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EDUCATION

Master of Laws, With Honors, 2012
Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois
Major: **Taxation**

Doctor of Philosophy, Business Administration – Accountancy, 2007
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois
Dissertation Title: “An Empirical Study of the Effect of the Change in the Burden of Proof in the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 on the United States Tax Court”

Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, 2003
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

Master of Accountancy, 1999
Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois

Bachelor of Business, Accountancy, Summa Cum Laude, 1998
Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois

Associate of Arts, Accounting, Summa Cum Laude, 1996
Black Hawk College, Moline, Illinois

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Attorney – Illinois
Registered Certified Public Accountant – Illinois

RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Professor, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, 2020 to Present
Associate Professor, 2017 to 2020

- Teach Acct 201: Financial Accounting, Acct 202: Managerial Accounting, Acct 305: Income Tax Procedures I, Acct 312: Accounting Information Systems, Acct 404: VITA Seminar,

Acct 406: Income Tax Procedures II, Acct 460: Accounting Internship, Mac 604: VITA Seminar, and Mac 606: Advanced Tax Topics

- Created Acct 404/Mac 604, which incorporates the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program where students prepare tax returns for low- to moderate-income clients for free. The course is an elective for both the undergraduate and graduate accounting programs.
- Academic advisor for accounting majors
- General Education Committee: Member, 2018 to Present
- HLC Steering Committee: Member, 2019 to Present
- Product Roots Group for College of Business: Member, 2019 to Present
- PTS Evaluation Committee: Member, 2018 to Present
- College of Business Strategic Plan Committee on Assessment: Member, 2017 to 2018
- Faculty Advisor for the Accounting Club, 2018 to 2020
- Faculty Governance Ad-Hoc Committee: Member, 2017 to 2019

Associate Professor, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, 2014 to 2017

Assistant Professor, 2007 to 2014

- Taught multiple sections of Acct 201: Principles of Accounting I, Acct 202: Principles of Accounting II, Acct 311: Accounting Systems and Control, Acct 314 (formerly Acct 421): Tax Accounting, Acct 441: Accounting Research, Acct 444: VITA Seminar, Acct 456: Advanced Tax, BUSN 341: Business Law I
- Created the Income Tax Service Learning Community, which paired Acct 314: Income Tax with Acct 444: VITA Seminar, to allow students to prepare tax returns for low-income clients for free, while receiving service learning credit
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program Coordinator, 2009 to 2017
- Supervising faculty member for tax accounting internships, 2008 to 2017
- Academic advisor for approximately 55 accounting majors and minors each year, 2008 to 2017
- Assistant Marshal and member of the Commencement Committee, 2012 to 2016
- Academic Computer Committee: Member, 2010 to 2013
- Advanced Standing and Degrees Committee: Member 2013 to 2016
- General Education Committee: Member, 2012 to 2015
- Honor Council: Member, 2013 to 2014
- Nominations and Rules Committee: Member, 2008 to 2012; Chair 2014 to 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Finley, Janene R. 2019. "Reforming the Charitable Contribution Tax Deduction: Accounting for Random Acts of Charity." *William & Mary Business Law Review* 10 (2): 479-514.

Finley, Wayne, and Janene R. Finley. 2016. "Volunteer Tax Assistance in Libraries." In *The Library's Role in Supporting Financial Literacy for Patrons*, edited by Carol Smallwood, 317-26. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Finley, Janene R., and Allan Karnes. 2010. "An Empirical Study of the Effectiveness of Counsel in United States Tax Court Cases," *Journal of American Academy of Business, Cambridge*, 16 (1): 1-10.

Finley, Janene R., and Wayne E. Finley. 2010. "Financial Accounting Standard Board Accounting Standards Codification," *Behavioral & Social Sciences Librarian*, 29 (1): 3-14.

Grossman, Amanda M. and Janene R. Finley. 2010. "FASB Codification of GAAP is Here!" *New Accountant*, 741: 8-9.

Finley, Janene R. 2010. "An Empirical Study of the Effect of the Change in the Burden of Proof in the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 on the United States Tax Court," *Journal of the American Taxation Association*, 32 (2): 97-98.
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Finley, Janene R., and Amanda M. Grossman. 2009. "Equity in Reforming the Tax Treatment of Health Insurance Premiums," *Seton Hall Legislative Journal*, 34 (1): 1-28.

Finley, Janene R., and Allan Karnes. 2008. "An Empirical Study of the Change in the Burden of Proof in the United States Tax Court," *Pittsburgh Tax Review*, 6 (1): 61-81.

PRESENTATIONS

"Reforming the Charitable Contribution Tax Deduction: Accounting for Random Acts of Charity," presentation for the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Quad Cities Chapter, February 12, 2020

"Utilizing VITA Program Materials in a Tax Course," Poster presentation at the American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, August 12, 2019

"Tax Update," continuing professional education presentation for Certified Public Accountants at St. Ambrose University, June 14, 2019

"Understanding United States Tax Laws for International Students," presented at Palmer College of Chiropractic (March 12, 2019) and St. Ambrose University (March 26, 2019)

FELLOWSHIPS

Presidential Research Fellowship, Augustana College, Summer 2009

Presidential Research Fellowship, Augustana College, Summer 2008

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Tax Coalition, United Way of the Quad Cities Area, 2010-Present

Iowa Network for Women in Higher Education, Treasurer and Board Member, 2019-Present

Strategic Investment Income Panel, United Way of the Quad Cities Area, 2020

Income Stability Council, United Way of the Quad Cities Area, 2019

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Accounting Association and American Taxation Association

American Bar Association and Section of Taxation

American Academy of Attorney-CPAs

Christian Legal Society

Federalist Society

Illinois State Bar Association