

Distinguished Alumnus Inducted into Patterson Hall of Fame

Ed and Barbara Krei longtime supporters of accountancy school

By Katie Morrison

Ed Krei (BBA 73) was honored with induction into the School of Accountancy's Hall of Fame on April 23, 2015. The ceremony was held as part of the annual spring Accountancy Honors Banquet.

"It is such a great pleasure to induct Ed Krei into our Patterson School Hall of Fame," Dean Mark Wilder said. "He has enjoyed a long, incredibly successful career, first in public accounting and then in industry with the Baker Group. Ed has served the school and university in so many ways over the years. We are extremely proud to have Ed as one of our graduates and to now have him in the Patterson School Hall of Fame."

For Ed and Barbara Krei, the University of Mississippi is the place where it all came together – friendship, networking, young love and, most importantly, lasting and valuable education. Ed Krei, who attended a public high school in Jackson, Tennessee, said he was lucky it had a small advanced placement

program that prepared him for college. He received an Ole Miss band scholarship for his talent on the trumpet, which led him to meet Barbara, who played clarinet. Originally enrolled in the School of Engineering, he began to feel engineering wasn't his true calling.

"I talked with my adviser, and he suggested I take Professor Peery's class," Ed Krei said. "I really enjoyed it. I took more accounting courses and decided that was where I needed to be."

The Kreis both graduated in 1973 and got married the next year. Barbara graduated from what is now the School of Applied Sciences and enjoyed a career as a speech pathologist in public schools. The couple has a daughter, Lauren, and son, Barrett, both successful graduates of Vanderbilt University who work in health care. Barbara is retired and enjoys traveling, most recently to Machu Picchu, Peru, and the Galápagos Islands, Ecuador.

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FROM THE DEAN


**Dear Accountancy
Alumni and Friends:**

Things are going extremely well in the Patterson School of Accountancy. We are proud of what the Patterson School continues to be able to accomplish, thanks to high-achieving students,

dedicated and supportive alumni, and a faculty that has maintained our commitment to excellence in the classroom, which has been the hallmark of the Ole Miss accountancy program for decades.

The Patterson School is very proud of our national rankings. The 2015 annual rankings were released in mid-August, and once again we are included among the top 10 programs in the nation in the *Public Accounting Report*. All three of our degree programs are ranked among the top 10 with our undergraduate program ranked No. 7 nationally and our master's and doctoral programs each at No. 8. All three of our degree programs are No. 1 in the highly competitive SEC (and our undergraduate program has led the SEC for three years in a row). Our programs have now been among the top 10 nationally for five consecutive years (and we have been in the top 20 for eight straight years). These rankings help us tremendously in recruiting outstanding students and faculty.

Our school continues to grow and thrive, and our official enrollment for 2015-16 reached an all-time high for the 10th consecutive year. Our total enrollment (which grew 15.7 percent over last year) of 1,260 students this year includes 1,134 in our undergraduate program and 126 graduate students. Our Oxford campus accountancy enrollment has grown 68.6 percent over the past five years. Our spring internship program posted banner results once again as we have 133 students participating in internships during spring 2016 (another all-time high). These students are interning across the nation in 16 different states (and in two countries). Over a five-year period, our program continues to offer students the opportunity to earn both bachelor's and master's degrees, experience a meaningful internship and be thoroughly prepared for the CPA exam.

This issue of *Ole Miss Accountant* will update you on school events, the accomplishments of our faculty and students, and the achievements of our alumni. We consider it a true privilege to serve you and our students. We are proud of the opportunities we are able to provide students, and we remain deeply grateful for the role our alumni and friends have played in enabling our success. Accountancy supporters have been the standard setters at Ole Miss for decades, and we ask you to continue this commitment to excellence. We appreciate so much your past support of our efforts in the Patterson School and trust that you will remain committed to these efforts.

Sincerely,

W. Mark Wilder
Dean and KPMG Chair of Accountancy

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Longtime UM supporters, the couple established the Edward Krei Lectureship in Accountancy in 2009. In 2015, they generously elevated their endowment to the chair level, with more than \$1 million committed to sustaining and strengthening the Patterson School of Accountancy faculty.

"We received great educations here," said Ed Krei, a former gold medalist on the CPA exam, who was also inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Gamma Sigma and Beta Alpha Psi honor societies while at Ole Miss. "Professors Gene Peery and Jimmy Davis – they had a big impact on me. This is my way to thank them and thank the institution for allowing them to have such a focus on teaching."

Krei said this endowment is meant to provide an eternal flame for what he felt in those years as a student.

"I think the Patterson School is a worthwhile investment because of the passion of the faculty," he said. "Their passion is so evident, and it sounds corny, but they really excite students about their field. And now, with the speaking engagements I have, I find myself emulating what I learned from them."

Krei is a managing director and member of the board of directors for the Baker Group, an institutional fixed income firm primarily servicing community banks, based in Oklahoma City. For 21 years, he has represented the Baker Group, helping client organizations develop strategies and plan for the future.

"My favorite part of the job is being with people," he said. "I enjoy hearing what is happening in our industry on the ground level, in real time. It is worthwhile to hear our clients' perspectives about how their institutions are being impacted and try to help them find solutions."

A frequent speaker at banking, investment and regulatory conferences nationally, Krei has spoken for the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, FDIC, Comptroller of the Currency and Conference of State Bank Supervisors. He has consulted with central banks in Eastern Europe and Russia and also serves on the faculty of two graduate banking schools: Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University and the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado in Boulder.

The UM School of Accountancy receives exceptional rankings annually by the *Public Accounting Report*, the independent newsletter of the accounting profession. UM's undergraduate degree program has been ranked in the top 20 since 2008 and in the top 10 since 2011. The August 2015 *Public Accounting Report* rankings listed the undergraduate program at No. 7 nationally with both the master's and doctoral programs at No. 8. All three degree programs lead the Southeastern Conference in the rankings.

"The secret is out about the strength of our program," said Mark Wilder, the school's dean. "Our students have employment opportunities across the United States and abroad. During spring 2015, the Patterson School placed interns in 17 different states, from coast to coast, and in London." Wilder also noted that "Ole Miss accountancy graduates like Ed Krei who have worked hard during their tenure here to get the most out of our degree programs have helped craft a national reputation for the Patterson School that is synonymous with success." ■



John Fenton Kottkamp (left), Harrison Kottkamp, Rush Kottkamp, Jane Kottkamp, Steve Kottkamp

Fund Memorializes Student Fenton Kottkamp

Memorial scholarship created by Papa John's CEO and Archie Manning

By Tina Hahn

“In honor of Fenton, please love one another,” read the last line of the obituary for University of Mississippi senior John Fenton Kottkamp, a request added by his dad, Stephen Kottkamp of Louisville, Kentucky.

“Fenton would want everyone to love one another, and he would want all of us to go forward with our lives,” said the dad, describing his son as having a “huge heart with great love for his family and friends.”

And people likewise loved Kottkamp, as evidenced from the outpouring from around the country when he lost his life in a tragic Feb. 25, 2015 accident in Oxford. He and his identical twin brother, Rush, were slated to graduate in May 2015, both from UM’s Patterson School of Accountancy. Fenton’s parents accepted his diploma during Commencement exercises.

Kottkamp’s influence will continue on campus for generations to come through the Fenton Kottkamp Memorial Scholarship Endowment, created by John Schnatter, president and CEO of Papa John’s Pizza, and Archie Manning, businessman and Mississippi football icon.

The Kottkamp brothers chose Ole Miss because of its nationally recognized

accountancy program and well-rounded college experience, along with the university’s size and tightknit community.

“Ole Miss gave us the best four years anyone could have wanted,” Rush Kottkamp said. “Fenton loved everything about Ole Miss and Oxford. He loved every single sporting event. No matter what time the football game started, Fenton was in the Grove as early as possible.”

Stephen Kottkamp recalled spending Thanksgiving 2014 in Oxford with his wife, Jane, and youngest son, Harrison, preparing dinner for the twins’ friends who lived too far from campus to go home for the holiday.

“We love Ole Miss for Ole Miss,” Stephen Kottkamp said. “Ole Miss became our happy place. As Rush said to Jane on the way home from Fenton’s visitation, ‘Fenton and I caught lightning in a bottle when we chose Ole Miss.’ Fenton and Rush hit their stride in the Ole Miss environment; they blossomed and excelled. Our family will strive to make Ole Miss our happy place again.”

