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February 9, 2024

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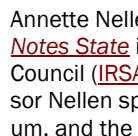
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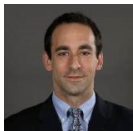
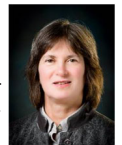
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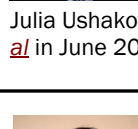
Joel Busch had an article on defining a trade or business published in *The CPA Journal* in August 2023. Professor Busch also presented at the 55th Annual Conference of the Society of Auditor-Appraisers in Santa Clara on how changes in income tax laws have impacted tax compliance and audits for property tax purposes.



Annette Nellen had an article on demystifying tax break terminology published in *Tax Notes State* in September 2023. In 2024, Annette will serve as chair of the IRS Advisory Council (IRSAC), having started her 3-year appointment in January 2023. This fall Professor Nellen spoke at the AICPA National Tax Conference, Kasner Estate Planning Symposium, and the ABA Fall Tax Meeting.



Zach Nolan had an article on QSBS published in *Bloomberg Tax* in November 2023.



Julia Ushakova-Stein had an article on APA Update published in *Tax Notes International* in June 2023.



Welcome to our new dean of the Lucas College and Graduate School of Business - Dr. Rangapriya (Priya) Kannan who started August 1, 2023. Kannan is a first-generation immigrant and is the first woman and the first person from India to lead the Lucas College and Graduate School of Business on a permanent basis as dean. Prior to joining SJSU, Dr. Kannan was an associate dean of faculty and accreditation at the University of San Diego, where she was also a professor of strategic management, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Before entering academia, Dr. Kannan worked in industry in both India and Silicon Valley. Dr. Kannan earned a PhD from the UCLA Anderson School of Management, and a Masters in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from SJSU. For more about Dean Kannan, please visit <https://sjsu.edu/cob/about/leadership/dean.php>.

Blockchain Tax Conference at SJSU on February 9, 2024

Does your tax work include cryptocurrency and other digital assets? Gain the latest insights on significant tax matters at the MST Program's Blockchain Tax Conference at SJSU on February 9, 2024. Speakers include experts from many areas including the OECD, U.S. Treasury Dept., IRS, venture capital and more. For the agenda, speakers and to register (\$200), please visit https://www.sjsu.edu/taxinstitute/docs/Crypto%20Conference%20Agenda_Flyer_2-9-24.pdf. Don't delay; space is limited. Please share this information with any colleagues interested in this

Have an MST? How About Earning a 9-Unit Advanced Certificate in Taxation

To learn how to earn an advanced certificate in international taxation or high tech taxation, please visit <https://sjsu.edu/lucasgsb/prospective-students/advanced-certificates/index.php>. Summer MST classes that will count towards the certificate include Data Analytics; and State Taxation Fundamentals.

STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to Andrew Sun!

Outstanding MST Graduate for Summer/Fall 2023



I am more than honored to receive the outstanding MST graduate award. I applied to the MST program out of a simple idea of self-advancement, and it turned out to become one of the greatest investment in my life. The MST program has taught me more than just accounting or taxes - it has brought me valuable research skills and built a solid academic foundation of U.S. taxation.

Thank you to our fall MST mentors for new MST students !

Alexandra Dong, Eric Shao and Aizhan Toibazarova.

Thank you to MST alums who visited fall classes to share their experiences with our students

Ami Shah and Vicki Feng.

Congratulations to **Eric Shao** who was awarded a scholarship from the Silicon Valley Tax Directors Group in June 2023 and a big thank you to the **SVTDG** for their support of our students!

New MST students enjoyed a history tour of campus led by Professor Nellen and dinner at the Dining Commons on a Saturday afternoon this fall with MST Program Coordinator Cathy Dougherty. See photo of a few of these students with Professor Nellen.



Tell your colleagues about our upcoming information sessions. All sessions will be conducted via Zoom. For more information, and to register, refer them to: <http://www.sjsu.edu/lucasgsb/events/index.html>

ALUMNI NEWS

Ophelia Ding



Ophelia Ding has over a decade of experience in tax and accounting. An alumna of the SJSU MST program, she proudly earned her master's degree in 2017, after completing her bachelor's degree in psychology from UCLA. Currently serving as a Tax Manager at LinkedIn Corporation, Ophelia focuses on U.S. indirect tax, international VAT, and foreign withholding tax. Her expertise extends to tax controversy, New Product Initiatives tax planning, tax compliance, tax technology, and sales and use taxability analysis for SaaS platforms.

Commencing her career in individual tax compliance at a local boutique CPA firm, Ophelia transitioned to the role of General Ledger accountant at a tech start-up, where her interest in corporate tax was sparked. Motivated to delve deeper into the realm of tax, she pursued part-time enrollment in the MST program, a decision that proved pivotal in shaping a successful career. Notably, during her MST tenure, Ophelia served as the Student Editor of *The Contemporary Tax Journal*.

Post-graduation, Ophelia ventured into public accounting, initially as a state and local tax consultant at Alvarez and Marsal, later moving on to become a Tax Manager at the Indirect Tax Group at Ernst & Young (EY). Attributing much of her success to the MST program, Ophelia emphasizes the program's role in equipping her with a solid foundation for a challenging tax career. She says that knowledge gained from the program enables her to confidently navigate complex tax issues, leverage both technical and interpersonal skills enhanced from the program to maximize her professional impact.

For current MST students, Ophelia advises making the most of the program by actively participating and engaging in the learning process. This will help to build a strong foundation of the fundamental principles of taxation that will enable you to tackle more complex topics in your career. Also, take the opportunity to explore different areas of specialization within tax.

This can help you discover your interests and career focus. Additionally, it is important to build meaningful connections through networking opportunities provided by the program. Ophelia cherishes the enduring friendships she has with fellow MST classmates, many of whom have gone on to excel as skilled tax practitioners in the Bay Area.

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