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Professional Interests

Academic Background

Ph.D. Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, Accounting, 1989

M.A.S. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL, Accounting, 1974

B.S. North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC, Accounting, 1973

Certifications

Certified Public Accountant, 1977 (1977)

Memberships

American Accounting Association

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

WORK EXPERIENCE

Academic Experience

Associate Professor and Chairperson of Accounting & Finance Department, Morgan State University (1999 - Present), Baltimore, Maryland.

Associate Professor, Florida A&M University (1998 - 1999), Tallahassee, Florida.

Assistant Professor, North Carolina A&T State University (1992 - 1998), Greensboro, North Carolina.

Associate Professor, Morehouse College (1989 - 1992), Atlanta, Georgia.

Courses Taught

Courses from the Teaching Schedule: Accounting Internship, Auditing, Finance Internship, Intermediate Accounting I, Intermediate Accounting II

INTELLECTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Refereed Articles

Finney, S. G. (2016). The Tangle of Intangible Assets and Business Combinations Related Standards: Past, Present, and Future. CPA Journal, The.

Arya, A., Sun, H., Chang, C., & Finney, S. G. (2011). Instructor Manual: Stock Option Backdating at Comverse Technology: Ethical, Regulatory, and Governance Issues. Journal of International Academy for Case Studies.

Arya, A., Sun, H., Chang, C., & Finney, S. G. (2011). Stock Option Backdating at Comverse Technology: Ethical, Regulatory and Governance Issues. Journal of International Academy for Case Studies.

Cheng, K. & Finney, S. G. (2009). Its Coming: M&A Under IFRS. Journal of Corporate Accounting and Finance, 21 (3), 13-18.

Backmon, I. R. & Finney, S. G. (2004). Cincinnati Biomedical Corporation. Journal of Accounting Case Research, 8 (1).

Finney, S. G. (2002). The Relationship between Aptitude, Effort and Performance in Intermediate Accounting Courses. Accounting Instructors' Report.

Backmon, I. R. & Finney, S. G. (1999). Characteristics of Fraudulent Reporting Firms-A Profile of Ethics Programs. Research on Accounting Ethics, 5, 77-93.

Finney, S. G. (1998). Reinforcing Accounting Concepts Using a Mini Business Plan. Accounting Instructors' Report, 3-4.
Finney, S. G., Cooper, W., & Malone, C. (1994). Detection of Inventory Fraud. National Public Accountant, 32-34.
Englebrecht, T. D. & Gary, S. (1988). A New Look at the Impact of Dorn on Qualified Stock Option Freezes. CPA Journal, The.

Refereed Proceedings

Full Paper

Finney, S. G. (2000). An Investigation of the Relationship between Effort and Performance in Intermediate Accounting: High GPA versus Low GPA Students. National Association of Black Accountants, Proceedings of Academic Papers at 2000 National Convention., National Association of Black Accountants.

Abstract Only

Backmon, I. R. & Finney, S. G. (2002). Foxcall, Inc. Proceedings of the Allied Academics Internet Conference, 4, Allied Academic Internet Conference, 54.
Finney, S. G. & Backmon, I. R. (2002). Cincinnati Biomedical Corporation. Southeast Case Research Association Case Workshop Program Proceedings, Southeast Case Research Association, 45.
Cooper, W., Malone, C., & Finney, S. G. (1998). What Educators Really Want from a Professional Meeting. Proceedings of the 1998 Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Accounting Association, American Accounting Association.
Backmon, I. R. & Finney, S. G. (1997). Sincoll, Inc. Southeast Case Research Association Case Workshop Program Proceedings, SECRA.

Presentation of Refereed Papers

International

Finney, S. G. & Keys, P. Y. (2014). U.S. Investment in sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from the Petroleum Industry. Washington Business Research Forum, Washington, District of Columbia.

SERVICE:

Service to the University

Department Assignments

Faculty Advisor:

2004-2005: Accounting Club Professional Event
2003-2004: Beta Alpha Psi Professional Event

Department Assignments

Other Institutional Service Activities:

2014-2015: Fundraising
2010-2011 – 2014-2015: Fundraising

College Assignments

Chair:

2004-2005: Accounting PhD Program Committee

College Assignments

Faculty Advisor:

2002-2003 – 2003-2004: Beta Alpha Psi Improved

College Assignments

Other Institutional Service Activities:

2002-2003 – 2004-2005: SBM Faculty Meeting

College Assignments

Other Institutional Service Activities:

2014-2015: Trading Room Committee

Member:

2012-2013: Search Committee for New Dean

University Assignments

Member:

2013-2014: Search Committee for New Registrar

Service to the Profession

Board of Directors: Substantial Involvement

2013: Institute of Internal Auditors - Baltimore Chapter, Towson, Maryland. Assisted with a presentation/panel discussion on internal auditing at Towson University on November 19, 2013.

Interacted with Deborah Pasto, internal auditor with Northrop Grumman, Debra Chiericoni, internal auditor for T.Rowe Price, Wen Fan, internal auditing at PwC, and Ed Shulder, internal auditor at the Office of Legislative Audits.

Chair: Committee / Task Force

2014: AACSB Peer Review Team- Accounting- Howard University, Washington, District of Columbia.

