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Letter from the President



We started 2017 with a fanTAXtic Midyear Meeting in Phoenix. Raquel Alexander and her committee delivered an outstanding and innovative program. Ken Klassen, (JATA editor), Alex Edwards and Casey Schwab (Research Resource Committee Co-Chairs), and Roby Sawyer (JLTR editor) coordinated the review and selection of the research papers presented at the meeting. I would also like to recognize Danielle Higgins Green for coordinating the Doctoral Consortium and Julia Camp for organizing the Tax Educator’s Conference. Thanks also to the many volunteers who served on the committees and whose names I have not mentioned but who did invaluable work for this meeting.

Saturday’s luncheon at the Midyear meeting featured themed table discussions, facilitated by the Midyear meeting committee members. The topics focused on personal and professional development: Teaching Tax to Gen Z; SALT Research and Teaching; International/BEPS; Tax Policy and Reform; Behavioral and Experimental Research; Female Tax Faculty Network; Navigating the Review Process; and Clinical and Practitioner Tax Educators. We are continuing these conversations online through ATA affinity groups for each of the topics above. If you would like to join the discussion, please contact Sonja Pippin at atawebmaster@aaahq.org to let her know which group(s) interest you.

On behalf of the entire membership, I extend a special thanks to Ken Klassen for his outstanding service as *JATA* editor. The job is difficult and often thankless, and we appreciate his steady leadership. I am delighted to announce that Connie Weaver, Texas A&M University, is the new Senior Editor of *JATA*.

It is time to register for the AAA Annual meeting, which will be held in San Diego from August 5-9, 2017. Please attend the ATA Business Meeting on Monday August 7, where we elect our new officers and trustees and discuss important new ATA initiatives. And please attend the ATA luncheon, where we will present our annual awards.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. Have a great summer!

LeAnn Luna, University of Tennessee
President, ATA 2016-2017

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ATA Slate of Nominees

The ATA Nominations Committee has offered the following slate of nominees for the 2017-2018 academic year:

Position	Nominee	Affiliation
President-Elect	Kim Key	Auburn University
VP-Elect	Pete Lisowsky	University of Illinois
Treasurer	Tracy Noga	Bentley University
Trustees	Casey Schwab	Indiana University
	Michaele Morrow	Suffolk University
	James Chyz	University of Tennessee
	Katharine Drake	University of Arizona
Publications Committee	Erin Towery	University of Georgia
	Alex Edwards	University of Toronto

Thank you to Nancy Nichols and the nominations committee for their hard work. Thank you to the nominees for their willingness to serve the ATA.

Meeting Reminders

2017 AAA Annual Meeting San Diego August 5-9, 2017

Early Registration Deadline: June 13, 2017

ATA Business Meeting: Monday, August 7 at 10:15 a.m.

More information can be found at:

<http://aaahq.org/Meetings/2017/Annual-Meeting>

2018 ATA Midyear Meeting New Orleans February 14-17, 2018

[Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel](#)
[739 Canal Street At Bourbon](#)
[New Orleans, LA 70130](#)

The following calls appear in this newsletter:

- JATA Conference
- JLTR Conference
- Papers for research sessions
- PechaKucha topics

Call for Papers: 2018 JATA Conference

Deadline: November 1, 2017

The 24rd Annual *Journal of the American Taxation Association (JATA)* Conference will be held in conjunction with the ATA Midyear Meeting in February, 2018. Original papers addressing interesting and relevant tax issues will be considered for the conference. Papers submitted to the conference will **not** automatically be considered for publication in *JATA*. You are free to submit the paper to any journal. A paper under review (or being revised for resubmission) at another journal as of the conference submission deadline should not be submitted. Papers submitted to *JATA* will be given some preference in the conference selection process. Authors will be notified of the conference selection decision by December 18, 2017.

All research methods (including, but not limited to, archival, analytical, behavioral, experimental, and field studies) will be considered. Contingent on suitable revisions in accordance with *JATA*'s normal review procedures, papers submitted to *JATA* and accepted for the conference will be published in a regular issue of the journal, along with discussants' comments. Conference papers will be made available to conference participants in advance of the Midyear Meeting through the ATA web site. Papers submitted to *JATA* but not accepted for the conference will be treated as regular submissions to *JATA*.

Manuscripts must be submitted through the Manuscript Submission and Peer Review System for *JATA*, located at <http://jata.allentrack.net/cgi-bin/main.plex>. The site contains detailed instructions regarding the preparation of files for submission. To ensure anonymous review, please note that the article title page (with author names) must be in a separate file from the manuscript text. All manuscripts must comply with the *JATA* Editorial Policies and Style Guidelines. By checking the appropriate boxes on the submission website, please indicate the type of submission: whether the manuscript is being submitted for the conference or whether the paper is being submitted for both the conference and for publication in *JATA*. To be considered, papers must be received no later than November 1, 2017.

