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Director's Update

Last month, the School of Accountancy hosted the third annual Colorado Accounting Research Symposium (CARS), pictured at right. The organizer, Assistant Professor Philipp Schaberl, began CARS in 2014 as a joint effort among CU-Boulder, CU-Denver, UC-Colorado Springs, Colorado State



University, and our SOA. Colleagues from Wyoming, Australia, Germany, and China also attended this year's CARS which provides an excellent opportunity for accounting scholars to exchange ideas and learn more about each other's work. SOA Assistant Professor Kelsey Dworkis presented a study co-authored with SOA Professor Lorenzo Patelli entitled *Behavioral responses to multiple performance measures: does personality matter?*

I am so proud of our Beta Alpha Psi Chapter. Be sure to check out [this video](#) that was a major component of their recent Gold Chapter Award. You will be proud of the students who continue the tradition of DU BAP greatness.



The SOA has a new team member! Please join me in welcoming Jacquelyn Villa (pictured at left). Jacquelyn is responsible for organizing, supervising and coordinating office operations. Jacquelyn holds a BA from the University of Denver and has experience in communications, marketing, publishing, and customer service. We are thrilled to welcome her to our School of Accountancy family and look forward to introducing her to you all next time you're on campus.

Every fall, the SOA brings experts to campus to discuss relevant business, finance, accounting, or economic issues. This year, we're thrilled to host William D. Cohan, best-selling author of *The Money and Power: How Goldman Sachs Came to Rule the World, House of*

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HAVE ANY EXCITING NEWS?

Promotions, marriages, new babies, major moves, job changes? Let us know! We'll share the news with your alumni family in the Alumni Notes section of our next newsletter. Contact kristen.dimig@du.edu with any updates.

UPDATE CONTACT INFO

Cards, The Last Tycoons, and The Price of Silence. Please see the event registration below and join your fellow alums for an exciting, enlightening evening.

Best,



Dr. Sharon Lassar, Director, School of Accountancy

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Upcoming Events

SOA Town Hall, October 24, 2016
6-8 p.m. | Reiman Theater, Margery Reed Hall
1 HOUR CPE CREDIT AVAILABLE

Our featured speaker is William D. Cohan, best selling author of numerous titles including *Money and Power: How Goldman Sachs Came to Rule the World*, *House of Cards*, *The Last Tycoons* and *The Price of Silence*. [Read his full bio here](#) and [register today!](#)



School of Accountancy Alumni Reception and DU v. CC Hockey Game
Saturday, December 3, 2016
Reception: 6 p.m. | DU Ritchie Center, Studio D



YOU'RE INVITED
SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY
ALUMNI RECEPTION &
DU v. CC
HOCKEY GAME

It's time to register for our fall DU v. CC alumni hockey reception! Revisit your alma mater, catch up with other alums and cheer on the Pioneers as we take on our rivals. This event always sells out, so [register today!](#)

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Get to Know Your Network

If you have a new email address, recently moved, changed employment, got married, or have any other information to update, please do so [here](#). Our alumni are our greatest assets so please keep us updated!

ABOUT US

The School of Accountancy is one of the nation's oldest and most esteemed accounting programs, combining state-of-the-art learning with the personal touch of a small, motivated community to help our students get ahead. Our mission, as a part of a great private university dedicated to the public good, is to foster Enlightened Practice, Professional Achievement, Knowledge Creation and a Commitment to the Community. Our School's students, faculty and alumni work together to ensure that this mission is achieved by producing high quality, meaningful work that advances the field of accounting. As a result, our graduates are armed with the practical skills and knowledge needed to thrive in today's business world.



Meet Alumnus Jason Pratt (BSACC, MACC '10)

Jason spent his childhood growing up and playing sports in Redmond, WA, a Seattle suburb most famous for being home to Microsoft headquarters. His family still lives in the northwest. Jason's Dad was a CPA and likely triggered his interest in the field. In high school, Jason had the opportunity to take an accounting class and with his natural ability with numbers,

the subject just clicked; the School of Accountancy at DU was a perfect fit.

During Jason's time at DU, he enjoyed the close-knit community of accounting classmates and professors.

"My professors had a genuine interest in my success at DU and post-graduation," he says. The dual degree program prepared him well for the real world and a career. "I think the biggest things DU and the School of Accountancy taught me were how to think critically, solve problems, and communicate effectively."



Since graduation, Jason has jumped around quite a bit in terms of the work he's been involved with. His first job was a winter internship with Deloitte in their Tax practice. "I quickly figured out that wasn't for me so when I graduated I started with Deloitte in their Audit

practice working with clients in the financial services industry, specifically within banking and securities." After a few busy seasons, Jason transferred from Audit into Deloitte's technical accounting consulting group.

