

Diversity Section Candidates for the 2020-2021 Section Election
for the positions of:
Vice President (President-Elect), Secretary and Treasurer



Vice President - Dr. Kelly Richmond Pope, Associate Professor DePaul University

Dr. Kelly Richmond Pope is an Associate Professor in the School of Accountancy and Management Information Systems at DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois where she teaches financial, managerial and forensic accounting. Pope's research on organizational misconduct culminated into directing and producing the award-winning documentary, *All the Queen's Horses*, in 2017 which streamed on Netflix from July 2018-2019. In 2018, Pope became a TED speaker with her impactful and timely TED Talk entitled 'How whistle-blowers shape history.'

Her research has been published in the *Behavioral Research in Accounting, Auditing: A Journal of Theory & Practice, Journal of Business Ethics, The CPA Journal* and WebCPA.

She holds a Ph.D. in accounting from Virginia Tech and is a licensed CPA.



Secretary – Dr. Josette Pelzer, Assistant Professor College of Charleston

Dr. Josette Pelzer is an assistant professor of accounting at the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina. Her passion for audit and increasing diversity in the field drive her research interests which include, auditor and investor decision making and diverse student experiences. In addition to her research and teaching responsibilities, she has spearheaded efforts to recruit new students to the field of accounting for her department and helped to increase departmental focus on a more wholistic approach to advising its students. Beyond academia, she has held various committee chair positions in local community organizations, giving her the opportunity to gain experience organizing and executing events benefiting local students.

She holds a Ph.D. in accounting from Florida State University and is a licensed CPA.



Treasurer – Dr. Lynette Wood, Dean of the School of Business and Professional Studies at Shaw University

Lynette Wood, Ph.D., CPA is the dean of the School of Business and Professional Studies at Shaw University. A full professor of accounting, Lynette has over 19 years of university experience, both in the classroom and in academic leadership roles. She has served on the faculties of Howard University, Virginia Tech and Winston-Salem State University where she earned three university-wide teaching awards and served in various capacities including chair of the Department of Accounting and Management Information Systems and interim director of the university's honors program.

Lynette earned a Ph.D. in accounting from Indiana University, an M.S. in management from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and a B.S. in accounting (*summa cum laude*) from Oakwood University.

As a scholar, Lynette explores questions related to race and business—a research stream that is important to an increasingly diverse society. The findings from her studies, which have been published in both academic and practitioner journals, have the potential to benefit underrepresented minority professionals as well as the businesses that seek to attract and retain them. She serves as the 2019-2020 treasurer of the diversity section of the AAA.