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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin – Red McCombs School of Business

PhD Student in Accounting

M.S. in Accounting

Austin, TX

July 2022-Current

July 2022-December 2024

Brigham Young University

B.S. in Economics

Provo, UT

May 2017-June 2020

- Major: Economics; Additional Major: Mathematics
- Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BVA Group

Financial Analyst/Senior Financial Analyst

Plano, TX

July 2020-May 2022

RESEARCH

Research Interests: Corporate taxation, capital market effects of taxation, tax evasion, and tax theory.

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

1. Kemsley, Deen, Sean A. Kemsley, and Frank T. Morgan. "Tax evasion and money laundering: a complete framework." *Journal of Financial Crime* 29, no. 2 (2022): 589-602.
2. Kemsley, Deen, Sean A. Kemsley, and Frank T. Morgan. "Tax evasion on lawful income: is it a form of money laundering?." *Journal of Financial Crime* 31, no. 1 (2024): 33-43.
3. Kemsley, Deen, and Sean A. Kemsley. "Tax evasion savings versus unlawful predicate proceeds: a substance-based approach." *Journal of Money Laundering Control* 27, no. 4 (2024): 647-657.

Job Market Paper:

1. Kemsley, Sean A. "Does Firm-level Slack affect Firms' Responses to Fiscal Policy Shocks? Evidence from Tariff Announcements."

Working Papers:

1. Kemsley, Sean A., and Braden M. Williams. "Alternative Book-based Taxes and Earnings Management."
 - Presentations: 2025 FARS Midyear Meeting; 2025 ATA Midyear Meeting; 2025 BYU Accounting Research Symposium; 2025 McCombs PhD Conference.
2. Kemsley, Deen, and Sean A. Kemsley. "Equity Composition and the Geometry of Valuation."

TEACHING

Teaching Interests: Corporate taxation, individual taxation, and managerial accounting.

Teaching Experience:

University of Texas at Austin

Austin, TX

Instructor – Introduction to Managerial Accounting (ACC 312)

2023

- Instructor Rating: 4.46/5.00

Teaching Assistant – Introduction to Taxation / Fundamentals of Taxation

2022-2024

- For Andrew Belnap and Aruhn Venkat

Missionary Training Center

Provo, UT

Chinese Language Instructor

July 2017-November 2017

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Texas-Waterloo Tax Research Conference	2026†
Texas Lone Star Conference	2026*
McCombs PhD Conference	2025*
BYU Accounting Research Symposium	2025*
ATA Midyear Meeting	2025*
FARS Midyear Meeting	2025*
Texas-Waterloo Tax Research Conference	2024
Accounting Theory Summer School	2024
Texas Tax Theory Seminar	2023, 2024
Central Texas Tax Symposium	2023, 2024
UNC Tax Symposium	2024
UNC Tax Doctoral Consortium	2024

*presenter; †discussant

AWARDS & HONORS

Fred Moore Assistant Instructor Award for Teaching Excellence (Nominee)	2026
Deloitte Foundation Doctoral Fellowship Program (Nominee)	2026
GS University Graduate Continuing Fellowship (Nominee)	2024

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Professional:

Reviewer: *Journal of the American Taxation Association, Journal of Financial Crime, Journal of Money Laundering Control, Journal of International Accounting, Auditing and Taxation*

Texas Tax Readings Group: organizer, participant 2022-Current

Personal:

Full-Time Missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
California Arcadia Mission, Chinese-speaking

February 2015-March 2017