He became a road warrior, traveling 30+ weeks per year to clients all over the country. Jason stayed in this role for a couple of years until he transitioned to Riveron Consulting about a year ago. Riveron Consulting is a small accounting and finance consulting shop headquartered in Dallas. "I currently work in the Transaction Advisory group and spend most of my time working on mergers and



acquisitions, specifically performing buy-side and sell-side financial due diligence for our private equity and corporate clients." Jason credits his career with keeping him on his toes and never falling into the boring category. "While I've bounced around a bit, I feel like each move has advanced my career and helped me to figure out what I enjoy doing and what I'm passionate about."





Jason recently purchased a home near DU in the Harvard Gulch area. With a home of his own comes many trips to the hardware store. Between home improvement projects, Jason loves to travel, especially internationally. “In the last few years I’ve been to Kenya, Tanzania, Seychelles Islands, Peru, Ecuador, Galapagos, United Arab Emirates and India to name a few.” The pictures above are of Jason at Machu Picchu, Peru, with guides from a cruise on the Amazon River, and visiting an orphanage in Dungarpur, India. In addition to serving on the Alumni Engagement Council for the School of Accountancy, Jason finds time to shoot some hoops. He’s a member of DU’s gym and jokes, “whenever I play with the current students, I’m reminded that I’m not as young and athletic as I think I am.” Jason also enjoys trying new restaurants and bars and has managed to play over 30 rounds of golf this year. The picture at left was taken at a golf course in Bend, Oregon this past summer.

In the future, Jason is contemplating getting a puppy. As for his professional plans, he aspires to teach Intro to Accounting at DU as an adjunct professor.

Alumni Notes

Megan Reddy (BSACC, MACC '13) recently accepted the position of Senior Financial Reporting Accountant at DigitalGlobe. Congratulations on the new position, Megan!

Monica Martinez (BSACC, MBA '05) accepted a position with Colorado's Office of the State Auditor as a Legislative Financial Manager. Monica will oversee the annual financial audits of several state agencies, and help complete the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit for the State of Colorado. Monica and her fiancé, Ryan, will be married in November and plan to settle in Englewood. Congratulations and best wishes, Monica!

Tiffany Li (MACC '14) recently accepted a position as a Senior Accountant at McKinley Development Company, a Houston-area real estate developer. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Ulli Nierling, (MACC '14)**! Ulli is the Assistant Director of the Shared Services Center at DU and the recipient of the 2016 Faculty and Staff Award for Outstanding Service.

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Faculty Updates

Professor Sorensen (pictured right with Dean Chrite) is the latest recipient of the *Daniels College of Business Pedagogy and Learning Award*, awarded by the Daniels College of Business in May 2016 in recognition of his contributions to the professional literature, namely recent articles appearing in *Issues in Accounting Education*, the American Accounting Association top journal for accounting education during 2014 and 2015. The most recent article *Thoughts on Competency Integration in Accounting Education* appeared in the American Accounting Association journal *Issues in Accounting Education*, 30(3), 149-171.



Professor Sorensen was on a panel presentation at the 2016 American Accounting Association international meeting in New York, New York: *Faculty of the*

Future: Facing the Forces for Change (August 2016). Other presenters were Karen Pincus (Past President of the American Accounting Association), Raef Lawson (Director of Research for the Institute of Management Accountants), Kevin Stocks (Past President of the American Accounting Association), and David Stout (Past member of the Board of Advisors of the American Accounting Association).

Additionally, Professor Sorensen is the recipient of the William M. Lybrand (Silver) Award from the Institute of Management Accountants for Scholarship/Research (June 2016). This is as international recognition of *second place* of publications in *Management Accounting* during 2015. The article *Write Right! A Resource for Improving Written Communication Skills in Accounting--Part One* appears in the 2015 *Management Accounting (Quarterly)* published by the Institute for Management Accountants (IMA). His co-author is David Stout.

Professor Sorensen is also the recipient of the Certificate of Merit (*third place*) from the Institute of Management Accountants for Scholarship/Research (June 2016) for outstanding character and excellence in contributing to the international literature for the advancement of management accounting and financial management. The article *Write Right! A Resource for Improving Written Communication Skills in Accounting--Part Two* appears in the 2015 *Management Accounting (Quarterly)* published by the Institute for Management Accountants (IMA). His co-authors are David Stout and Carl Kelleher.

Dr. Hugh Grove will present "Board Compensation Committees: CEO Pay and Market Cap Performance With Implications for Investors," with Mac Clouse at the 13th annual European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management (EIASM) Workshop on Corporate Governance in Milan, Italy, October, 2016. Dr. Grove has served as Co-Chair for all thirteen years of this conference.

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On the Lighter Side - Humor from Hugh Grove

The following questions were included in last year's GED examination. These are genuine answers from 16 year olds.

Q. Name the four seasons

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q. How is dew formed

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q. What are steroids

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes

A. Premature death

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour

A. Keep it in the cow (Simple, but brilliant)

Q. What is the fibula?

A. A small lie

Q. What does 'varicose' mean?

A. Nearby

Q. What is a terminal illness

A. When you are sick at the airport. (Irrefutable)

Q. What does the word 'benign' mean?

A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight (brilliant)

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