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**EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT AMHERST** February 2006  
Ph.D. in Business Administration, Concentration in Management Science  
Minor in Industrial Engineering  
Dissertation: Valid Inequalities for Multi-Period, Multi-Modal Supply Chain Models  
Advisor: Agha Iqbal Ali

**BENTLEY COLLEGE** February 1987  
Master of Science in Taxation Waltham, MA

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT AMHERST** May 1980  
Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting

**PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING EXPERIENCE**

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT** 1987– June 30, 2023  
Maintain an active Massachusetts state license.

**SELF-EMPLOYED ACCOUNTANT** 1990 – 2009  
Prepared tax returns and consulted for individuals and small businesses. Petersham, MA

**ERNST & YOUNG** 1985 – 1990  
*Supervisory Tax Senior* Worcester, MA  
Provided tax services and maintained client contact in various industries. Supervised return preparation and related tax research and planning. Reviewed tax provisions and related financial statement disclosures. Oversaw all aspects of several expatriate programs. Conducted training programs for seasonal interns. Reviewed and evaluated staff.

**SCRIBNER, COHEN & COMPANY, S.C.** 1982  
*Tax Staff* Milwaukee, WI  
Responsible for the complete preparation of individual income, trust and estate tax returns. Duties also included client and service correspondence, tax projections and related research.

**DELOITTE HASKINS & SELLS**

1980 – 1981

*Staff Accountant*

Boston, MA

Developed client contact as a member of an audit team during the audits of various entities. During tax season, responsibilities included the complete preparation of individual income tax returns.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE****COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Worcester, MA

Department of Economics and Accounting

*Associated Professor*

2012 – Present

Courses taught: Financial Accounting, Federal Income Taxation, Taxation of Entities, Operations Research and Cost Accounting.

*Assistant Professor*

2006 – 2012

Courses taught: Financial Accounting, Federal Income Taxation, Operations Research, and Managerial Accounting.

Tutorials, Internships, Honors Theses and Directed Readings:

Directed Reading, Jacqueline Fagoni '14

Spring 2014

Directed Reading, Caitlin Grunseich '11

Spring 2011

Managerial Accounting - Offered the course to senior majors who needed the class to complete their major requirements.

Economics Summer Research Program, RA: Joseph Herberger '11

2010

Economics Summer Research Program, RA: Stacy Nazzaro '10

2008

Economics Summer Research Program, RA: Emily Rast '09

2007

*Visiting Instructor*

2005 – 2006

Course taught: Financial Accounting

**ASSUMPTION COLLEGE**

Worcester, MA

Department of Business Studies

*Visiting Assistant Professor of Accounting and Management*

2004 – 2005

Courses taught: Quantitative Methods, Introduction to Management and Organizational Behavior, Principles of Accounting I and II, and Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship. Served as academic advisor.

*Instructor*

1989 – 1998

Courses taught: Principles of Accounting, Federal Income Taxes, Cost Accounting, Accounting Information Systems, Tax Concepts for Managers, and Quantitative Methods. Served on search committee for management faculty positions. Served as academic advisor and supervised an independent study.

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS – AMHERST**  
Department of Finance and Operations Management

*Instructor* 2000 – 2001  
Course taught: Introduction to Management Science

*Teaching Assistant* 1998 – 2002  
Conducted discussion sessions and/or held office hours for Deterministic Models, Supply Chain Management, Operations Management, and Integer Programming.

**WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE** Worcester, MA  
Department of Management

*Instructor* D Term – Spring 2002  
Course taught: Management Science I

**WORCESTER STATE COLLEGE** (now Worcester State University) Worcester, MA  
Business Administration

*Instructor* Summer 1989  
Course taught: Principles of Accounting

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – MILWAUKEE** Milwaukee, WI  
Graduate School

*Teaching Assistant* 1982 – 1983  
Conducted discussion sessions for both Financial Accounting and Managerial Accounting.

**GRANTS AND HONORS**

**Grant:**

Hewlett-Mellon Grant, College of the Holy Cross: “IDEA: Inspiring Dialogue about Economics and Accounting - Economics and Accounting in the Liberal Arts Tradition” (with other members of the Economics Department), 2006 – 2007.