Chaired the Sixth Year Continuing Improvement Review Team for Howard University's accounting program.

Invited Lecture

2014: National Assoc of Black Accountants, Bethesda, Maryland. Invited by Baltimore NABA chapter to make presentation at Eastern Region Student Conference to HS students on how to apply for college

2011: 2011 American Accounting Association Mid-Atlantic Regional Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.

As host of the April 2011 regional meeting of the AAA, I gave talk during the luncheon regarding the accounting programs at Morgan at the undergraduate, masters and PhD levels at Morgan. This presentation was supposed to be main by the Dean, Dean Otis Thomas, but he was unable to make it.

2002: Defense Contract Audit Agency, Baltimore County, Maryland. Financial Planning Presentation, with Professor Orville Wright

Member: Committee/Task Force

2013: AACSB Peer Review Team- Accounting- Howard University, Washington, District of Columbia.

2011: AACSB Peer Review Team- Accounting- Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Served on Accounting Accreditation Peer Review Team for Grand Valley State University

2004: AICPA Board of Examiners Education Task Force, New York, New York. Task Force to communicate with educational institutions regarding computerization of CPA examination

Presentation

2004: Association of Government Accountants, Baltimore County, Maryland. Computerization of the CPA Exam

2003: American Accounting Association, Mid Atlantic Regional Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Presentation on the Computerization of the CPA Exam.

Service to the Community

Member of a Committee

2005: Northwood Appold Community Academy, Served on Task Force to implement a charter school

Faculty Development

Assurance of Learning - Professional Development

2009: AACSB Continuous Improvement Conference, Baltimore, Maryland. Attended various workshops related to assurance of learning, maintenance of accreditation process, and update on accreditation standards.

2008: AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii. Learned about the latest trends, ideas and approaches to key issues for management education, including relevant practice examples and business school models and structures that help schools achieve a competitive advantage.

2007: AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida. Attended sessions related to assurance of learning

2005: AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California. AACSB 2005 International Conference and Annual Meeting

Instructional-Related Conference

2004: Montreal, Canada. AACSB 2004 International Conference and Annual Meeting
2002: New York, New York. AACSB 2002 International Conference and Annual Meeting (department received accounting accreditation at this meeting)

Research-Related Conference/Seminar

2008: 2008 Annual Meeting of American Accounting Association, Anaheim, California. Attended this meeting in order to interview prospective new accounting faculty.

2003: Honolulu, Hawaii. 2003 American Accounting Association Annual Meeting

2002: Fort Worth, Texas. American Accounting Association Annual Meeting

Other Professional Development

2018: Professional Interaction, Baltimore, Maryland. Met with Merrill Lynch reps regarding assisting students in the finance program:

David Ball, Director, New Hire Site Lead, Merrill Edge Academy

Jeffrey M. Lubin, CFP, Managing Director, MLWM Market Executive/GWIM

2018: Professional Interaction, McLean, Virginia.

Entertained Carlton Edwards, Government and Public Sector, Ernst and Young LLP, and several other EY professionals as they mentored 30 high school students from Dunbar High School in DC. Made presentation to students regarding accounting program at Morgan.

2018: Professional Interaction, Baltimore, Maryland. Met with Tiana Wynn of SB and Company and Renee Rawlings of KPMG regarding NABA taking over Summer Program in Accounting and Finance at Morgan

2018: Professional Interaction, Baltimore, Maryland. Attended Bryson Sawyer lecture given by Daniel P. Henson, President of The Henson Development Company, Inc.

2017: Professional Interaction, Baltimore, Maryland. Met with Jason Dandridge, Managing Director and Freya Bayer, Director of Campus Recruiting, both of Morgan Stanley regarding recruiting strategy and ways in which Morgan Stanley can help with our programs.

2014: Federal Reserve, CFPB, OCC and FDIC Regulatory roundtable with Morgan State University Students, Baltimore, Maryland.

2013: Financial Crisis and AIG, BALTIMORE, Maryland.

2009: AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida. Attended sessions related to faculty shortages in accounting and evaluating business school performance.

2008: AACSB Continuous Improvement Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. Attended various workshops related to accreditation standards and accreditation maintenance, including tips for a successful maintenance review and a bonus session on peer review training.

2005: Baltimore, Maryland. Attended the accounting club award's dinner where Cecil Flamer (CPA, alumnus, retired Big 4 partner) was honored.

2005: Washington, District of Columbia. Chairpersons' Conference ACE

Professional Seminars / Workshops

2018: AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii.

2014: AACSB Continuous Improvement Review Seminar, Baltimore, Maryland.

2014: AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting, Singapore, Singapore.

2014: AACSB Continuous Improvement Conference, Baltimore, Maryland. Attended seminar in downtown Baltimore on September 20, 2014

2013: AACSB Continuous Improvement Conference, St. Louis, Missouri.

2013: Institute for Fraud Prevention, Washington, District of Columbia.

2013: AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

2012: AACSB Continuous Improvement Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

2012: AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting, San Diego, California.

2012: 2012 American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, National Harbor, Maryland.

2004: Plainsboro, New Jersey. PricewaterhouseCoopers University for Faculty, 2004

Honors-Awards-Grants

Award

2000: Best Paper Award, National Association of Black Accountants. Best Paper Award.