Schnatter encourages others to honor Kottkamp by supporting the scholarship fund.

“My family and I have been deeply impacted by the tragic passing of Fenton Kottkamp, not only because of the fine young

man that Fenton was, but also because of the relationship between the Kottkamp family and my family,” he said. “Over the years, my wife, Annette, and I have become close to Fenton’s mother and father, Jane and Steve. Fenton’s youngest brother, Harrison, can often be found at our home hanging out with our son, Beau.”

Kottkamp’s Ole Miss experience was not lost on his four-year journey in Mississippi, Schnatter said.

“Fenton and his brother Rush both served as interns at Papa John’s headquarters not far from our Anchorage, Kentucky, homes. Ole Miss clearly had an impact on Fenton; he was bright and ambitious and welcomed the experience. He embodied all of the qualities we want from a young professional looking to make his place in the world.

“Working with Ole Miss alumnus Archie Manning to create the Fenton Kottkamp Memorial Scholarship Endowment was a way for my family and other donors to honor Fenton’s memory and highlight for the Kottkamp family how much affection and respect we hold for their son.”

Manning agreed, adding, “We are deeply saddened by the loss of Fenton, a beloved member of our Ole Miss family.

UM Grads Return to Teach Next Generation of Accountants

Griffin shares instruction between Patterson, CME

By Nathan Weber

New Patterson School of Accountancy faculty member Jeremy Griffin is Mississippi born and bred. Growing up in Southaven and earning his bachelor's degree in accountancy at the University of Mississippi, he said he felt it was the right time for him to return home to try to help the next generation of UM students.

"I've always felt some obligation to pay it forward and give back to the community," said Griffin, assistant professor of accountancy. "It felt natural to come home and give back to the place that helped shape me."

Griffin has been a proud ambassador for the state and university since he left in 1999, after receiving his bachelor's degree. He went to the University of Notre Dame, where he received his Master of Science in accountancy in 2000, and then completed his Ph.D. in accounting at the University of Georgia in 2010. After receiving his Ph.D., Griffin served as a professor in the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame from July 2010 until July 2015.

Apart from his experience in academia, Griffin worked in the private sector as an auditor for Deloitte & Touche and a plant accounting manager for BorgWarner.

During his time away from UM, he remained in contact with Morris Stocks, executive vice chancellor and provost and former dean of the Patterson School; Dave Nichols, an associate professor of accountancy at UM; and Mark Wilder, current dean of UM's accountancy school. Griffin frequently talked with these members of the accountancy school about the possibility of teaching at his alma mater.

"The biggest influence I had that led me toward academia (was) some of the mentors I had on campus as an undergrad," Griffin said. "Morris served as dean of accountancy when I was here and approached me with my first opportunity in academia to teach as an adjunct professor. At that time, I got my first experience teaching in a college classroom. That's where I discovered my real calling was in the classroom — researching and teaching."

This past fall, Griffin taught ACCY 309: Cost Accounting. His faculty position is a joint appointment between the Patterson School and the Center for Manufacturing Excellence. Griffin said he is also in the process of developing another course to be taught in CME.

"I felt my research had progressed to where I could be a real asset to Ole Miss," Griffin said. "It felt natural to come home. As someone who is from Mississippi, I felt compelled to serve the students of this state, and this felt like a place where I can make a difference." ■



Jeremy Griffin

Whitney Barton returns to alma mater to teach

By Elizabeth Burgreen

After working in Texas as a CPA for the last several years, Whitney Barton (BAccy 07, MAccy 08) returned to her alma mater in August 2015 to start her teaching career at the Patterson School of Accountancy.

Upon graduation from Ole Miss, Barton, a recipient of the Taylor Medal in 2007, worked for Dixon Hughes Goodman in Fort Worth as a public accountant until 2011. She then worked as a financial control analyst for Q Investments, a hedge fund. She left her job at Q upon the birth of her daughter and relocated her family to the southern California area.

Barton's family then moved back to the South in summer 2015, where J Shaw, associate professor of accountancy instruction, let Barton know a teaching position was open in the Patterson School. After an interview with Dean Mark Wilder, Barton jumped at the chance to educate students and give back to the program in which she had received her own education.

Many of her colleagues are people who mentored her while she was still in school. Because she was familiar with the faculty and staff of the school and the influence they had on her career path, she knew it would be a great experience.

"If I was lucky enough that they wanted to hire me, there was no way I was turning them down," Barton said.

Barton taught four sections of ACCY 202, Principles of Accounting II, in fall 2015 and is teaching ACCY 201, Principles of Accounting I, this spring. She is excited to be in the classroom again and helping those students who will be the next generation of accountants.

A native of Ripley, Barton resides in Oxford with her husband, Aaron, who is also a CPA in private practice, her daughter, Landry, and their bird dog, Decker. ■



Whitney Barton

Applewhite honored with Simmons Bronze Medal

Patterson School helps lawyer launch second successful career as CPA

By Michael Newsom

Brad Applewhite is the son of a successful certified public accountant, but he had never considered accountancy as a career. Instead, he ended up going to law school and spent two-and-a-half years practicing before something funny happened.

The young lawyer was helping his father, Ron Applewhite, who is a tax preparer and tax credit consultant in Jackson. He is also a Patterson School of Accountancy graduate and serves on the school's advisory council. Brad Applewhite enjoyed helping his father so much that he decided to speak with accountancy dean Mark Wilder about going back to school to get his master's degree in taxation. Wilder was highly supportive of the idea.

"Being a nontraditional student whose original degree wasn't in accounting, the Ole Miss program got me up to speed and provided me with everything that I needed to get started in a career in tax accounting," Applewhite said.

Applewhite recently learned that he won the Silas M. Simmons Bronze Medal, which goes to the person who receives the state's third highest score on the CPA exam. The award recognized his score on the 2014 exam. He took advantage of the School of Accountancy's CPA review course, which gives students a structured environment to study and sit for the exam during their last semester in the graduate program.

Winning the award came as a shock to Applewhite, who was impressed with the caliber of his fellow Patterson School students.

"It's definitely an honor to win the Bronze Medal, and I know how much it means to the school to have an alumnus receive the award," Applewhite said. "More than anything, I was happy that I was able to contribute something back to the Ole Miss accountancy program so early."

Now, he's a first-year associate in the tax department at CBIZ MHM LLC in Memphis, Tennessee, and said he's enjoying it.

"I've been fortunate enough in my first year to work on a lot of different projects from high net worth individuals to Fortune 500 companies," he said, adding that



Brad Applewhite, Karen Moody

working with different types of clients has kept him motivated and engaged in his work.

"There's always something new to learn or a different perspective to see."

Wilder noted that Applewhite already had a bachelor's degree and a law degree, but essentially started from scratch with accounting and spent two calendar years taking a total of 18 accounting courses. In 2013 and 2014, he made an A in 15 of his 18 courses and passed his CPA exam with very high scores.

"Brad performed incredibly well in our program," Wilder said. "Brad is a very hard worker, is highly intelligent but is also humble. We are extremely proud of [him]. I know his parents are too. We're also pleased to have him as an alumnus of the Patterson School. He has a very bright future ahead."

Tonya K. Flesher, UM professor of accountancy and Arthur Andersen lecturer, said Applewhite was a student in three of her tax courses and was at the top of all of them.

"In class, Brad was always engaged and contributed much to all of the

courses," Flesher said. "Thus, it was no surprise that he excelled on the CPA examination. I am so proud of him and fully expect him to be successful in all his professional endeavors."

J Riley Shaw, associate professor of accountancy instruction, taught Applewhite in four accountancy classes and said he was the top student in each one.

"He is an exceptional student," Shaw said. "Beyond that, Brad has a terrific attitude. He is eager to learn and always seems to take things in stride. I'm not surprised [he] did so well on the CPA exam, and I know [he] will excel in his career as a CPA."

Applewhite credited his success, though, to the foundation he received at Ole Miss.

