships reduce students' financial burdens and encourage them to consider accounting—particularly auditing—as a career path. Through these efforts, the PCAOB Scholars Program not only invests in individual students but also contributes to the long-term growth of the accounting profession.

In the summer of 2025, two current Minnesota State University, Mankato accounting students were nominated and selected to receive PCAOB scholarships.

## PCAOB 2025 Scholars



### Faith Miller

Faith's passion for accounting started at a young age—she always enjoyed working with numbers and loved math. During her junior year of high school, she took her first accounting course and realized it was the career path she wanted to pursue.

Faith has been involved on campus at MSU in many ways. She participated in the Upper-Level Business Learning Community during her freshman year and now works with CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) on-campus recruiting at events such as Meet the Firms and Employers in Residence. Faith plans to graduate from MSU in December 2025. After graduation, she will work at CLA in Mankato while pursuing her CPA license.

Her advice for accounting students is: "Put in the effort and be willing to learn. The material may feel challenging, but if you apply yourself, you will excel and set a strong foundation for your career in accounting."



### Marco Sustaita

Marco chose to study accounting because of the stable career path it provides and his interest in how businesses operate, as accounting is the backbone of every organization. On campus, he has been involved in Beta Alpha Psi, which has given him

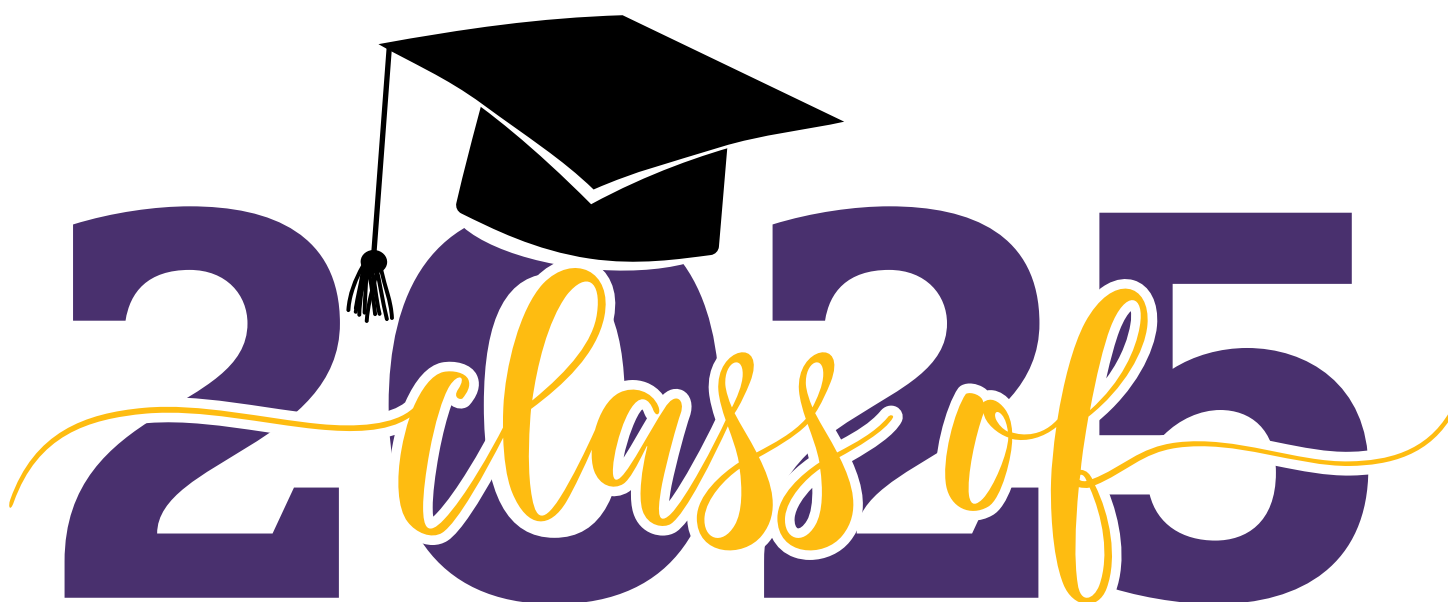
valuable opportunities to connect with accounting firms, meet other members of the club, and make new friends. He has also been active in Meet the Firms and other career events at MSU.

Marco plans to graduate in December 2026. After graduation, he intends to pursue his master's degree in accounting at MSU, gain additional experience in the accounting field, and begin studying for the CPA exams. His advice for accounting students is to take the basics seriously, because everything builds on them as you continue your education.



