Save the Date! Fall 2018 Lecture Confirmed

The Paul A. Grosch Lecture Series welcomes Dr. Toby Groves, social cognitive scientist, speaker and writer, to LMU for a presentation titled “Illusions of Trust: The Psychology of Professional Skepticism” on Thursday, November 15th at 7:15 p.m. in Hilton 100.

Utilizing his Ph.D. in psychology, an M.A. in industrial-organizational psychology, and training in a unique combination of forensic psychology and forensic accounting, Groves researches innovative thinking approaches that spark insight with a focus on higher-order critical thinking, problem solving and communications. He works with experts that provide society’s most critical services including the audit, intelligence, investigative, legal and medical communities.

Groves will discuss a revolutionary approach to skepticism that enhances professional reasoning and judgment as well as the surprising psychology and invisible influences that impact skeptical judgment. He reveals the secret to matching levels of skepticism to evidentiary characteristics, organizational culture and situational context. You will learn how judgment can be refined by turning the lens of skepticism back on yourself, recognizing and adapting your approach to achieve the best results.

Analysts, auditors, governance and compliance professionals, and those working in the IT, HR, legal, and medical professions as well as executives, policymakers and other decision makers interested in enhancing the accuracy of skeptical judgments are sure to enjoy the presentation.

The Paul A. Grosch Lecture Series is named for the eminent accounting educator, Paul Grosch, who was a professor at Loyola Marymount University for 32 years. More than 130 of Paul’s friends, admirers and former students have contributed to an endowment that funds the Paul A. Grosch Professorship which enables this lecture series. Learn more at cba.lmu.edu/groschlecture

All LMU students and alumni are invited to attend this special lecture at no cost. Invitations are sent via email several weeks leading up to the event. If you have not been receiving invitations and would like to stay updated on events, please send your contact info to cbacomunications@lmu.edu.
On June 1, 2018, LMU welcomed Dayle M. Smith, Ph.D. as the new dean of the College of Business Administration (CBA). Over the summer, Smith embarked on a “listening tour” with faculty, staff, alumni, employers and key stakeholders that will set the groundwork for a bold new vision for the CBA.

“I am so pleased to be joining the LMU family and returning home to Los Angeles where I started my career so many years ago,” said Smith. “I am particularly excited for the opportunity to work with talented faculty and staff as we develop and implement the next strategic plan for the CBA.”

According to Smith, the CBA will be dedicated to keeping pace with today’s rapidly changing business environment by enhancing the student experience both in and out of the classroom, providing a global perspective, and ensuring reputational excellence through student, faculty and staff development.

“It is clear to me that the CBA has a key role to play in developing tomorrow’s leaders,” said Smith. “I see the college’s engagement in the mission as fundamental to determining how business can be a force for good, committed to triple bottom line values and making an impact as ‘men and women for others’ on a global stage. I envision the CBA as a playground for the mind and a play space for the imagination – where students gain discipline knowledge and develop an entrepreneurial mindset and skill set while exploring new ways to address tomorrow’s business challenges.”

Smith joined LMU from Clarkson University in upstate New York, where she served as dean of the David D. Reh School of Business. As a tenured professor of consumer and organizational studies, she held the Elmer Gates Endowed Professorship for Innovation Culture. In her last five years at Clarkson, Smith was instrumental in growing a diverse faculty; developing new programs; merging two business schools; and fundraising for student startup funds, two new endowed faculty chairs, and the naming of the school.

Prior to joining Clarkson in 2013, Smith was on the faculty at USC, Georgetown University, and spent 20

Leading Experts Discuss Trending Topics in Accounting

The Department of Accounting welcomed three distinguished guest speakers during the 2017-2018 academic year. In September, Steven Burdick, Executive Vice President and CFO at Tetra Tech, spoke as part of the Dreier Chair in Accounting Ethics Distinguished Speaker Series. In his lecture, Burdick noted that the changing regulatory and political environment presents new challenges and opportunities for environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices. He discussed Tetra Tech’s business model; sustainability initiatives and sustainability reporting; the impact of the changing regulatory and political environment on environmental, social and governance

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It has been another banner year for LMU Accounting. The annual Accounting Society Spring Banquet was a huge success with over 30 students awarded scholarships totaling more than $260,000. Read more about Accounting Alumna of the Year, Marianne Carlton-Felix ’93, and Professor of the Year, Richard Minot, in this issue. I also want to thank Professor Scott Delanty for his efforts as faculty moderator of the Accounting Society and Professor Nancy Coster for coordinating the scholarship application and awards process.