"I really cannot thank Dean Wilder enough for helping convince me to go back to school," he said. "Dr. Shaw and Dr. Flesher were also wonderful for putting up with my questions, getting me involved in the tax competitions and overall reaffirming my decision to switch careers." ■

Accountancy Maintains Top 10 Ranking

Programs ranked in top 10 for five consecutive years

2015 Undergraduate Rankings

1. Texas
2. Illinois
3. Brigham Young
4. Notre Dame
5. Southern California
6. Indiana
- 7. Ole Miss**
8. Alabama
9. Georgia
10. Michigan
11. Wisconsin
12. Texas A&M
13. Florida
14. Ohio State
15. Michigan State
16. Missouri
17. Miami Ohio
18. Pennsylvania
19. Northern Illinois
20. Penn State
21. Washington
22. Utah
23. Virginia
24. Wake Forest
25. Villanova



All three of the Patterson School of Accountancy's degree programs are ranked among the top 10 in the nation in the 2015 annual national rankings of accounting programs published by the *Public Accounting Report* (PAR). The undergraduate program is ranked No. 7, and the master's and doctoral programs are each ranked No. 8. All three degree programs lead the Southeastern Conference in the rankings.

In addition, this is the third consecutive year the undergraduate program is at the top of the SEC. The Patterson School has become a mainstay on the national scene, with its programs ranked among the top 10 nationally for five consecutive years (and in the top 20 in the nation for eight straight years).

PAR has been providing national rankings of accounting programs each of the past 34 years. The rankings are based on a survey of accounting professors in the United States. Other undergraduate SEC programs ranked in the top 20 are Alabama (8), Georgia (9), Texas A&M (12), Florida (13) and Missouri (16).

Undergraduate and master's program rankings for 2015 were also compiled based only on votes by professors who did

not vote for their own schools. Ole Miss fared extremely well in these rankings, coming in at No. 4 nationally for both the undergraduate and master's program. The top three schools in these rankings (for both the undergraduate and master's program) included Texas, Illinois and Brigham Young.

The editor of PAR recently asked Dean Mark Wilder about the factors leading to the success of the Ole Miss School of Accountancy in the national rankings. Wilder attributed the Patterson School's success to a variety of factors:

- Ole Miss has been home to the National Library of the Accounting Profession (former AICPA library) since 2001.

"It has helped us generate unprecedented visibility," Wilder said. "The library has brought professors from around the nation to the Ole Miss campus. They see the beauty of our campus and what we are doing in our accountancy program, and, invariably, they leave impressed."

- Ole Miss has an autonomous School of Accountancy. "Having a separate school is unbelievable in terms of being able to control your own curriculum, determining who gets tenure, in fundraising

and development, and overall just being able to control your own destiny,” Wilder said.

- The Patterson School has developed an active research workshop series over the past several years.

“We typically bring in six or seven of the top scholars nationally to our campus each year to present their research and learn about our campus and program,” Wilder said. “We have recently hosted professors from the universities of Texas, Illinois, North Carolina, and also from Ohio State and Duke. They all leave impressed with the quality of our faculty, students and program. They are also impressed with the collegiality of our faculty and the beauty of our campus.”

- Over the years, a majority of Patterson School students tend to begin their careers in public accounting.

“We are now a priority recruiting school for a variety of firms including the Big Four, national firms, large regional firms, as well as local firms,” Wilder said.

- Ole Miss has a strong CPA culture and requires all of its faculty and doctoral students to be CPAs.

“Even though you would expect this to be the case everywhere, we are actually quite unusual in our commitment to our faculty being CPAs and promoting the CPA among our students,” Wilder said.

Wilder indicated that the key reason for the Patterson School’s success is that it has an outstanding faculty and staff, including a good mix of junior and senior faculty.

Four current faculty members have won the universitywide Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award. Six faculty members have received the Mississippi Society of CPAs Outstanding Educator Award. Dale Flesher, associate dean and professor of accountancy, has won the AICPA National Outstanding Educator Award.

Five faculty members have published in *The Accounting Review* or *Journal of Accounting Research* since 2011. These journals are viewed as the top academic accounting journals worldwide.

Wilder noted that “in addition to being highly credentialed and highly accomplished, one of the things I appreciate most about our faculty and staff is their willingness to work together toward our common goal and vision of having one of the top accounting programs in the nation.” ■

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Our hearts continue to be with the Kottkamp family during this difficult time. We hope others will join us in remembering this extraordinary young man by helping build this scholarship endowment to help others experience Ole Miss in Fenton’s name.”

The Kottkamps agreed that their son would be pleased to have his name on a scholarship.

“He probably would have been a little embarrassed, too, for all the attention – but very proud,” Jane Kottkamp said.

In addition to his great love of people, among other descriptions family and friends offer include “excellent student,” “fun and funny,” “welcoming and kind,” “compassionate” and “adventurous.”

The scholarship committee will look for recipients who embody Kottkamp’s spirit, character and integrity. Those eligible for consideration are students in the Patterson School of Accountancy and the School of Business Administration. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade-point average.

The scholarship is an appropriate means of remembering Kottkamp, said Mark Wilder, dean of the Patterson School.

“His life had such a positive impact on the faculty and students in our school, as well as other members of the Ole Miss family. Fenton was always friendly, cheerful, smiling and never in a bad mood. He was instantly likeable because of his good nature. Fenton worked very hard in school, and his determination showed. It was obvious that his parents had raised him right.”

Jane Kottkamp said she believes her son’s deep enjoyment of the university stemmed from his devotion to family, something she also sees in Ole Miss.

“Fenton was always happy and excited to come home and be close to his family and cousins in Kentucky, and then he would be eager to get back to his college home,” she said. “Ole Miss is the place where you develop lifelong friends – friends who are like family – and not just among students but also parents of students. We hope Fenton’s scholarship will make it possible for other young people to go to Ole Miss and also for

them to be a part of this great tradition of developing great lasting relationships.”

Laura Johnson of Atlanta, a senior education major, graduates in May and intends to carry forward Kottkamp’s influence.

“Fenton was an all-around great guy,” Johnson said. “He was so inspirational in that he lived every day to the fullest. He was always down for a night out with friends and taking new adventures. I met Fenton at the freshman welcome picnic the day before classes started, and we had an instant friendship. He’s been my best friend for the past four years at Ole Miss.

“I want the individuals who receive this scholarship to know that Fenton always had a smile on his face and made any situation positive. To recipients, I encourage you to aspire to live your lives in a similar way – to live life to the fullest and to take chances. Fenton always took the extra step to make others happy and include everyone before even thinking about himself. I aspire to live my life like him and to be welcoming to everyone.”

A graduate of Anchorage Public School and DuPont Manual High School, Kottkamp planned to pursue a master’s degree in accountancy at Ole Miss.

His goal was a career in public accounting, but he recognized that his degree provided many career options. He was a member of St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and an avid Rebels and Louisville Cardinals supporter.

In addition to his parents and brothers, Kottkamp is survived by his grandparents, Dr. Wayne and Eileen Kottkamp; and a large number of aunts, uncles and cousins. He also leaves his loyal dog, Biggs.

Individuals and organizations can make gifts to the Fenton Kottkamp Memorial Scholarship Endowment by sending a check with the fund noted in the memo line to the University of Mississippi Foundation, 406 University Ave., Oxford, MS 38655 or online at <http://www.umfoundation.com/makeagift>. For more information, contact Brett Barefoot, director of development for Parents Leadership, at 662-915-2711 or bmbarefo@olemiss.edu. ■

Stocks and Bonds

Provost shares special connection with Patterson School

By Edwin Smith

Morris Stocks, executive vice chancellor and provost of the University of Mississippi, has served in various roles at the university for more than 24 years, including Patterson School of Accountancy dean and professor, associate provost, senior vice chancellor for planning and operations, provost, vice chancellor for academic affairs and interim chancellor. Through it all, he has developed special bonds with students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni and friends of the accountancy school.

“I was very happy serving as a faculty member in the Patterson School of Accountancy,” said Stocks, who joined its faculty as an assistant professor in 1991. “It’s a wonderful academic environment and a very supportive place to work.”

Stocks went on to become an associate professor, then professor, within the accountancy school. Following eight years on the faculty, UM Provost Emeritus Carolyn Staton asked him to serve as associate provost. Having accepted the position, he was responsible for the academic budget and undergraduate curriculum.

“I was not seeking an administrative role, but Provost Staton provided me with wonderful opportunities to learn, grow and be involved in central administration of this great university,” he said. “I held that position for three years before successfully applying for the dean’s position.”

During Stocks’ four-year tenure as dean, the Patterson School was ranked as one of the top 25 accounting programs in the country for the first time in its history. His success prompted UM Chancellor Emeritus Robert Khayat to ask Stocks to take on the position of senior vice chancellor for planning and operations.

