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FACULTY NEWS



We welcome Jill Harding to our MST Faculty. She started teaching the consolidated returns class this spring.

Jill Harding is a Managing Director with Alvarez and Marsal Taxand LLC. Ms. Harding is located in the San Francisco Bay Area and concentrates on transaction tax planning for US multinational corporations and inbound enterprises.

Ms. Harding provides end-to-end buy-side and sell-side transaction tax service offerings for U.S. multi-national corporations and inbound enterprises focusing on acquisition structuring, tax due diligence, post-acquisition integration, legal entity rationalization, consolidated return issues, internal restructuring, cash repatriation planning, IP migration, debt restructuring, supply chain planning and optimization, spin-offs, inversions, and carve-out planning.

With more than 17 years of transactional tax experience serving, mid-market corporations, Fortune 500 corporations and private equity funds, Ms. Harding has extensive experience addressing complex transaction tax issues for clients in a variety of industries with a focus on technology and life sciences industry sectors.

Prior to joining A&M, Ms. Harding was with Ernst & Young's national office in Washington, D.C., and transaction advisory services group in San Jose, CA.

Ms. Harding earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Guelph, in Ontario, Canada, her Juris Doctor from Michigan State University and her LL.M. from New York University. She is a member of the Pennsylvania bar.

Ms. Harding is a frequent speaker for the Tax Executives Institute, Practicing Law Institute and Bloomberg/BNA and has authored articles for the Practicing Law Institute.

Professor Annette Nellen continues in her role as chair of the AICPA Tax Executive Committee. So far in 2018, the AICPA Tax Division's volunteers and staff have submitted over ten comment letters to Congress, IRS and Treasury on implementation of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act enacted in December 2017. In April, at the request of the Texas Governor's office, Professor Nellen testified before the Texas Commission on Public School Finance on principles of good tax policy. Professor Nellen's co-authored article, Taxes and the Growing Gig Workforce: What to Know, will be published in the June issue of the Journal of Taxation. Topics of Professor Nellen's recent presentations to TEI, the ABA and other groups include tax reform, crowdfunding, gig workers, and researching tax information online.

In January, Professor Nellen received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the CalCPA Silicon Valley-San Jose Chapter. In May, she was awarded the 2018-19 CSU Chancellor's Award for Faculty Excellence and Innovation.

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

STUDENT NEWS



Congratulations to Erlu (Lucy) Liu who was selected as the Outstanding MST graduate for Spring 2018.

Statement from Lucy: "It is such an honor to receive the most outstanding student award. I sincerely appreciate the Master of Science in Taxation program at SJSU from which I learned fundamental tax knowledge and critical research skills. More importantly, the professors in this program are knowledgeable and are experienced with successful tax practice. They generously shared their in-depth understanding of tax theory and real-world work experience in their extensive career history, which casts a light into my future career path. I will model my career after their great success and look forward to starting my tax practice at EY. Lastly, I thank my classmates and family members for their great support to me along the way. I will keep challenging myself to strive for excellence in the future."



Congratulations to Leslie Tan, awarded an SJSU MST Scholarship for his academic achievements. The MST Program is proud of the financial support we receive from many firms and practitioners in the tax community to help the program and our students.



Photo of MST student Daniel Currie and MST Director Annette Nellen taken after the Spring Phi Kappa Phi induction ceremony where Dan was an initiate. Professor Nellen is the VP of the SJSU PKP chapter.



Photo from Fall 2017 Lucas College and Graduate School of Business Convocation

MST PROGRAM RECOGNIZED IN THE JOURNAL OF ACCOUNTANCY

The Journal of Accountancy recognized SJSU's MST program in an article about how students can help their communities improve financial literacy. They are working to improve the financial literacy of teens, parents, and business owners in their communities while gaining real-world experience counseling clients with all types of needs and levels of knowledge. You can find the article here: <https://www.journalofaccountancy.com/newsletters/extra-credit/how-accounting-students-can-help-financial-literacy.html>

ALUMNI NEWS

Yaron Katz, MST



Yaron Katz, MST, is tax partner with KPMG's Washington National Tax International Mergers and Acquisitions group. He is based in KPMG's Silicon Valley office and primarily serves technology clients on the West Coast. Yaron has over 20 years of international tax experience, including M&A, cross-border transactions, and financial transactions. Prior to joining KPMG, Yaron served 10 years as a tax senior director for Planning, International and M&A at Intel Corporation. Prior to that, he was in public accounting.

Yaron advises and assists technology and manufacturing companies with designing and executing cross-border transactions, restructuring of legal entities, cash repatriation planning, tax deferral strategies, optimizing U.S. credits for foreign taxes, due diligence of target companies, managing local and foreign tax controversies, global tax reporting, currencies and cross-border hedging transactions, and more.

Yaron is a frequent speaker on international and M&A tax topics at industry conferences as well as KPMG training courses.

Yaron encourages MST students to gain an appreciation of cross-border activities and to keep up with not only tax changes, but also changes in technology and business practices. He enjoys helping clients maximize strategies for business success and finds that tax planning is a key component of their success.

When he is not at work, Yaron enjoys spending time with his family, travel and staying active