I am thrilled to announce that the George Dasaro Endowed Fund in Accounting has reached a milestone of $500,000! We will use the annual earnings on this fund to support recruiting or retaining a deserving faculty member. I hope you will continue to support the growth of this fund with your contribution (cba.lmu.edu/giveacct).

LMU Accounting continues to earn national recognition. The undergraduate program was ranked #18 by U.S. News & World Report in 2019, and #16 in the publication’s 2019 graduate rankings.

Our Accounting Advisory Board (AAB) had another active year providing guidance and support to the accounting program. I want to thank all members of the AAB for their participation and valuable input. The AAB’s advice and engagement resulted in additional improvements in our curriculum and increased interaction between accounting students and practicing professionals. This past year we implemented a faculty-firm liaison program in which faculty members and firm members met and shared information about current trends in practice and education. I want to give a special thanks to John Di Carlo ’77 for his dynamic leadership as chair of the AAB for the past three years. Michael Good ’96 will serve as the new chair and John will continue on the board as the past-chair. This issue features more on John and the AAB.

As always, I am indebted to the accounting faculty for their hard work and commitment to our students through teaching, advising and interacting with representatives from the accounting firms. Many of our faculty members are actively engaged in scholarship, which provides additional insights to our students and increases the intellectual capital and reputation of the department. It is wonderful that we are continuing the legacy of a rigorous program with caring, yet demanding, faculty members.

I want to welcome Dayle M. Smith, our new dean of the College of Business Administration. Dean Smith hit the ground running in June, bringing a wealth of experience and great enthusiasm to the college. You can learn more about her and her vision for the CBA in this issue.

Finally, I want to thank all of our loyal alumni, friends and recruiters. The success of LMU Accounting is in no small part a result of the incredible support we receive from our many stakeholders. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Department of Accounting, please contact me at 310.338.2758 or Lawrence.Kalbers@lmu.edu. We look forward to another great year for LMU Accounting!

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Staying Engaged Through the Accounting Advisory Board

John Di Carlo ’77 joined the public accounting firm Windes in 1981 and is the firm’s managing partner. He also serves as president of the firm’s board of directors. He is the past chair of the Accounting Advisory Board for the College of Business Administration at Loyola Marymount University. Di Carlo spoke with the Accounting Times.

What is LMU’s Accounting Advisory Board and what is its purpose?
The AAB consists primarily of alumni who hold a position of senior manager and above, or comparable seniority, in public accounting firms or are financial officers from private industry, public companies, not-for-profit organizations, and government agencies. Board members are appointed to a three-year term and primarily work in the Los Angeles area.

The purpose of the board is to support the university and its accounting program in three main areas:

Advice: The AAB provides general advice to the Accounting Department’s chairperson and faculty about current and emerging trends in accounting and business principles and practices; current and future skills and knowledge required for a career in accounting; and insights and suggestions with respect to potential new courses and curriculum to meet these needs.

Advocacy: Currently, the 17 members of the AAB help expand and enhance the CBA Accounting Department’s reputation in the business community; bring knowledge into the classroom and Accounting Society meetings by securing guest speakers; assist with identifying student internships and full-time positions while helping students improve their job search skills.

Fundraising: The board provides support, guidance and philanthropic networking assistance to support the Accounting Department’s fundraising priorities.

You just completed three years as chair of the AAB. What were some of the initiatives that you focused on during your tenure?

Active engagement. My focus as chair was to communicate with board members and get them to actively engage in meeting the board’s objectives to support the university, faculty and students. I focused on creating an environment to facilitate working committees that provided input and gave feedback to the university and the department so that board members felt like they were making a difference.

To help achieve these goals, we created the Student Relations Committee, Alumni Engagement and Development Committee, and Curriculum Committee that kept members actively involved and engaged. I made sure members were on a committee they enjoyed and that they were actively taking part on the committee. I checked in with each member to ensure they felt their participation was fulfilling and meaningful.

I feel board members have been successful in achieving our goals, especially in helping students with mock interviews, recruiting, and facilitating guest speakers in classes and at Accounting Society meetings as well as mentoring the Accounting Society Executive Committee.

You served on the AAB for a few years before becoming the chair and you will continue on the board as past-chair. What has motivated you to serve on the board?

I have served on the AAB since 2011, including the past three years as chair. Prior to this, I had been away from campus for a long time. About 10 years ago, I came back to campus for an accounting alumni reception and reconnected. It was curiosity to know what was going on at LMU that drew me in. In 2010, LMU honored me as the accounting alumnus of the year at the Accounting Society Banquet, which hooked me. I continue to volunteer because as a public accounting professional, I want to understand the student experience and accounting curriculum. It gives our firm insight and perspective as we hire and train new employees.