“Provost Staton asked me to join the Office of the Provost, in part, because of my financial background,” Stocks said. “My academic discipline has helped me more effectively understand a very complex and complicated institution that faces many funding challenges. Having a strong working relationship with Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Larry Sparks has helped move the academic mission of the university forward.”

Mark Wilder, dean and professor of accountancy, said Stocks has excelled in everything he has done at Ole Miss, making his promotions all well deserved.

“Morris Stocks is one of the key reasons the University of Mississippi is enjoying the successes that we are experiencing today,” Wilder said. “Morris and I have done a good bit of research together over the years, and I have learned a tremendous amount from him, both in research and teaching. We have several co-authored publications, and we have served together on a number of doctoral dissertation committees in accountancy. I consider him a mentor and a true friend.”

Staton expressed similar sentiments for her former administrative colleague.

“Early on, I knew Dr. Stocks was destined for greatness within the University of Mississippi,” she said. “Through the years, I have repeatedly seen him accept challenges and then exceed everyone’s expectations. Morris is truly a rare, wonderful, kind and generous individual.”



Morris Stocks

A Ph.D. graduate from the University of South Carolina, Stocks is a certified public accountant in the state of Mississippi. He is the 1998 recipient of the university’s most prized teaching honor, the Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award. Stocks’ research considers the impact of financial accounting information on the decision-making process of users. He has published in many of his profession’s top academic and professional journals.

Stocks said finding ways to support UM faculty and staff and helping students be successful are the most rewarding and satisfying aspects of his work.

“I have found great reward in carefully pushing the School of Accountancy and the University of Mississippi toward excellence,” he said. “On a personal level, my recognition as the university’s outstanding teacher was very meaningful. I was also tremendously moved when I received the Lift Every Voice award a couple of years ago.” (The UM Black Faculty and Staff Organization founded the Lift Every Voice award to recognize an individual, group or entity that has contributed to the betterment of relationships on campus.)

During this period of transition, UM’s senior leadership team must continue to focus on all aspects of the university, Stocks said.

“We must continue strategic undergraduate, graduate and professional school growth,” Stocks said. “We must continue to plan and build for our changing and growing university, and we must continue to cultivate the critical support that our alumni and friends provide for us so generously.”

Stocks and his wife, Cindy, have four adult children: Meredith, Sarah, Michael and Kathryn.

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Professor's research receives recognition

The Patterson School of Accountancy faculty influences accounting practice through the education of future professionals as well as service to professional organizations. However, many do not realize that the faculty also influences practice through the publication of academic research that serves to illuminate some of the most important questions facing accounting professionals and their regulators today.

For example, in a recent publication in a leading accounting research journal, Associate Professor Kendall Bowlin, along with Jessen Hobson from the University of Illinois and David Piercey from the University of Massachusetts, shed light on the effects that requiring public companies to periodically hire a new auditor would have on audit quality.

Proponents of such mandatory audit firm rotation believe that long-term relationships between public companies and their auditor result in diminished auditor independence and skepticism causing reductions in audit quality. On the other hand, opponents of such rotation argue that longer auditor tenure improves audit quality by allowing auditors to build client-specific expertise that would be destroyed every time companies were required to hire a new auditor.

Most prior studies of the association between the length of auditor relationships with their clients and the quality of their auditing have come in the form of archival research. Archival researchers look for relationships among publicly available stock market, financial statement, auditor and other data to answer questions that are important to practitioners and standard-setters. In the case of audit firm rotation, the results of these archival studies have been mixed with



Kendall Bowlin

some indicating that rotation would improve audit and financial statement quality while others suggest the opposite. In addition, these studies are hindered in determining the causality of detected effects. That is, it is unclear from these studies whether tenure length drives financial reporting quality, or whether companies with better accounting prefer to maintain long relationships with their auditors.

Instead of using archival research methods in their study, which was published in the July 2015 issue of *The Accounting Review*, Professor Bowlin and his co-authors use a laboratory experiment that afforded them greater research control and the ability to specify the causal relationship between auditor rotation and audit quality. In their experiment, student participants took on the role of auditors and client managers in an abstract game that captured the basic economic and strategic tensions that

exist in real-world auditing. The study's results indicate that when auditors are prompted to adopt a skeptical mindset, which is the preferred mindset in most audit settings, auditor rotation can actually undermine that skepticism and lead to worse audit outcomes.

Although only recently published, the study has been featured in articles by 12 media outlets from around the world including *CFO Magazine*, Thomson Reuters *Accounting & Compliance Alert*, *Financial Director*, *Compliance Week*, *Accountancy Age*, *Accounting Today*, *Accounting Web*, *Accounting Weekly*, *FSR*, *Comunidad Contable*, *Accounter* and *Contabilidade Financeira*. The study has been cited in public comments to the PCAOB, and the International Federation of Accountants issued an invitation to the authors to publish an article summarizing the study for its practitioner audience in their *Global Knowledge Gateway* (<https://www.ifac.org/global-knowledge-gateway/viewpoints/surprising-effects-mandatory-auditor-rotation-audit-quality>).

While Professor Bowlin's study has garnered some recent attention from media outlets, it is only one of many examples of Patterson School faculty and doctoral students contributing to practice through research. For example, faculty and students' recent research has provided insights into practitioners and standard-setters in a number of areas including the debate regarding proposed changes to the audit report, the accounting for share repurchases, the appropriate way to determine company life cycle stage, the better predictors of bank credit losses and failures, the effects of environmental disclosures on firm value, and the effects of supplemental fair value disclosure on auditor evaluation of those fair values. ■

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"Meredith works in the Ole Miss School of Pharmacy and is taking Ph.D. courses," he said. "Sarah and Michael graduated from the Ole Miss MBA program last year. Kathryn is in her last year of nursing school in Nashville."

Stocks and her husband, Logan, work in Dallas. Michael works for KPMG in Atlanta.

Stocks named his favorite leisure activities as watching all Ole Miss athletics, playing golf, reading fiction and nonfiction, listening to music and walking.

"My wife and I try to walk 10,000 steps each day," he said. "If possible, we try to do a significant portion of that together."

Still, the Patterson School and the relationships built through it remain special to Stocks.

"In my opinion, there is not a single academic discipline that most effectively provides one for a successful career in higher education administration," Stocks said. "However, my own professional and academic training has proven to be very beneficial to me." ■

Jones Puts School on Hold for Tennis

Accountancy student competes on pro tour for International Tennis Federation

By Christina Steube

Managing the curriculum as a student in the top tier Patterson School of Accountancy is a difficult task. Yet, Julia Jones was not only an accountancy student but a student-athlete as well, playing tennis during her time in college here for the Ole Miss Rebels.

Her dedication to both academics and athletics has given her a foundation for success and a plethora of options for her bright future.

Jones always knew she wanted to work in the business field. During her sophomore year at Ole Miss, she found her calling in accounting and decided to pursue a degree in it.

When the St. Petersburg, Florida, native was going through the college recruiting process, she chose her school based on the combination of academics and athletics. She decided that Ole Miss was the perfect fit.

Jones began playing tennis at just 5 years old. She learned the basics from her dad, who taught her at River Hills Club in Jackson. When she was 8 years old, her family moved to Florida to allow her to pursue tennis at a higher level.

She was 16 when she committed to Ole Miss. Just a few short years later, she returned to the state where it all began.

During her time at Ole Miss, Jones was named an All-American in women's tennis her senior year, while maintaining her studies in the rigorous accountancy program. Also in her senior year, she was named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll as well as to the Dean's Honor Roll.

But it wasn't easy for Jones. Her lifelong dream was to play professional tennis. That dream was nearly shattered the summer before her senior year.

"I suffered an injury that kept me off the court for about five months," she said. "I was concerned that I would not be able to recover quick enough in order to finish my career on a high note."

Her hard work and dedication allowed her to not only stay in shape but also compete during her senior year, resulting in



Iris Verboven and Julia Jones win in doubles play in the 2012 SEC Women's Tennis Championship Semifinals. Photo by Kevin Bain



Julia Jones

her having the most successful year of her tennis career. She added that her tennis coach, Mark Beyers, was a major motivator on and off the court.

"Julia is the epitome of what a student-athlete should be," Beyers said. "She worked tirelessly both in the classroom as well as on the tennis court, and the results speak for themselves."

Jones is now working toward that lifelong dream. She is competing on the pro tour for the International Tennis Federation and has reached a rank of 489. She won her first title earlier this year in Egypt.

