Welcome to the Fall 2012 edition of the UTA Department of Accounting newsletter. As we move into a new academic year, allow me to bring you some highlights from the past year. In AY 2011/12, we had 163 students receiving BBA/BS degrees, 66 students receiving MPA/MS in Accounting/MS in Tax degrees, and one student who was conferred a PhD degree. Our doctoral graduate is now an Assistant Professor at the University of West Florida.

I am also proud to inform you that our second annual Free CPE Day for Alumni and other friends of the department was held on August 14, 2012 and was a tremendous success, with approximately 135 in attendance. We expanded our session offerings this time, which were facilitated by a diverse mixture of outstanding guest speakers. You can see several pictures of the event and speakers on pages 8 and 9. Additionally, we held an after-session networking event in the hospitality suite in the new College Park Center, which was very well received by all who attended. We are already planning for next year’s event to be held on August 14, 2013 in the University Center.

In the past few newsletters, I have reported to you about the quality of the UTA accounting program. Most of that discussion was based on our high CPA pass rates. Recently, a survey was conducted by the Tax Talent Network, a tax job search firm. The survey is based on the views of national heads of corporate tax departments of the 500 largest companies. The survey results show that the UTA Master of Science in Tax program was ranked 8th in the nation. This reflects the high regard employers hold about the quality of the UTA MS in Tax program and its graduates, which just confirms our long held view. (continued on Page 2)
The top 10 programs are given below.

For the last few years we have been trying to raise the research profile of the department. In that light, I want to highlight the fact that this past year, three of our faculty members published three different papers in *The Accounting Review*, accounting’s premier journal. Congratulations to Dr. Billy Brewster, Dr. Jap Efendi and Dr. Terry Skantz. To move our research profile further, we welcome Dr. Bin Srinidhi as our Chuck Carlock Endowed Distinguished Professor in Accounting this semester. He is a great addition to our faculty and we hope to raise the research environment at UTA.

Among all these good news about the department, I do have some sad news to report. Many of our alumni will remember Dr. Lanny Solomon, who taught at UTA for 20 years, from 1978 to 1998, passed away in July 2012. We will definitely miss him. More on Lanny on page 3.

On a final note, let me take this opportunity to thank those who have contributed to our campaign to raise funds for the Endowed Graduate Scholarship in Accounting. We are more than half way through our initial goal of $1 million. Through the generous contributions of our donors, we have established the Slate Endowed Graduate Fellowship, Taniguchi Endowed Graduate Fellowship, Paul M. Howell Endowed Graduate Fellowship, H.C. and Maxine Foster Endowed Graduate Fellowship, Vince White Endowed Graduate Fellowship, and Weaver and Tidwell LLP Endowed Graduate Fellowship. For those who are able to contribute, this is a great opportunity to invest in education at UTA, especially with a Maverick grant matching your dollar. While your financial support is necessary, it is not sufficient. We would love to have you connect back with UTA Accounting and keep in touch with us by filling out the “Alumni Update” form at the end of this newsletter, if you have not done so or email directly to accounting@uta.edu. Thanks as always for your generous support.
**Faculty Publications 2011-2012 Academic Year**


**In Memoriam**

Professor Lanny M. Solomon passed away on Thursday July 12, 2012, in Overland Park, Kansas (suburb of Kansas City). Professor Solomon joined the UTA Accounting faculty in 1978 as an associate professor and left for the University of Missouri, Kansas City in 1998, where he started a new phase of his career as head of the Accounting section of the Business School.

While at UTA, Professor Solomon taught courses mainly in cost/management accounting, as well as accounting information systems. He was a devoted teacher and received outstanding teaching awards from the College of Business. He coordinated the CPE preparation program run under the department. He also wrote a successful principles of accounting textbook.

Professor Solomon was 66 and is survived by his wife Nancy, son Scott, and daughter Deborah. Colleagues and alumni here remember him as a dedicated educator and will miss his friendship.
Faculty Presentations 2011-2012 Academic Year


Ho, Jennifer and Han, Lei. “Does SOX Reduce the Gap in Earnings Quality Between Annual and Interim Reporting?” 2011 AAA Annual Meeting, Denver.

Ho, Jennifer, Efendi, Jap, Tsay, Jeff, and Zhang, Y. “Stock Option Expense Management after SFAS 123R” 2011 AAA Annual Meeting, Denver.

Ho, Jennifer and Lee, Yvonne “Capital Structure, Equity Incentives, and Earnings Management through Accruals and Real Activities” 2011 AAA Annual Meeting, Denver.


Rasmussen, Stephanie, and Schmidt, J. “Auditing the Audit Committee: An Examination of Shareholder- and Board-Provided Accountability for Member Ineffectiveness,” 2012 AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting, Savannah, GA.

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Dr. Bin Srinidhi joins the Accounting Department as The Chuck Carlock Endowed Distinguished Professor. Dr. Srinidhi is the first recipient of the Chuck Carlock Professorship which was set up by Chuck Carlock, UTA Accounting alumni and the Bass family. Dr. Srinidhi received his Ph.D. in accounting from Columbia University in 1984. Prior to UT Arlington, Dr. Srinidhi was the Chair Professor of Accountancy at City University of Hong Kong. He has previously served on the faculty at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University; University at Albany, State University of New York; Rutgers University; and New York University. His primary research interest is governance and its necessity in mitigating negative externalities among organizations.

