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FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

New Faculty Member Mark Hoose



We welcome Mark Hoose to our MST Faculty. He will be teaching BUS 223B: Taxation of Partnerships in Early Spring 2020.

Mark is VP Tax & Trade at Intuitive in Sunnyvale. His prior positions include Senior Director, International Tax and Managing Tax Counsel at Intel Corporation; Managing Tax Counsel at Phillips 66 in Houston, Texas; Senior Tax Counsel for Occidental Petroleum, and positions with Baker & McKenzie and three of the Big 4 accounting firms.

Mark has taught widely at business and law schools, including Rice University, Santa Clara University, the University of San Diego and the University of Houston.

Mark holds an LLM in Taxation (with Distinction) from Georgetown, a JD (with High Honors) from George Washington, and a BS in Accountancy (Dean's List) from the University of Illinois.

MST Director Annette Nellen was the California Lawyer Association Taxation Section's 2019 recipient of the Benjamin F. Miller Award for "outstanding achievement and contribution in the field of state and local taxation law." She was also elected as a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel. This fall Professor Nellen spoke at several conferences including the TEI-SJSU High Tech Tax Institute, AICPA National Tax Conference in Washington, DC and the 65th Annual Minnesota CPA Society Tax Conference. Three articles published in her Moving Forward? State Tax Notes series covered the 60th Anniversary of P.L. 86-272, the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, and ideas for supporting the modern workforce.



MST Program Coordinator Cathy Dougherty was honored this summer by one of her former swim teams, Shadow Brook Sharks, in south San Jose. In addition to competing for an AAU/USS swim team year round, Cathy was also a member of the Sharks (formerly Splashers) from ages 5-17 during the summers where she held many team and league records throughout the years. Over recent years many of those records were broken, but three still remain for 40 years. Cathy still holds the 7-8 Butterfly, Backstroke and Freestyle team records set in 1980. The Butterfly and Freestyle records still stand as League records as well. She was invited to speak to the approximately 120 swimmers and their parents at the awards banquet at the 50th Anniversary of the club/league

and met with the young swimmers who have broken some of her records. The team won the League Championships the day prior. Cathy went on to earn a scholarship and swim for San Jose State University.

STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to Leslie Tan and Yu (Anna) Li, who were both selected as the Outstanding MST graduates for Summer/Fall 2019.



"When I first enrolled in this program, I initially regarded it as a simple means of acquiring enough credits to sit for the CPA Exam. This program, however, has exceeded far beyond my wildest expectations. Over the last year and a half, I have been endowed with an ample array of life changing scholastic and professional opportunities. My professors and peers have been deeply instrumental in shaping my technical and business acumen. Due to their generous patience, I feel more optimistic and confident about leaping into the world of public accounting. I am truly grateful for all their time and infinite wisdom.

To current and prospective students, I highly encourage you to take advantage of all the rich resources that SJSU has to offer. Be vocal about your needs and take the time to become acquainted with those around you. Though your time here at SJSU may be limited, the relationships you build can last a lifetime. I hope you all experience a journey as fruitful as mine. Enjoy the upcoming holidays!"—Leslie Tan



"I began my academic journey at SJSU through the open university program. From the very first course until my graduation, the experience in the MST program allowed me to build a strong professional network in the industry, which tremendously benefited my career. Working as a senior manager at the Deloitte San Jose office, I find myself using the skills and knowledge I learned from the MST program on a daily basis. I encourage current and prospective students to explore the academic and professional value the MST program offers. The topics covered in the MST program are very relevant in the current public accounting space, and I am certain you will benefit from the foundation built in the core classes as well as the industry networking opportunities provided by the program."—Anna Li

HIGH-TECH TAX INSTITUTE



The 35th Annual TEI-SJSU High Tech Tax Institute was held on November 4 and 5, 2019. It featured IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig speaking to the 250+ attendees on Monday. The institute's 15 presentations featured experts from several CPA and law firms, industries and the IRS discussing international changes made by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, M&A developments, federal tax controversy, and more. The 36th Annual TEI-SJSU High Tech Tax Institute will be held on November 9 and 10, 2020. Details will be available at <https://www.sjsu.edu/taxinstitute/>.

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Information sessions are scheduled for:

- March 11 and June 2, at 6:00pm at our Bunker Hill location
- April 2 and July 9, at noon online via Zoom

An Open House showcasing all the business graduate programs will be held Saturday February 22 from 9:30-12:00 at the SJSU Student Union Ballroom.

For more information and to register for any of these events, go to:
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ALUMNI NEWS

Jyothi Chillara, CPA, MST



Jyothi Chillara, CPA, MST is a Tax Principal at Abbott, Stringham and Lynch (ASL). She provides tax planning, compliance, and consulting services to inbound and outbound business entities and high net worth individuals. Her area of emphasis is federal, state and international taxation of business entities (corporations and pass-through entities) and their owners.

Prior to working at ASL, she worked at companies at Atmel and PeopleSoft. Working in private industry has given her insight into clients' needs and has enabled her to combine her corporate experience and technical expertise to focus on client service in public accounting.

In addition to a Master's degree from San Jose State University, Jyothi has completed the IBFD NA Advanced Professional Certificate in International Taxation and earned a certificate from UCLA in International Taxation.

Jyothi advises students to put in the time and effort into MST program at San Jose State University as it establishes a foundation for tax research and enables students to develop expertise in various areas of tax. The MST program increased her breadth of knowledge and expanded her interest in corporate and international tax. The MST degree opened many doors for Jyothi and accelerated her career growth.

Jyothi enjoys mentoring woman by helping them navigate into leadership roles in the accounting profession. She also enjoys hiking, traveling, reading and spending time with family.

MST students and alums: Have news to share with others? Please send details to catherine.dougherty@sjsu.edu.