"Having devoted my entire life to the game of tennis, I felt I owed it to myself to give a professional career a chance," she said.

She hopes her tennis success will continue for the long haul, but in the event it doesn't, Jones said she will return to Ole Miss to continue her education in

accounting, as it was the place that gave her the foundation to pursue her academic and athletic goals.

"Ole Miss gave me an amazing education, one that I intend to leverage once my professional tennis career is over," she said. "From a social perspective, I now understand what it means to be a part of the Ole Miss family. Ole Miss is a key component of who I am today. I have developed lifelong friendships and a bond (with) the Ole Miss community that I will cherish forever. For that, I will always be indebted to this phenomenal university." ■

Graduate Student Completes Internship with PwC

Wammack gets accounting experience in Dallas and Zurich

By Danielle Randall

In spring 2015, accountancy graduate student Anna Claire Wammack of Nashville, Tennessee, completed a 10-week internship at one of the big four international accounting firms, PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Wammack was a tax intern at PwC's Dallas, Texas, office and worked on a variety of tax assignments. She learned a lot of technical skills along with what daily life in the office is like for a tax associate. The internship was part of the university's accountancy program and counted for 6 hours of class credit.

"Doing an internship is a common part of the accounting school curriculum, so I had always planned on doing one my senior year," Wammack said. "The accounting school does a great job helping students get in contact with employers through recruiting events."



Anna Claire Wammack

After Wammack signed her internship offer with PwC, she learned about a program it offers called the "International Intern Experience." The program allows interns to travel to one of PwC's international offices. Having always been interested in working abroad, Wammack immediately applied.

"Once I was in Dallas on my internship, I was told that I had been chosen and would be traveling to Zurich, Switzerland, for the last week of my internship," Wammack said.

In Zurich, Wammack was paired with a PwC American employee who was on a two-year rotation abroad.

"Being able to talk to him and other PwC employees about how they ended up working internationally showed me a potential career path that I hadn't thought of before," Wammack said.

She said not only did she work with them on their assignments, but they also took time to show her around Zurich.

"Traveling to Switzerland taught me about working with people from different backgrounds and what it is like doing my job in a different country."

Wammack said she is grateful for her internship experience and that it allowed her to get a glimpse of the job she will be doing after college. After Wammack completes her master's degree in May 2016, she plans to move to Dallas and work with PwC as a tax associate. ■

Internship Takes UM Alumna to South Africa

Chaberski now works with KPMG in Chicago

By Emily Schneider

After an internship with KPMG that took her to the other side of the world, University of Mississippi alumna Devon Chaberski (BACCy 15, MTax 15) is now working full time for the firm, which provides audit, tax and advisory services.

Chaberski's experience with KPMG has taken her to Dallas, Texas; Johannesburg, South Africa; and most recently, Chicago, Illinois.

She said she chose to intern with KPMG because she enjoyed the laid-back, outgoing personalities of the firm's personnel, and the company offered unique benefits such as the Global Internship Program.

During her time in Dallas, Chaberski worked with the international tax team, where she was responsible for preparing international information forms to send to clients, and grouping investors and subsidiaries of internal companies. Her accounting experience in Dallas exposed

her to compliance and advisory-related services.

As part of KPMG's Global Internship Program, Chaberski traveled to Johannesburg, where she worked on transfer pricing issues.

"My favorite part of being a KPMG intern was the unity among all interns," Chaberski said. "I felt like I was really part of something bigger."

Chaberski has been working full time with KPMG's federal tax team in the firm's Chicago office since fall 2015. As a Chicago native, Chaberski said she's happy to be back home.

"Another great thing about KPMG is their ability and willingness to move you horizontally and vertically to place you at specific locations, all to maximize your opportunities," she said.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of interning and working full time with KPMG, she said, is that it offers the many



advantages of a large corporation while also being able to maintain the closeness of a local firm.

"I have spent some time in two different locations and have had the same amazing experience at both due to the firm culture," Chaberski said. "KPMG truly takes pride in their firm culture, and I can honestly say it really is something to take pride in." ■



Phi Kappa Phi

The following accountancy students were inducted into the Ole Miss chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, the oldest, largest and most selective honor society in the nation. Phi Kappa Phi includes the best and brightest students from all academic disciplines.

Fall 2015

Jeff Ross Capwell IV

Hannah Claire Farmer

Anna Katherine Ferguson

Samuel Stribling Hunter

Sierra Danielle Little

Margot Grace Pefanis

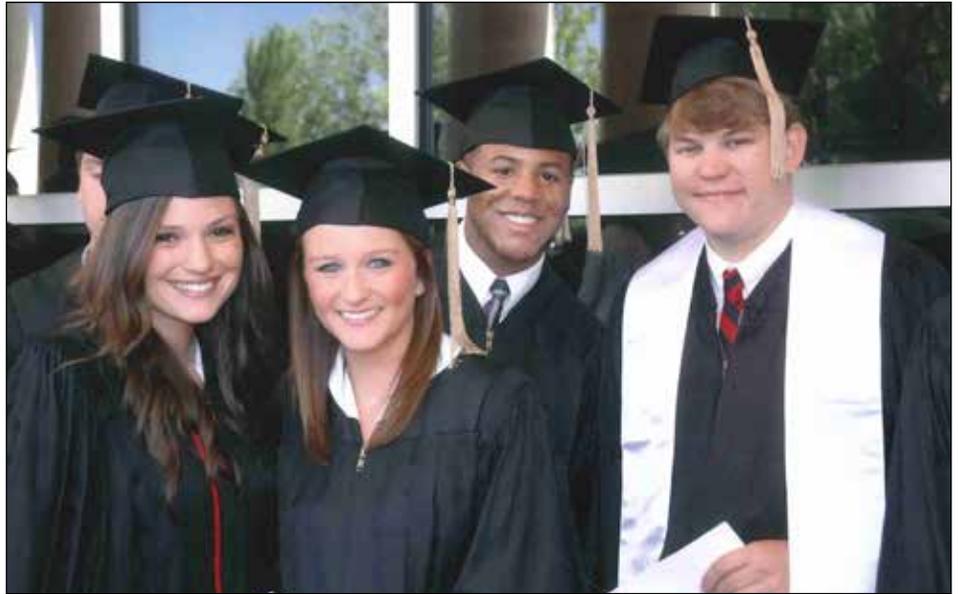
Georgia Tate Russell

Wesley Earl Salmon

Caitlyn Brooke Simpson

Jack Hankins Wilson

Zachary Lane Wilson



Erin Lotz Dlugach (left), Jackie Kulzer, Gino Johnson, Edwin Poteat Lutken

Scholarship named in memory of Jackie Kulzer and Chris Byrd

Ignite Ole Miss campaign for scholarship raises more than \$80,000

University of Mississippi accountancy alumna Jackie Kulzer along with her fiancé, Christopher Byrd, and his father, Greg, and brother Phillip were tragically killed in a plane crash on I-285 in Atlanta, Georgia, while en route to watch Chris' brother, Robert, graduate from Ole Miss in May 2015.

Family and friends of Kulzer and Byrd have chosen to honor the couple by creating the Jackelyn K. and Christopher F. Byrd Memorial Scholarship to benefit students majoring in accountancy. Kulzer's brother and sister-in-law, Matt and Maggie Bailey, worked with the university's development team to launch an online campaign on Ignite Ole Miss. The campaign officially began the week of Oct. 17, 2015, which was Kulzer and Byrd's planned wedding date. It concluded the week of Feb. 28, when Maggie Bailey ran the Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon in New Orleans in memory of the couple. You can read the full story and updates from family and friends at ignite.olemiss.edu/lovebyrds.

"We at the university and in the School of Accountancy are heartbroken by the tragic loss of Jackie and Chris," Dean Mark Wilder said. "Their lives had such a positive impact on the members of the Ole Miss family."

"I can vividly remember Jackie attending classes and walking through Conner Hall, the home of the Patterson School of Accountancy," Wilder said. "She was upbeat, energetic, had a great attitude and seemed to always be smiling. We are proud to have Jackie as an (alumna) of the Patterson School, and proud to have Jackie and Chris as alumni of the University of Mississippi. It is comforting to know that their spirit and memory will continue to live on in Conner Hall and on the Ole Miss campus through scholarships helping accountancy students."

