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Curriculum Vitae  
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Finance, Real Estate and Law Department  
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**EDUCATION**

- 2022 DCJ (*currently ABD*)  
Northcentral University  
Criminal Justice
- 2021 Ph.D.  
The American College of Financial Services  
Financial & Retirement Income Planning  
Dissertation Title: “Fraud in Financial Services & Its Impact on Retirement Portfolios”
- 2016 M.B.A.  
California Lutheran University  
Personal Financial Planning
- 2008 M.Th.  
St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary  
Dogmatic Theology  
Thesis Title: “On First Principles and General Theories”
- 2006 M.A.  
Claremont Graduate University  
Philosophy
- 2004 B.A.  
Austin College  
Religion-Philosophy; Japanese  
Thesis Title: “The Portrayal of the Samurai Warrior Ethic in Contemporary Film”

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2021 “Crime in the New U.S. Epicenter of COVID-19”  
*Crime Prevention and Community Safety*, forthcoming (with Daniel Augusto)
- 2020 “Do CFP® professionals engage in less misconduct? Exploring the importance of job classification when comparing misconduct rates among financial service professionals.”  
*Applied Economics Letters*, forthcoming (with Derek Tharp, Jeff Camarda, & Pieter de Jong). <https://doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2020.1854441>
- 2019 “The forced registration of hedge funds in the United States”  
*Economic Affairs*, 39(3), 381-390 (with Edward W. Kramer II).  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ecaf.12378>

### Refereed Books

- 2021 *The Financial Storm Warning for Investors – How to Prepare and Protect Your Portfolio from Tax Hikes and Market Crashes* (with Jeff Camarda and Jerusha Lee)  
Palgrave Macmillan (In Press). ISBN: 978-3-030-77270-3.

### Manuscripts in Submission

- “Does Fixed Income Buffer Against Fraud Shocks?”  
*Journal of Risk and Financial Management* (Special Issue on Fixed Income Securities)
- “Financial Advisor Misconduct in the United States” (with Jeff Camarda, Pieter de Jong, and Jerusha Lee)  
*Financial Analysts Journal*
- “Victim Characteristics of Investment Fraud” (with Benjamin Cummings and Jason Martin)  
*Journal of Financial Counseling & Planning*
- “Financial Elder Abuse: A (Dis)Confirmatory Analysis”  
*Ethics and Behavior*
- Financial Planning: Paths to a Profession* (with Jeff Camarda and John Robinson)  
Palgrave Macmillan
- “A New Localization Model for Client Reluctance”  
*Journal of Financial Therapy*

## **Manuscripts in Preparation**

“The Effect of Fraud Shocks on Retirement Portfolio Success Rates”

“Financial Adviser Fees and Retirement Accounts” (with Ross Riskin)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Lecturer**

*California State Polytechnic University, Pomona*

Personal Money Management  
August-December, 2021

Real Estate Law  
August-December, 2021

### **Adjunct Professor**

*California Lutheran University*

Ethics in Financial Planning  
June-July, 2021

### **Instructor**

*University of California Riverside Extension*

Professional Fiduciary Business Practices  
May-June, 2021

Introduction to Conservator of the Person & Conservator of the Estate  
February-March, 2021; July-August, 2021

Decedent Estates & Procedures  
February-March, 2021

Practical Applications of Accounting for the Professional Fiduciary  
November-December, 2020; January-February, 2021

Management of Estate Assets  
November-December, 2016; March-April, 2017; April-May, 2017; March-April, 2018;  
October-November, 2018; June-July, 2019; April-May, 2020; April-May, 2021

Overview of Fiduciary Management  
 March-April, 2016; September-October, 2016; November-December, 2016; January-February, 2017; April-May, 2017; May-June, 2017; June-July, 2017; September-October, 2017; January-February, 2021; June-July, 2021; September-October, 2021

### **OTHER COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH**

Introduction to Personal Finance	Risk Management & Insurance
Survey of Financial Planning	Applied Statistics
Computer Applications for Financial Planning	Financial Econometrics
Wealth Management	Research Methods & Policy Evaluation
Retirement Planning & Employee Benefits	Case Studies in Financial Decisions
Estate Planning	Fraud Examination and Prevention
Family Tax Planning	Financial Planning & Analysis
Applied Financial Planning	Money and Relationships
Practice Management in Financial Planning	Capstone Course in Financial Planning