In addition, I have served on the AAB because it allows me to get my message out to students about sitting for the CPA exam. I am a huge proponent that students should apply and sit for all parts of the CPA exam as soon as they graduate. The timing of taking the exam is important and students who delay taking the exam are missing a window of opportunity. It has been statistically proven that the further away from graduation a student takes the CPA exam, the less likely she/he is to pass it. I want our accounting students to know this.

Would you recommend serving on the AAB to other LMU accounting graduates? Why?

Yes, I would definitely recommend it. In fact, I signed up for another three year term and look forward to serving on the board’s exec committee under Michael Good [incoming chair.] By serving on the AAB, you’re helping the university, faculty and students by providing information, input and knowledge. You will be amazed at what you learn and you will get back as much as you give, if not more, by meeting great people and gaining an understanding of what’s going on with students and the university.

Anything else you’d like readers to know?

My parting thought is to encourage all alumni to reconnect with LMU. It is important to know what the university is doing and to offer support. It doesn’t have to be with the accounting program; it can be with anything that interests you. Just reengage.

Visit cba.lmu.edu/AAB to view the 2018-19 Accounting Advisory Board
Loyola Marymount University’s Accounting Alumna of the Year, Marianne Carlton-Felix ‘93, embodies LMU’s core values: academic excellence, faith and reason, commitment to students, community, and service to others.

Carlton-Felix, Loyola Law School’s associate dean of finance and administration as of July 2018, was introduced by Alan Falcon at this year’s Accounting Society Awards Banquet. Falcon, LMU professor emeritus of accounting, said, “In my classes, not only was she curious and well prepared, but also she was the epitome of intelligence, gracefulness, calmness, and earnestness. These are traits that have stayed with her in the 25 years since she graduated from LMU.”

According to Falcon, “To make an excellent Accounting Department at LMU, it takes more than the professors and administrators. The department needs alumni to return and share their unique skills and knowledge.” Carlton-Felix has always been there for our faculty and students by volunteering countless hours to serve the Accounting Department and mentor students. She served on the LMU Accounting Advisory Board (AAB) and its committees for a record 14 years. As a member of the AAB, she initiated and participated in the Mock Interview Program and helped students improve their resumes and interviewing skills. For many years each spring semester, Carlton-Felix served as a panelist describing professional accounting careers to LMU business sophomores searching for career advice. Imparting these types of skills and experiences to our students is invaluable because a professional accountant’s perspective may be different from a professor’s perspective. Alumni service is both needed and appreciated by the students and the accounting faculty. Since 2013, she has been a pro-bono co-instructor for a graduate-level course titled “The CFO Perspective” that leverages her past industry experience.

After graduating with honors, she began a very successful career in 1994 working for KPMG, where she received numerous promotions into several roles including audit manager, director of campus recruiting, audit senior manager, and associate director of resource management for the Pacific Southwest because of her outstanding people skills. Carlton-Felix is exceptional because she has technical skills in accounting and auditing and she has strong people skills, which she was able to blend at KPMG. In 2012, after almost 19 years at KPMG, Carlton-Felix left the world of public accounting to join Tatum, a consulting and executive search firm, as talent management partner and placed CFOs, CIOs, controllers and other high-level talent for their clients.

In her spare time, Carlton-Felix was a founding board member and treasurer of the Lennox Education Advancement Foundation. She has also volunteered to be a Junior Achievement coordinator and instructor, a PTA president and vice president, and a Girl Scout Troop treasurer. She served on the board of KPMG’s Network of Women (KNOW) and while at Tatum, she planned the company’s first Executive Women’s Forum.

Carlton-Felix is married to her high school sweetheart, David Felix, and she has three children, David, Lauren and Ava. To conclude his speech about Carlton-Felix at the banquet, Falcon said, “Marianne is an amazing person, an inspiration, and a humble person. She definitely represents the best of LMU’s values.”

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

- Richard Minot was named the 2018 Professor of the Year at the Accounting Society Spring Banquet. This award is selected each year by accounting majors, which is a testament to Richard’s commitment to students.
- Shan Wang and her family welcomed daughter Gemma on May 3, 2018. Congratulations to the new parents!
- Scott Delanty was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor starting fall 2018.
- Larry Kalbers was named Associate Dean, Faculty & Academic Initiatives as part of Dean Smith’s new leadership structure for the college.
Earning two degrees, in accounting and finance with a minor in economics, you’d think Loyola Marymount University senior Zachary Bishkin is all business and you’d be right – almost. He does have a fun side.

In addition to being in the honors program and a brother of Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity at LMU, and working on campus at LMU’s Facilities Management Quality Assurance Department, Bishkin likes to go rock climbing and bouldering and spends a lot of time in the LMU gym as a way to build up his strength for climbing. “My other big hobby is food,” he said. “In addition to learning new recipes in the kitchen, my even bigger interest is exploring new restaurants. I read about restaurants around L.A. and try to visit a new one every week.”