The campaign raised more than \$80,000, which created an endowment to support two scholarships in the Patterson School of Accountancy. Family and friends of the couple plan to continue their support. Individuals and organizations interested in contributing can make gifts to support the scholarship by mailing a check with the endowment noted to the University of Mississippi Foundation, 406 University Ave., Oxford, MS 38655; visiting www.umfoundation.com/kulzerbyrd to make a gift online; or contacting Brooke Barnes, director of development, at 662-915-1993 or brooke@olemiss.edu. ■

Tonya Flesher Awarded for Biographical Research

Professor has inspired others to do accounting biographies

Tonya K. Flesher, professor of accountancy and Arthur Andersen Lecturer at the University of Mississippi, was honored by the Academy of Accounting Historians with the 2015 Thomas J. Burns Biographical Research Award for her lifetime contributions to biographical research.

Among her prolific contributions, Flesher has written more than a dozen articles about the important accountants of history and more than 20 scholarly papers that could be classified as biographies. These biographies have appeared in a number of accounting journals including *The Accounting Review*, *Accounting Historians Journal* and *The CPA Journal*.

Flesher has been at Ole Miss since 1977, and became dean of the School of Accountancy in 1987, a position she held until 1993. At the time of her appointment to the deanship, she became the first female dean in the then 139-year history of Ole Miss. She is the author or co-author of eight books in more than 20 editions, as well as more than 100 journal articles. She has previously been honored by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants with its Outstanding Member Service Award (2012) and by the Mississippi Society of CPAs with its Outstanding Educator Award (1995). She received the Ole Miss Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award in 1986 and the Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award in 2003.

Though Flesher has published an extensive number of accounting biographies, perhaps her greatest contribution in the biographical area was the popularization of biographical research among members of the Academy of Accounting Historians. While president of the organization in 1993, she hosted the academy's first Biography Conference, which took place in Oxford. Every paper presented at the three-day conference was a biography of an accountant.

While a doctoral student, Flesher's own dissertation, written at Ole Miss under the tutelage of professors Charles W. Taylor and H.

Eugene Peery, was an accounting biography, and she has also served as a committee member on at least two biographical dissertations.

In addition, she co-authored a chapter in a book about the various methodologies involved in biographical research, including hiding out in libraries and historical archives, interviewing family members and colleagues of famous accountants, and acquiring documents through the Freedom of Information Act. ■

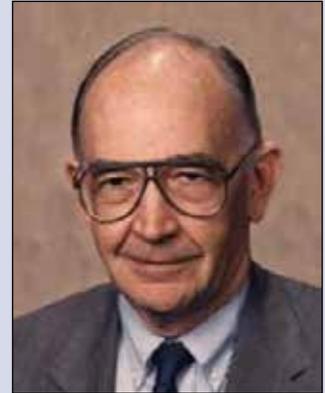


Tonya K. Flesher

In Memoriam

Patterson School Hall of Famer Bob Miley

Patterson School faculty, alumni and friends were saddened to learn of the passing of James W. "Bob" Miley. Miley was born March 22, 1931, in Sumner, Mississippi, and died Feb. 26, 2015, at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mildred, three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Bob Miley

Miley graduated from high school in Clarksdale in 1949 and attended the University of Mississippi, where he received a B.B.A. degree with a major in accounting in 1953 and an MBA in 1954. He was treasurer of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at Ole Miss and was also selected for membership in Beta Alpha Psi and Beta Gamma Sigma.

Following graduation, Miley served two years as a lieutenant with the U.S. Air Force Auditor General group stationed at Edwards Air Force Base in California. Upon release from Air Force active duty, Miley met Mildred O'Quinn in Clarksdale, and they married in fall 1956, after he had accepted a position as staff accountant with Arthur Andersen & Co. in Houston. In 1965, the Mileys moved to New Orleans with Arthur Andersen. The next year, Miley became an Andersen partner and headed the New Orleans tax department until 1975. He was a member of the Andersen firmwide oil and gas industry team until his retirement in 1990.

Miley was an active member of the Ole Miss School of Accountancy Advisory Council for many years, beginning in 1976 when the council was established. He was inducted into the School of Accountancy Hall of Fame in 1990, the second year that it was in existence. Ken Nail was also inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1990, and Miley and Nail were instrumental in the founding of the separate School of Accountancy in 1979. The School of Accountancy is proud to have had Bob Miley as one of its graduates and is appreciative for his support and many years of service to the school over the years. ■

Alumna Receives Prestigious Research Award

Pridgen advances government financial management

By Will Hamilton

Annette K. Pridgen, Ph.D., CPA, CGFM, was recognized with the Association of Government Accountants Cornelius E. Tierney/Ernst & Young Research Award for her research in the field of government finance.

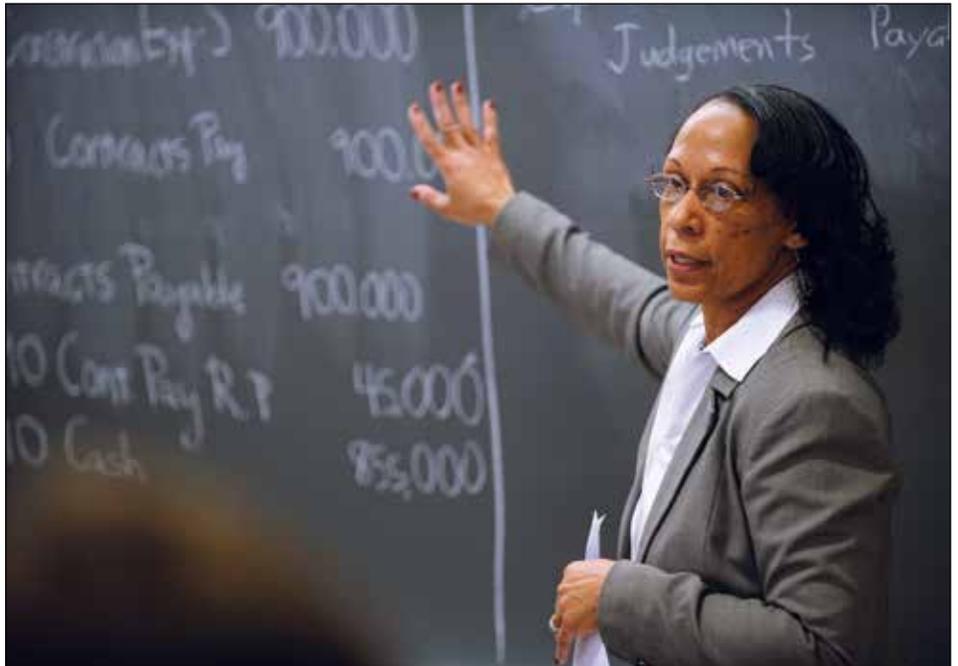
Pridgen attended the University of Mississippi's Patterson School of Accountancy as a doctoral student between 2004 and 2008. After completing her degree, she continued as an assistant professor in the School of Accountancy through spring 2013.

"From the beginning of my doctoral studies, Ole Miss provided all the resources and support I needed to succeed," Pridgen said. "My professors encouraged me to pursue my governmental and nonprofit research interests."

The Cornelius E. Tierney/Ernst & Young Research Award is given to an individual whose research and support has contributed to the governmental financial management profession.

"It is truly an honor to be recognized by my colleagues in the Association of Government Accountants," Pridgen said. "As a longtime member of AGA, I understand the importance of the organization's mission. This award serves as encouragement and validation for my life's career choice – advancing governmental accounting and accountability."

Pridgen said she strongly believes that her work at the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor provided her with the opportunity



Annette K. Pridgen

to promote public accountability at the statewide level. In addition, she said that UM provided her with the opportunities to advance government financial management through research and teaching.

"I was especially fortunate to be able to practice, teach and research within the same field."

Since leaving Ole Miss in 2013, Pridgen has served as an assistant professor of accounting at Jackson State University. ■



Kate Lindsay with Douglass Sullivan-González, dean of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College

Double Major Wins Barksdale Award

Lindsay highlights deaf community through theatre

By Kelley Norris

Patterson School of Accountancy student Kate Lindsay was one of two Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College members to receive the 2015 Barksdale Award. The awards were announced Feb. 10, during the Honors College spring convocation at the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts.

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Degrees, Drive Allow UM Grad to Pursue Greater Goals

Barr-Pulliam leaps from private sector to academia

By Christina Steube

Those who complete their education in the Patterson School of Accountancy at the University of Mississippi often move on to wonderful career opportunities.