### **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

#### **Conferences Organized**

2021 Academy of Financial Services  
 Virtual

2020 Academy of Financial Services  
 Virtual

#### **Papers Presented**

2020 Academy of Financial Services Annual Meeting, September 30 – October 2  
 Virtual  
 “Rational Agents in an Irrational World: The Effect of Fraud Shocks on Retirement Portfolio Success Rates”

American Council on Consumer Interests Conference, May 17-23  
 Virtual  
 “Are CFP Professionals Less Likely to Engage in Misconduct? Exploring the Importance of Job Classification When Comparing Misconduct Rate Among Financial Service Professionals”

2019 Academy of Financial Services Annual Meeting, October 15-16  
 Minneapolis, MN  
 “Financial Elder Abuse: A (Dis)Confirmatory Analysis”

Academic Research Colloquium for Financial Planning, February 19-21  
Arlington, VA  
“Victim Characteristics of Investment Fraud”

2015 Financial Planning Association Retreat, April  
Atlanta, GA  
“What is Your Process? Or What is Your Process For?”

### **INVITED TALKS**

2021 Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) of America  
Ventura, CA (Remote)  
“Professional Fiduciaries in California”

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

2020 Candidate, Certified Fraud Examiner  
2019 Candidate, Certified Financial Planner  
2017 Voluntary Income Tax Assistance: Basic; Advanced; HSA  
2011 California Life, Accident, Health License

### **AWARDS & HONORS**

2021 Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honor Society  
Top 10% Author, Social Science Research Network  
Top 10 Download List, Social Sciences Research Network  
2020 Sigma Alpha Pi, National Society of Leadership & Success  
Top 10% Author, Social Science Research Network  
Top 10 Download List, Social Sciences Research Network  
2019 Best Paper Award in Risk Management & Insurance  
CFP Board Center for Financial Planning’s 2019 Academic Research Colloquium  
\$2,500

Top 10% Author, Social Science Research Network

Top 10 Download List, Social Science Research Network

Featured Instructor: UCRx *Insights*  
University of California Riverside  
Riverside, CA

2016 Sigma Beta Delta, International Honor Society in Business  
California Lutheran University  
Thousand Oaks, CA

### **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

2020 Experiment.com  
Funding for dissertation primary data collection  
Virtual  
\$2,759

2016 Sternberg-Sievert Doctoral Fellowship  
The American College of Financial Services  
King of Prussia, PA  
\$200,000

Dr. J. Preston Jones Fellowship  
Sigma Beta Delta  
California Lutheran University  
Thousand Oaks, CA  
\$1,000

2014 Silver Anniversary Fellowship  
California Lutheran University  
Thousand Oaks  
\$500

### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

Arbitrator, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, 2019-

Reviewer, *Journal of Financial Therapy*, 2017-

Volunteer, Oyez Project, Justia & Cornell University, 2016-

Chief Editor, *ACUMEN*, Austin College, 2003-2004

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- 2015- Venture Captain, Inland Empire Pathfinder Society
- 2013-2016 Delegate, Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America
- 2012- President & Vice President, St. Anne Orthodox Church Parish Council

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

- 2021 MarketWatch  
“How to Prevent Fraud from Ruining Your Retirement”
- 2019 Nerd’s Eye View  
“Financial Planning Research Highlights From The 2019 CFP Board Academic Research Colloquium”  
  
Financial Advisor Magazine  
“How Advisors Can Teach Their Clients The ABCs of Financial Fraud”  
  
MarketWatch  
“Those most vulnerable to financial scams are not necessarily lonely, older people with little money or education”  
  
The American College of Financial Services News Center  
“The Five Financial Fraud Languages to Listen For”

## **RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

- 2021 R  
  
Prolific
- 2020 Qualtrics  
  
Semantria  
  
Canvas  
  
Amazon Mechanical Turk
- 2019 Matlab/Octave
- 2018 SAS Enterprise Guide

2016 Moodle

Adobe Connect

2015 Microsoft Excel for Business Statistics

2012 Blackboard

### **NON-ACADEMIC WORK**

2012- Executive Vice President, George James & Associates

2011-2012 Registered Representative, Independent Capital Management

2007-2011 Associate, Wexford Systems, LLC

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2020- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

American Risk and Insurance Association

2019- Academy of Financial Services

### **REFERENCES**

Wade Pfau, Ph.D., CFA, RICP  
Professor of Retirement Income  
The American College of Financial Services  
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