He decided to attend LMU for a variety of reasons. “I went to Jesuit College Preparatory in Dallas, Texas, and had a strong interest in continuing my education at a Jesuit institution. I thought that the Jesuit approach was very in line with my own values and LMU seemed like a good place. I also knew that I wanted to be in a completely new place and Los Angeles was about as different from Dallas as I could get. Attending LMU was a way to expand my perspective.”

Upon arriving at LMU, Bishkin planned on being a finance major. Declaring accounting as a major came after he took a financial accounting class with Professor Nancy Coster during the spring semester of freshman year because he “thought it was something I could be successful doing. The attractive thing about accounting for me is that it is a great lens for understanding business as a whole. It provides insight into operations, management, corporate governance, marketing and financing.” The minor in economics came from taking an economics class freshman year that he particularly enjoyed. Bishkin feels, “Economics is the conceptual background to business and would be very useful.”

This summer, Bishkin interned with Deloitte based out of the Los Angeles office. He started the summer in Deloitte’s audit practice as a team member for a financial services client and a technology client. “While I had an idea of what an audit is from my accounting classes, this summer has given me a baseline practical understanding of how an audit runs,” said Bishkin. He finished his internship with a mergers and acquisitions rotation in the advisory practice. He feels that “M&A is a perfect blend in between my accounting degree and my finance degree.” Bishkin summarized his summer internship experience as: “I have loved my internship this summer because of the wonderful people, the great learning experiences and the stimulating work I have been able to do.”

Going forward, Bishkin plans on finishing his honors thesis during his senior year and traveling. After graduation, he will work full time at Deloitte in the Audit and Assurance practice.

“I place a lot of value in experiences. Part of my interest in coming to L.A. to study business was because I thought that there were so many experiences to be had here in this career path. No matter where a career path leads me, I know my accounting degree will help me generate value in any position at any company,” said Bishkin.

To learn more about Dean Smith, visit cba.lmu.edu/smith.
GIVING BACK

Supporting Students Pays Dividends for Paul ’94 and Noot Stapleton

When he was an undergrad, Paul Stapleton ’94 never envisioned that he would return to Loyola Marymount University as a guest speaker, let alone become a scholarship donor. But he stays connected to the university, assists students and gains personally from his philanthropy and involvement.

Paul and his wife, Noot, make a point of giving to LMU’s Accounting Department. “It is really an honor and a pleasure to give back through our scholarship and with our time.” The Stapletons started the Paul and Noot Stapleton Family Annual Accounting Scholarship because they “feel fortunate to be in a place in our careers where we can give back. We know how expensive education is and want to help others have similar opportunities like we had to earn an accounting degree from a top program,” said Paul.

Paul has enjoyed reconnecting with LMU. Meeting scholarship recipients and attending the Accounting Society Banquet has made him even prouder to be an alumnus. He regularly speaks to the Finance Society student group and to students in the “Student Investment Fund” course. Paul’s advice to them: “It’s a journey. Your first job out of college is important but it doesn’t make or break the rest of your career. It’s what you do with the first opportunity that matters. If you don’t have your ideal job coming out of school, work hard to get it. If you do have your ideal job, don’t rest on your laurels. Still work hard, keep your head up and an eye out for opportunities.” Paul was pleased to note that Kayne Anderson employs LMU interns and several LMU alumni.

Every year, the Stapletons look forward to getting to know their scholars over dinner. They are very impressed by their scholarship recipients and not just with their academic achievements. The students are very well rounded with activities in and outside of LMU. “We thoroughly enjoy meeting these fine students and getting to hear their personal stories makes it even more rewarding to support their education.”

If you are interested in learning more about supporting accounting students with need-based and/or merit scholarships, please contact Roberta Kuhlman, senior director of development, College of Business Administration, at Roberta.Kuhlman@lmu.edu or 310.258.5483. To make a gift online, please visit cba.lmu.edu/give.
2018 Accounting Society Spring Awards Banquet

On April 26, the LMU Accounting Society held its 38th Annual Spring Awards Banquet at the Marina del Rey Marriott. Over 200 guests attended, including students, faculty, staff, alumni and industry professionals. This year, scholarships totaling approximately $260,000 were awarded to 35 students by our generous donors (in parenthesis):

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**Harveen Sekhon** (John A. Garstka Accounting Scholarship);
**Davin Takanishi** (Accounting Department Annual Scholarship, Arthur Andersen & Co. Alumni Scholarship);
**Julia Tanabe** (Accounting Alumni Annual Scholarship);
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