Note that submission to the JATA Conference is separate from submission to the concurrent research sessions at the ATA Midyear Meeting

Call for Papers: 2018 JLTR Conference

Deadline: November 1, 2017

The annual *Journal of Legal Tax Research* Conference will be held in conjunction with the American Taxation Association (ATA) Midyear Meeting in New Orleans in February 2018. Original papers addressing interesting and relevant legal tax research issues along with associated applied tax policy will be considered for the conference. A paper under review (or being revised for resubmission) at another journal as of the conference submission deadline may not be submitted. We encourage creative and innovative manuscripts that employ legal research methodologies and that logically and clearly:

- Identify, describe, and illuminate important current tax issues including the history, development, and congressional intent of specific provisions
- Propose improvements in U.S., state and local, or foreign tax systems, and unique solutions to tax or fiscal problems
- Critically analyze proposed or recent tax law changes from both a technical and a policy perspective
- Discuss improvements in tax compliance, tax complexity, or tax policy
- Provide critical discussions for strategically structuring transactions, considering tax and non-tax ramifications
- Critically analyze recent or proposed legislative or regulatory changes
- Critically analyze similarities and differences between tax accounting and financial accounting issues

Manuscripts must be no longer than 25 to 30 double spaced pages and must be submitted through the Manuscript Submission and Peer Review System for *JLTR*, located at <http://jltr.allentrack.net/cgi-bin/main.plex>. The site contains detailed instructions regarding the preparation of files for submission. All manuscripts must comply with the *JLTR* editorial policies and style guidelines. To ensure anonymous review, please submit the article title page (with author names) in a separate file from the manuscript text. If file compatibility or electronic submission presents a problem, you should contact Professor Roby Sawyers by email at robby_sawyers@ncsu.edu.

To be considered, papers must be received no later than November 1, 2017. There is no cost for submitting to the conference only. Papers submitted for the Legal Tax Research Conference are NOT automatically considered for publication in *JLTR*. If you wish to also submit the paper for publication consideration in *JLTR*, please indicate by checking the appropriate box on the submission website.

Call for Midyear Meeting Research Sessions

Deadline: November 1, 2017

The American Taxation Association Research Resources and Methodologies Committee invites submissions of research papers that advance our knowledge of taxation and tax accounting.

To be considered for the concurrent research sessions at the ATA Midyear Meeting, manuscripts must be sufficiently developed to allow informed feedback (e.g., well-developed background and theory, clearly stated hypotheses, and completed preliminary statistical analysis). We encourage submission across a wide variety of topics and methodologies, and welcome the examination of new topics and the use of novel theories, databases and settings. The research sessions are intended to provide authors with relevant and timely feedback and to provide the audience exposure to cutting edge research.

Note that submission to the JATA or JLTR Conference is separate from submission to the concurrent research sessions at the ATA Midyear Meeting. If you would like your paper considered for the applicable conference and the concurrent sessions, please make sure to submit to both.

Links for submission are forthcoming.

If you have questions, please contact Erin Towery (etowery@uga.edu) or Bridget Stomberg (bstomber@iu.edu).

Call for Topic Proposals for PechaKucha

Deadline: November 1, 2017

The American Taxation Association Midyear Planning Committee invites submissions of topic proposals for the PechaKucha session. In this fast-paced, high-energy session, slides change every 20 seconds, and speakers and topics change every 20 slides. In previous years, presenters have covered a wide variety of tax teaching, research, and policy topics.

Submissions should propose the title and a description of the content of the presentation. We recognize that PechaKucha presentations often take shape in the month preceding the ATA Midyear Meeting, so submissions may be brief and general. To this end, we welcome outlines or bulleted lists.

Presenters of accepted submissions will be expected to attend the 2018 ATA Midyear Meeting and fulfill their responsibilities for the session for which their submission is accepted.

Links for submission are forthcoming.

For further information, contact Kirsten Cook (kirsten.cook@ttu.edu).

2017 ATA Midyear Meeting – Phoenix, AZ



(Top left): ATA members network during an afternoon break.

(Top right): ATA members Jenny Brown and Fabio Gaetner talk during an afternoon break.

(Left): Tom Camden, the Washington and Lee University curator, shows a 2,500-year-old Sumerian Tablet to ATA members. He spoke to members at the meeting during a session entitled, "Sumerian Tablets in Intro Tax: Teaching with the Humanities."



(Left): Micaela Saviano, with Deloitte Art & Finance Tax Services, discusses HNWI clients and the tax implications of collecting art. Saviano spoke about “Monetizing, Transferring, and Protecting an Art Collection. ”

(Bottom): Tom Harris, CFO of the Arizona Diamondbacks, talks with ATA members about MLB tax issues. Harris spoke at a session entitled, “Baseball, Spring Training and Taxes.”





**Thank you to all
the ATA members
who attended this
year's Midyear
Meeting!**

**We will see you
next year!**