**Honors:**

Beta Gamma Sigma, Honor Society, undergraduate and graduate programs 1980, 2005  
Awarded UWM Scholarship in Taxation 1983  
Beta Alpha Psi, Accounting Honor Society 1978 – 1980

## **RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS**

### **Publications:**

- “Hidden subsidies and the public ownership of sports facilities: a case study of Levi’s Stadium in Santa Clara,” with Robert Baumann and Victor Matheson, *International Journal of Sport Management and Marketing*, 20(3/4), 181-192. 2020.  
<https://www.inderscience.com/info/ingeneral/forthcoming.php?jcode=ijsmm>
- “Using predetermined partial solutions for solving a heterogeneous truck fleet distribution model,” with Agha Iqbal Ali, *International Journal of Planning and Scheduling*, 2(1), 1-13. 2014.
- “Using truck-inventory-cost to obtain solutions to multi-period logistics models,” with Agha Iqbal Ali, *International Journal of Production Economics*, 143(1), 144-150. 2013.
- “The Bottom Line: Accounting for Revenues and Expenditures in Intercollegiate Athletics,” with Victor A. Matheson and Joseph H. Herberger, *International Journal of Sport Finance*, 7, 30-45. 2012.
- “Moral Rights Protection for the Visual Arts,” with Melissa Boyle and Stacy Nazarro, *Journal of Cultural Economics*, 34(1), 27-44. 2010.
- “The Impact of Distribution System Characteristics on Computational Tractability,” with Agha Iqbal Ali. *European Journal of Operational Research*. 200(2), 323 – 333. 2010.

### **Conferences:**

- “Assessing Subsidies for Professional Sports Stadiums – The Case of Santa Clara Stadium,” with Robert Baumann and Victor Matheson, presented by Victor Matheson at the Eastern Economic Association Meetings, Boston, MA, February 2017.
- “Blitzing the Taxpayer: Assessing Subsidies for Professional Sports Stadiums – The Case of Santa Clara Stadium,” with Robert Baumann and Victor Matheson, presented by Victor Matheson at the Eastern Economic Association Meetings, Boston, MA, March 2014.
- “Blitzing the Taxpayer: Assessing Subsidies for Professional Sports Stadiums – The Case of Santa Clara Stadium,” with Robert Baumann and Victor Matheson, presented by Victor Matheson at the Western Economic Association Meetings, Denver, CO, July 2014.
- “Restructuring a Logistics Network: Right-sizing System Capacity,” with Agha Iqbal Ali, presented by Debra O’Connor at the INFORMS Regional Conference, May 2011.
- “Improving Computational Tractability of Logistics Models using Cost-structure Trade-offs,” with Agha Iqbal Ali, presented by Agha Iqbal Ali at the INFORMS 2010 Annual Meeting, November 2010.

Session Chair, INFORMS 2010 Annual Meeting, November 2010

“Transportation and Inventory Trade-offs in Multiperiod Distribution System Models,” with Agha Iqbal Ali, presented by Debra O’Connor at the INFORMS Annual Conference, October 2009.

“The Impact of Vehicle Characteristics on Multi-modal Distribution Systems,” with Agha Iqbal Ali, presented by Debra O’Connor at the INFORMS Annual Conference, October 2008.

“The Impact of Distribution System Characteristics on Computational Tractability,” with Agha Iqbal Ali, presented by Agha Iqbal Ali at the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) Annual Conference, November 2006.

### **REVIEWS AND REFEREE REPORTS**

Referee, <i>International Journal of Sport Finance</i>	August 2012, April 2013
Referee, <i>European Journal of Operational Research</i>	May 2010, May 2012
Reviewer, <i>Concepts in Federal Taxation</i>	October 2009

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Alpha Sigma Nu (Webinar), <i>An Ongoing Pivot: Jesuit University Campus Life in a New Reality</i> – Panelist	October 27, 2020
<b>Professional Conferences:</b>	
Alpha Sigma Nu, 34 <sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference – Seattle, WA Faculty Adviser	October 2018
MSCPA: Women’s Leadership Conference – Waltham, MA	November 2013
PricewaterhouseCoopers Tax Colloquium	August 2012, 2015, 2016
Forensics and Accounting Ethics Conference – Boston College Participant	April 2007
Holy Cross Women in Business Conference Panel Moderator	September 2006
PricewaterhouseCoopers University for Faculty	July 2006

### **Professional Affiliations:**

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)  
Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)  
Women in OR/MS (WORMS)