This summer, the American Society of Women Accountants Educational Foundation chose to recognize Tania Sederdahl’s academic success, community involvement, and leadership development by awarding her one of their scholarships for masters level students. Only five Master’s degree scholarships were funded nationwide by the ASWA. Tania is from Pearland, Texas, and transferred to the University of Texas at Arlington in 2010 as a member of the 2010 All Texas Academic Team. While at UTA she has continued her academic success. This past summer Tania interned with PricewaterhouseCoopers at the Ft. Worth office.

Tania currently volunteers with Special Ministries at the First Baptist Church of Arlington, where she works with special needs students each week. She is also an active member of Beta Alpha Psi, where she is currently serving as Vice President and Director of Membership activities. In the past, she has developed her leadership skills through FBLA-PBL (Future Business Leaders of America - Phi Beta Lambda), where she has served as the Local and State President and later National Mountain Plains Region Vice President.

Faculty Focus — Chuck Carlock Endowed Distinguished Professor Named
Candace Blair (MST ‘05), CPA is now Tax Manager at Sanford, Baumeister & Frazier, LLP. She was previously at Hartman, Leito & Bolt and Sproles Woodard.

Ramiro Camacho (MBA ‘10), CPA is now Tax Accountant-MLP at PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Marina Datsco (MPA ‘07), CPA is now Tax Manager at Consolidated Electrical Distributors. She was previously a Senior Tax Accountant at Rylander Clay & Opitz and TRT Holdings.

Erin Ferreira (MS ‘01) is now Senior Manager at Weaver and Tidwell, LLP. She had previously been at PWC, PSK LLP and Austin Commercial.

Ariana Gomez (MS ‘09), CPA is now Tax Associate at Residential Credit Solutions, Inc. She was previously at KPMG as a Senior Tax Associate,

Matt Hollis (MS ‘09) is now an Audit Senior at Grant Thornton LLP.

Noureen Kasmani (MS ‘11) is now Audit Associate at PwC. She was previously an Audit associate at PSK LLP.

Shuanghui Kong (MPA ‘10), CPA is now Internal Auditor at First American Title. She was previously at Rylander, Clay and Opitz.

Crystal Lanphier (BBA ‘02, MS ‘05) is now Assistant Controller - Financial Reporting at Silver Creek Oil and Gas. She was previously at Audit Manager at Whitley Penn.

Jason Lundell (MPA ’05) is now Assistant Vice-President and Controller at BBVA Bancomer USA. He was previously an Audit manager at Deloitte & Touche, senior analyst at Alcon Labs, and auditor at PWC

Morgan Randolph (MST ’10), CPA is now Tax Staff Accountant at HomeAway.com.

Garrett Young (MPA, 09) is now Assurance Senior Associate at PwC.
Gamma Phi Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi at UTA started its 2012 - 2013 Academic year by attending the National BAP Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. More than a thousand BAP members, faculty advisors and guests were in attendance and participated in various community service projects and meetings. UTA BAP member Susant Baskota participated in Project Run It. This competition allows BAP member teams from across the country help local charities analyze their business plans and provide recommendations to improve their operations.

The slate of current officers for the Fall 2012 Semester are:

- Andrea Markovic, President
- Tania Sederdahl, Vice President
- Alfred Ip, Treasurer
- Sanjiv Shrestha, Secretary
- Clifton Chan, Director of National Reporting
- Linh Tran, Director of Fundraising
- Al Devani, Webmaster
- Kamala Timalshina, Special Events Coordinator
- Jason Meza, Director of Membership Activities
- Andrew Mao, Intramural Sports Director

Fall 2012 recruitment is well underway with 33 new candidates (pictured below right) being added to the BAP membership roster. The candidates and members will participate in various community service projects as well as presentations from national and regional accounting firms and non-profit organizations. Planning for the November 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off has started with expectations of a large turn-out as it will be held on campus in the new Green at College Park space.

Alumni are invited to view the new BAP website at http://mavorgs.collegiatelink.net/organization/betaalphapsiacounting. The revised website provides posts of various events, photos and other information regarding the Chapter. Alumni are always welcome at any of the meetings.

If more information is needed, please contact faculty advisor John Repsis (jsrepsis@uta.edu) or President Andrea Markovic (andrea.markovic@mavs.uta.edu).
2012 UTA 2nd Annual CPE Event
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Out & About

Chili Cook-off

Fall is here and that means we'll be gearing up for our Annual Chili Cook-off!
This year we are moving the event to the Green at College Park. Come join us to see what's new on the UTA campus and participate in this fun, family-focused event.

It's a great chance to catch up with firms, alumni, students, faculty and accounting professionals in a casual setting. There will be prizes, games, competitions, and of course, chili. Firms and organizations are encouraged to join the competition for the coveted Best Chili award. Spectators are invited to bring the kids along to enjoy the chili and the festivities.

New this year we will offer firms a Student Concierge to help get everything organized and get cooking. Email John Repsis at jsrepsis@uta.edu for more information. We hope to see you on November 3, 2012!

REMEMBER THE MOVIE
“COCKTAIL” ?????

Come watch the accounting faculty & alumni as they shake their shakers, uncork their spirits & pour it all out!

Join us on Tuesday October 16 for UTA Accounting Alumni “Celebrity Bartending”

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Fort Worth, TX 76102
5-7pm

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Email: _______________________________

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