Dereck Barr-Pulliam is a great example of success resulting from hard work and dedication. He earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in the accountancy program at Ole Miss. After becoming a certified public accountant and internal auditor, Barr-Pulliam spent six years as the senior internal auditor for FedEx in his hometown, Memphis, Tennessee.

But Barr-Pulliam wanted to not only use his skills learned from the Patterson School in his own career but to teach others as well. He returned to Ole Miss in 2009 to begin earning his Ph.D. in accountancy. Upon completion in 2014, Barr-Pulliam accepted a faculty position at the University of Wisconsin as an assistant professor of accounting and information systems.

“As a student, Dereck did all the right things,” said Kendall Bowlin, associate professor of accountancy instruction. “He participated in many conferences and developed an extensive network of other doctoral students and faculty. Dereck also demonstrated that he would be a great faculty colleague by being very dependable in his active participation in our research workshops, in which faculty from other universities visit us and present their current research. Dereck has an enthusiasm that is uncommon. He is also very goal oriented and has a work ethic and drive that has brought him the success that he has experienced.”

The Patterson School of Accountancy is consistently ranked as one of the top 10 accountancy schools in the nation. The high academic standards of the school, as well as several



Dereck Barr-Pulliam

scholarships, are what led Barr-Pulliam to choose Ole Miss as the place to continue his education.

“At Ole Miss, I learned the importance of hard work, intellectual curiosity and a sound academic record and how that affords you opportunities to be the change you want to see in the world,” he said.

The curriculum at Ole Miss is tough but well worth putting forth the effort, Barr-Pulliam added.

For those seeking the same educational path, he offered a few words of wisdom.

“Be focused on goals, be disciplined in your work and your intellectual pursuits, and dedicated to completing what you began, even when it gets hard, which it often will,” he said. “Don’t be afraid to take risks or ask for help. There is only weakness in failing to understand what you need and allow(ing) your pride to keep you from seeking help before it’s too late.”

Barr-Pulliam is in his second year as a professor at Wisconsin. His research focuses on corporate governance as well as the interaction between auditors and managers. ■

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Douglass Sullivan-González, dean of the Honors College, describes the award as an opportunity to take on a task and put yourself where the problem is acute. All students who apply for the Barksdale Award have helped us “dream a little bigger and brighter,” he said.

The \$5,000 award supports creative, courageous projects developed by students who are willing to take risks with their time and efforts for ambitious, independent programs of study, research or humanitarian work. The Barksdale Award was established in 2005 to encourage students to test themselves in environments that don’t have the built-in safeties of a classroom, teaching lab or library.

Lindsay, a senior from Starkville, is a double major in theatre arts and accountancy. She began studying American Sign Language in 2013 as a degree requirement. Quickly gaining a newfound respect for the deaf community through her studies, she began exploring the language and culture outside the classroom and found ways to incorporate ASL into other areas of her academic life.

In seeking new methods of collaboration between deaf and hearing theatre artists, Lindsay traveled to Los Angeles, New York City and Washington, D.C., over the summer, to participate in theatre by the deaf, for the deaf and about the deaf.

“My purpose is to be a part of a movement to create theatre that bridges the cultural divide between deaf and hearing people, not only making theatre more accessible to deaf audiences but also raising awareness of the deaf community in America,” she said.

Having worked on numerous theatre productions at UM, Lindsay joined Michael Barnett, associate professor and assistant chair of theatre arts, as an assistant on a production of “Titus Andronicus” in Washington, D.C., featuring deaf actors and crew members.

Although 21st century theatre has pursued diversity in casting and subject matter, little attention has been focused on the integration of those with disabilities, Barnett said.

“Kate’s project will place her at the forefront of a movement which is beginning to be discussed within the industry and in the pages of its trade publications,” said Barnett, who is directing Lindsay’s honors thesis. “This is very exciting work.” ■

2015 HONORS BANQUET



Accountancy Alumni Chapter Academic Achievement

1st Row: Matthew Fritz Oellerich (left), Emily Marie Bush, Elizabeth Lawrence Jones, Omar Salim Sharabati; 2nd Row: Daniel Scott Drummond (left), Jack Austin Badger; 3rd Row: Paul Jackson Gunn (left), Joseph Alvin Rebentisch



Accountancy Excellence Scholarship

1st Row: Susannah Knight Green (left), Lockie Monette Dearman, Morgan Leigh Watkins, Abby Taylor King; 2nd Row: Steven James Fowler (left), John Tucker Johnson, Jeffrey Cole Moore, Jaime Renae Effinger, Paul Jackson Gunn, Madeleine Margaret Robinson, Harrison Kyle Edwards



C Spire Scholarship

Ward Toler (left), Joseph Alvin Rebentisch



BKD, LLP Scholarship

1st Row: Matt Glover (left), Trey Turnage, Jesse Alford; 2nd Row: Jenny Casey Trout (left), Erin Nicole Keithly, Ryan Joseph Lenz; 3rd Row: Elliott Frank Thomas III, Katie Victoria Wilson, Samuel Stribling Hunter, Rachel Olivia Wilson



Hickonbottom Women's Council
Emily Ann Howland



**Mississippi Society of CPAs
Outstanding Senior Award**
Amanda Brea Emfinger



**Mississippi Society of CPAs
Achievement Award**
Erika Elizabeth Robinson



**Public Company Accounting
Oversight Board Scholarship**
Chelsea Janelle Harris



CBIZ MHM Scholarship

1st Row: Moira House (left), Su Young Kim; 2nd Row: Taylor Kirk Herron (left), Clayton Templeton, Walker Simonds Vaughn



Crowe Horwath Scholarship

Kristin Michelle Cook, John-Lars Blackstone Ely



Dixon Hughes Goodman Scholarship

Buddy Dearman (left), James Cade Peeper, Anthony Clark, Jay Oliphant



Horne Graduate Scholarship in Accountancy

Aaron Samuels (left), Destinee Ball, Hannah Rebecca Cornelison, Patrick Gough



Deloitte Scholarship

Madeleine Margaret Robinson



Levens & Schmidt Scholarship

Anthony Marcus McClinton



Louis Blanchard Scholarship

Vann Robert Berry



Collins Scholarship in Accountancy

Aaliyah Felice Frierson

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Pearce, Bevill, Leesburg & Moore Scholarship
Robert Parker Slay (left), Courtney Paige Nicholson, David Williams



Boolos Scholarship
Rachel Marie Reed, Leo Boolos



Collins Scholarship in Accountancy
Ruhuka Didia (left), Kimberly Denise Young, Destinee Ball, Kyerra Charnese Moody



DeMiller Scholarship
John James Kearney (left), Cameron Cole Dishon



Griesbeck Scholarship
Ellen Elizabeth Valle



James & Paula Martin Scholarship in Accountancy
Sarah Timmons Leatherman



Frances Turnage Accountancy Scholarship
Leah Victoria Abide



Kerry J. West Scholarship
Annie Caroline Frye



E.R. Hines Scholarship
Christopher Logan Tyler (left), Kirk Hines



E.R. Hines Scholarship
Henry Rogers Varner, Kirk Hines



Frank Hughes Scholarship
Terrian Tavaris Garvis (left), Alexander Aldon Hobson



Robert & Sandy Jackson Accountancy Scholarship
Sandy Jackson, Michael Patrick Farrell, Robert Jackson



Lucian Minor Scholarship in Accountancy
Nolon Robert Blaylock



Nettie Young Scholarship in Accountancy
Sarah Elizabeth Ayers



John David Whaley Memorial Accountancy Scholarship
Colby Tate Herndon



Johnny Williams Memorial Scholarship
Ryan Thomas Paterno

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Lucian Minor Scholarship in Accountancy

1st Row: Morgan Lindsey Lamb (left), Victoria Stevens Smith, Gabrielle M. Matthews; 2nd Row: Addison Bradley Oliver (left), Walter Douglas Kearney, Evan Marcus Turner



Nettie Young Scholarship in Accountancy

1st Row: Natalie Marie Flood (left), Juliette Bonner Roher; 2nd Row: Arnold Young (left), Randy Young, Richard Young