## Scholarship Recipients

Abdo Accounting Scholarship.....	Jeremy Kolb
Abdo Accounting Scholarship.....	Aklil Anteneh Mulugeta
Abdo Family Accounting Scholarship.....	Mason Snow
Abdo Family Accounting Scholarship.....	Christian Bakritges
Accounting Alumni & Friends Scholarship.....	Ryan Marlette
Accounting Alumni & Friends Scholarship.....	Dezlin Kim
Accounting Alumni & Friends Scholarship.....	Alina Shrestha
Accounting Senior fo the Year.....	Maggie Hamen
Beta Alpha Psi Accounting and Finance Scholarship.....	Maxibillion Thompson
Beta Alpha Psi Accounting and Finance Scholarship.....	Emily Noeldner
Beta Alpha Psi Accounting and Finance Scholarship.....	Christian Meouchy
Beta Alpha Psi Accounting and Finance Scholarship.....	Angie Castorena Gonzalez
Beta Alpha Psi Accounting and Finance Scholarship.....	Haley Nelson
Clinton Kind Family Accounting Scholarship.....	Christine Obialo
Clinton Kind Family Accounting Scholarship.....	Chloe Fliflet
Clinton Kind Family Accounting Scholarship.....	Breanna Cockell
Curt Stangler/Accenture Consulting Scholarship.....	Jacob Green
Daryl and Karyl Henze Accounting Scholarship.....	Dominick Sudheimer
Daryl and Karyl Henze Accounting Scholarship.....	Cassidy Schultz
Dawn Courrier/KPMG Scholarship.....	Tou Thao
Dawn Courrier/KPMG Scholarship.....	Lawson Godfrey
Dawn Courrier/KPMG Scholarship.....	Badariah Umar
Dawn Courrier/KPMG Scholarship.....	Anissa Neu
Dr. Paul Schwinghammer Accounting Scholarship.....	Nathan Marthaler
Eide Bailly Accounting Scholarship.....	Ishneet Narula
Eide Bailly Accounting Scholarship.....	Fenan Kebede
Federated Insurance Accounting Scholarship.....	Lana Braun
Hellman Family Accounting Scholarship.....	Rebekka Jay
Institute of Internal Auditors Twin Cities Chapter Scholarship.....	Diana Hlinsky
Joan and Brad Brolsma Accounting Scholarship.....	Linda Doe
Lyndon E. Opsal Memorial Scholarship.....	Emma Benike
MAcc Graduate Assistant Scholarship.....	Madelyn Yetzer
MAcc Graduate Assistant Scholarship.....	Jada Peterson
MAcc Graduate Assistant Scholarship.....	Kade Noyes
Minnesota Society of CPA's - Southern Chapter Accounting Scholarships.....	Paige Schmitz
Minnesota Society of CPA's - Southern Chapter Accounting Scholarships.....	Heet Patel
Minnesota Society of CPA's Endowed Scholarship.....	Kohen Louwagie
Minnesota Society of CPA's Endowed Scholarship.....	Hailey Hansen
Morgan I. and Marjorie J. Thomas COB Endowed Scholarship.....	Cole Rogers
Murry & Associates Accounting Scholarship.....	Adaliya Wondimu
N. Patrick Baker Accounting Scholarship.....	Victor Sosa Martinez
Robert Zylstra Accounting/Agribusiness Scholarship.....	Diego Morales
RSM Accounting Scholarship.....	Miranda Breck
RSM Accounting Scholarship.....	Isabella Miller
Sam Erickson Endowed Scholarship.....	Erin Ocloo-Yeke
Stuart and Ann Sneer Agribusiness Scholarship.....	Anastasia Stasney
Timothy J. Dwyer Business Accounting Scholarship.....	Yudai Komiyama
Timothy J. Dwyer Business Accounting Scholarship.....	Michael Pennington
Timothy J. Dwyer Business Accounting Scholarship.....	Katelyn Missling
Toivo Luoma Memorial Accounting Scholarship.....	Aakashya Thapa
Werner Fick Accounting Scholarship.....	Elfaz Hussien



# Congratulations Graduates!

## BACHELOR OF ACCOUNTING • Summer and Fall

Liv Abdo-Trim  
Samuel Abebe  
Rekek Amsalu  
Isaiah Anderson  
Alex Ballis  
Joshbir Bedi  
Emma Benike  
Jesse Bidwell  
Amy Blank  
Leah Borgstrom  
Angie Castorena Gonzalez  
Kylie Christians  
Salem Dejenu

Thomas Dressen  
Derek Dunn  
Benjamin Fretland  
Nathanael Gudissa  
Jacob Hennen  
Luke Hilgendorf  
Avery Hiller  
Cole Hinton  
Maxwell Hoflock  
Yongbo Huang  
Kenzie Kabes  
Thor Keilen  
Qasim Khaliif

Nicole Klein  
Yudai Komiyama  
Christa Kuempel-Latterner  
Michael Kuzma  
Dylan Lestrud  
Akua Marfo  
Faith Miller  
Ryan Park  
Braden Patterson  
Jacob Paul  
Jack Pemble  
Tyler Reiter-Putnam  
Mara Richardson