Will Townsend Memorial Scholarship

Tyler Edward Rodewald (left), Christopher Adam Michaelis



Charles & Ginger Clark Scholarship

William Ashton McLamb (left), Arthur Wilkinson Smith, Michael Anthony Kocher



William D. Windham Jr. Scholarship

Gregory Scott Mitchell



Caldwell Scholarship

William Matthew O'Keefe



James W. Davis Scholarship in Accountancy

Emily Nicole Richmond



Lucian & Mary Minor Scholarship

Sarah Heurman



Tutor Scholarship
Caroline Brice Williams, Benjamin Guy Frazer



Tutor Scholarship
Megan Leigh Young, Andrew Garrett Spragins



Wendell Weakley Scholarship
Rachel Sydney Rutledge, Wendell Weakley



Wendell Weakley Scholarship
Wendell Weakley, Austin Michael Wheeler



**Financial Executives
International Scholarship**
Harrison Kyle Edwards



Deloitte & Touche Fellowship
Rachel Ann Shaw



**Mississippi Tax Institute
Fellowship**
Austin Grant Yarber



Assistantship
Katie Victoria Wilson

2015 HONORS BANQUET



Louise M. Avent Scholarship
Tom Avent, Darby Katelyn Mills, Murray Avent



James W. Davis Scholarship in Accountancy
1st Row: Mary Elizabeth Gentry (left), Elizabeth Louise Carroll, Lauren Victoria Vonder Haar, Madison Haley Blankenship, Emily Paige Rucker, Ann Walton Stringer; 2nd Row: Cody Jordan Letchworth (left), Austin Newton Garrett, Michael Forrest Baty



Roger & Susie Friou Scholarship
1st Row: Nicole Alexandria Barnes (left), Roger Friou, Rachel Victoria Nieters; 2nd Row: Brent Weltner (left), Spencer Bradley Hughes, Laura Kathryn Lindsay



McCarty Family Scholarship
Steven Jay Montross (left), John Coleman Poole



Assistantship
Morgan Leigh Watkins



Assistantship
Jane Elizabeth Bashaw



Assistantship
Lindsay Lee Redman



Assistantship
Susannah Knight Green



Lucian & Mary Minor Scholarship

Kyle Bradley Hyche (left), Kyle Ahmed Khan, Lauren Elizabeth Hetherington, Walter Douglas Kearney, Julian Lee Owen



Peery Scholarship

Joseph Clinton Lascara (left), Anna Claire Wammack, Martha Peery Williston, Mary Eleanor Starnes, John Maxwell Bailey



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Kyerra Charnese Moody (left), Gabrielle M. Matthews, Nicole Alexandria Barnes, Andreau Lashay Carter, Ruhuka Didia



Ernst & Young Fellowship

Louis Philip Cole, Rachel Victoria Nieters



Federation of Schools of Accountancy Outstanding Student Award

Anish Sharma



Institute of Management Accountants Outstanding Graduate Student

Caroline Diane Purcell



Outstanding Graduate Student Flesher & Flesher Fellowship

Katrina Marie Briscoe



Arthur Andersen & Co./W. Kelly Clifford Memorial Award

Ryan Smith

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KPMG Peat Marwick Fellowship
Tom Avent, Orrin Marie Emanoil



PricewaterhouseCoopers Fellowship
Reatha Clark (left), Caroline Brice Williams



Dixon Hughes Goodman Fellowship
Buddy Dearman (left), Austin Michael Wheeler, Anthony Clark, Jay Oliphant



Horne Fellowship and Graduate Scholarship in Accountancy
Morgan Lindsey Lamb (left), Sarah Frances Olander, Hannah Rebecca Cornelison, Destinee Ball



Doctoral Teaching Award
Andrew D. Almand



Griesbeck Scholarship
John Richard Moses



Horne, LLP Scholarship in Accountancy
Carson Lee Rutledge, Margaret Frances Olander



Annie Belle H. Friou Tax Fellowship
Griffin Peery Williston, Roger Friou, Anna Claire Wammack



Flesher & Flesher Fellowship
Dale L. Flesher, Katrina Marie Briscoe, Tonya K. Flesher, Steven Jay Montross



Lefoldt & Co./Waller Fellowship
Hugh Devin Lawrence Mills, Jenny Casey Trout



Harper Rains Knight Fellowship
Joey Fletcher (left), Harrison Kyle Edwards, Matt Farage



William Michael McDonald Sr. Fellowship
Madison Haley Blankenship (left), Ellen Bramlett McLaurin



Outstanding Teacher and Outstanding Researcher Awards
Dave L. Nichols, Rachna Prakash

2015 HONORS BANQUET



Dixon Hughes Goodman Scholarship

Anthony Clark (left), Joshua Lamon Smith, Jay Oliphant



Doctoral Students

Tyler Williams (left), Melinda Bruscato, Emily Hornok, Andy Almand, Chevonne Herring, Chris Miller



Johnny Williams Memorial Scholarship

William Thomas Speck (left), Stephen Alanson Biggs



Johnny Williams Memorial Scholarship

Stephen Alanson Biggs, Jeff Ross Capwell IV



Hall of Fame

Larry Hardy (left), Joe Weller, Guy Moore, Ed Krei, Arnold Young, Leo Boolos

4 Accountancy Students Awarded Taylor Medal in 2015

Only 1 percent of students earn UM's highest academic honor

By Kelley Norris

Four accountancy students were recognized April 9, 2015, as recipients of the University of Mississippi's highest academic honor, the Taylor Medal, at the 72nd annual Honors Day Convocation. The Taylor Medal is awarded annually to no more than the top 1 percent of UM students. Recipients in the Patterson School of Accountancy are as follows:

Carl Johan Albert Backstrom of Uppsala, Sweden, is a May 2015 graduate of the accountancy school. Following graduation, he joined KPMG's Deal Advisory practice in New York City and is considering pursuing his master's degree in accountancy or business. A member of the Ole Miss men's tennis team, Backstrom received the Outstanding Undergraduate Managerial Finance Student Award, was named to the Capital One Academic All-District At-Large team and was named a Capital One Academic All-American and Intercollegiate Tennis Association scholar-athlete. Listed in the Chancellor's and SEC academic honor rolls, he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Gamma Sigma and the SEC community service team.

Orrin Marie Emanoil of St. Louis is a May 2015 graduate. She plans to pursue a Master of Accountancy and work for KPMG in Dallas, Texas. Listed in the Chancellor's Honor Roll, Emanoil is a member of Beta Alpha Psi, Phi Kappa Phi and Order of Omega. She is the recipient of the Accountancy Alumni Chapter Academic Achievement Award and a member of Chi Omega sorority.

James Wesley Howell of Somerville, Tennessee, is a May 2015 graduate. He plans to pursue a career in investment banking and obtain a Master of Business Administration. He is the recipient of the Center for Manufacturing Excellence Award and the Accountancy Alumni Chapter Academic Achievement Award. Howell is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta

Kappa, Order of Omega, the Student Entrepreneurial Association and Beta Alpha Psi, and was a student in the Center for Manufacturing Excellence and Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College.

Elliot Channing Lansdell of Nettleton is a May 2015 graduate. He will begin his professional career in public tax accounting for KPMG in its Financial Services office in New York City. He is a member

of the UM Hall of Fame and was a student in the Trent Lott Leadership Institute and Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College. He is involved with numerous honor societies including Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board and Order of Omega and is a member of Delta Psi fraternity. ■



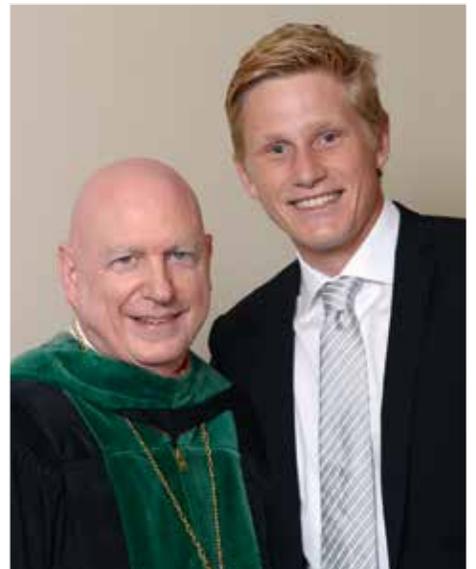
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Elliot Channing Lansdell



Former Chancellor Dan Jones (left), James Wesley Howell



Former Chancellor Dan Jones (left), Johan Albert Backstrom



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2nd row (left to right): Kendall Bowlin, Mitch Wenger, Dave Nichols, Jeremy Griffin, Billy Rhodes, Dale Flesher, Karl Wang;
3rd row (left to right): Whitney Barton, Rachna Prakash, Mark Wilder, Brett Cantrell, Vicki Dickinson. Photo by Bill Dabney