Brooke Sauter  
Cassidy Schultz  
Emily Sessions  
Alina Shrestha  
Abigail Stromswold  
Logan Tomei  
Badariah Umar  
Davee Vang  
David Wanjara  
Airemie Wetzel  
Jack White  
Taylor Wurst

## MASTER OF ACCOUNTING • Summer and Fall

Grace Andrews  
Aimee Beckett  
Andrew Botz  
Miranda Breu  
Olivia Byerley  
Peter Call

Stephen Captarencu  
Mark Dallmann  
Garrett Grathwohl  
Nathan Gribble  
Suzanne Guimaraes  
Abigail Hansen

Hannah Hurtgen  
Shannon Johnson  
Jennifer Kaufman  
Judie Maas  
Nicholas Malikowski  
Caleb Meyer

Faith Milton  
Ruth Mullin  
Michael Ouverson  
Michael Pennington  
Avery Tamm



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# Faculty Research

When faculty members are not teaching, advising, or providing service to the university, they engage in scholarly activities that advance the body of knowledge in accounting. In many cases, this research also informs their teaching, creating a richer and more engaging learning environment in the classroom.

Below are the 2025 publications of the Accounting and Business Law Department faculty, along with a synopsis of their projects. If you are interested in learning more about any of this research, you are welcome to contact the faculty members directly.

**Davis, W., Lundquist, T., and K. Zielinski.** (2025). Stripping Down the Law: Teaching Worker Classification Through Exotic Dancer Litigation. *Midwest Law Journal*.

This paper surveys and analyzes litigation arising from the longstanding misclassification of exotic dancers as independent contractors rather than employees. It then offers a detailed framework for professors to teach worker-classification law, along with the related practical and ethical considerations within this unique industry.

Aroskar, R., **Zhang, J., and K. Rosacker.** 2025. Tax Strategies and Cryptocurrency Investment Decisions. *Tax Notes Federal*.

This study examines the relationship between tax strategies and cryptocurrency investment decisions, with a particular focus on their effect on deferred tax liabilities. As companies increasingly incorporate digital assets into their financial portfolios, it is becoming critical to understand how these investments influence tax planning and reporting.

**Zhang, J., Zielinski, K., and R. Aroskar.** 2025. Fiscal Footprint: The relationship between city Greenhouse Gas emissions and Local Government Budgets. *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management*.

This paper investigates how municipal budget allocations influence greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, examining whether fiscal decisions made by local governments shape cities' environmental outcomes. Focusing on Minnesota cities from 2012 to 2020, the research argues that budgeting is a crucial—yet underexplored—tool for climate governance.

## Promotions

The following faculty members from the Accounting and Business Law Department were promoted in August 2025:

- **Wade Davis** was promoted from Associate Professor to Professor of Business Law.
- **Sean Fingland** was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Accounting and was granted tenure at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- **Steve Johnson** was promoted from Associate Professor to Professor of Accounting.
- **Kris Rosacker** was promoted from Associate Professor to Professor of Accounting.

## Lenzmeier Endowed Professorships

In the current academic year, one of the two Lenzmeier endowed professorships was revised and converted to the **Lenzmeier Professorship of Emerging Scholarship in Accounting**. Dr. Jidong Zhang was appointed to a three-year term as the Lenzmeier Professor of Emerging Scholarship.

As part of this appointment, Dr. Zhang plans to redesign undergraduate and graduate curriculum to address the emerging skills needed by accountants, conduct high-impact research focused on emerging accounting technologies, explore the formation and development of a School of Accountancy, and engage in workshops and conferences to elevate the visibility and reputation of our program.

Dr. Byron Pike was reappointed to serve another three-year term as the **Lenzmeier Accounting Professor of External Partnerships**. In this role, Dr. Pike plans to continue fostering and maintaining relationships with external partners, promoting the department and the accomplishments of our students, and hosting events that connect students with external stakeholders.

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If you are interested in exploring additional opportunities to contribute to Minnesota State Mankato. Please contact Cathy Willette, Director of Development ([catherine.willette@mnsu.edu](mailto:catherine.willette@mnsu.edu))

Cathy Willette joined the Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation as the Director of Development for the College of Business in November of 2021. But if you ask her, she has always been a Maverick. Cathy started her higher education journey as a first-generation student at Minnesota State Mankato in 1982. The Mankato resident is married and has three grown kids (all Mavericks as well).

Willette enjoys meeting alumni and learning of their Maverick stories. As she likes to say, “sometimes life’s journey takes you back home. Once a Maverick, always a Maverick!” Please reach out to Cathy if you are looking to start a conversation.



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