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Letter from the President



Greetings! This has been a busy first half of 2018 that began with a terrific Midyear Meeting in New Orleans. Lynn Jones and her committee did a wonderful job putting together an impressive program with great sessions throughout the meeting. Connie Weaver (JATA editor), Bridget Stomberg and Erin Towery (Research Resource Committee Co-Chairs), and Blaise Sonnier (Legal Research Committee Chair) coordinated the review and selection of papers presented at the meeting. James Chyz and Sean McGuire and their committee organized the ATA/KPMG Tax Doctoral Consortium, and Tracy Noga and her committee planned and executed this year's Tax Educators Conference. Special thanks to each of these ATA leaders and the many volunteers who served on committees or added an extra hand to make this an impactful meeting.

On behalf of the membership of the ATA, I would like to thank Roby Sawyers for his valuable service as Senior Editor of the *ATA Journal of Legal Tax Research*. We greatly appreciate Roby's leadership and efforts on behalf of the JLTR. As you know from our business meeting at the Friday lunch at the Midyear Meeting, I am pleased to announce that Blaise Sonnier, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, is the new JLTR Senior Editor effective June 1, 2018. Thank you, Blaise, for your service to the ATA!

I am also pleased to announce, based upon the recommendation of the Publications Committee and the senior editors of JATA and JLTR, the Board of Trustees voted to make JATA and JLTR open access to all members of the American Accounting Association, similar to *The Accounting Review*, *Accounting Horizons* and some of the other AAA section journals. Opening access to all AAA members was viewed as another mechanism to gain exposure for the great research published in our journals to the benefit of the authors, journals, and our field.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the recently proposed revisions to the ATA bylaws have been approved by the membership through electronic vote. The bylaw revisions are part of the AAA's efforts to standardize bylaws to be more consistent across sections, follow best practices for the types of information included, and to prevent the

need for frequent revisions and amendment voting. Thank you to members of our Executive Committee for facilitating revisions that maintain the substance of our bylaws and comply with the spirit of the AAA's efforts to encourage best practices and consistency.

If you have not already done so, please be sure to register for the AAA Annual Meeting, which will be held August 4-8 in Washington, D.C. We will hold the ATA Business Meeting on the morning of Monday, August 6, where we will elect new officers and trustees. The ATA luncheon will follow the business meeting on August 6th, where will present our annual awards.

I hope that each of you has a wonderful summer! Thank you for your service to the ATA and for the opportunity to serve as your President!

Benjamin C. Ayers
 President, ATA 2017-2018
 University of Georgia

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ATA Slate of Nominees

The ATA Nominations Committee has offered the following slate of nominees for the 2018-2019 academic year:

Position	Nominee	Affiliation
President-Elect	Diana Falsetta	University of Miami
VP-Elect	Jenny Brown	Arizona State University
VP Finance-Elect	Hughlene Burton	University of North Carolina-Charlotte
Secretary	Stacie Laplante	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Trustees	Stephanie Sikes	University of Illinois-Chicago
	Bridget Stomberg	Indiana University-Bloomington
	Erin Towery	University of Georgia
Publications Committee	Ryan Wilson	University of Oregon
	Scott Dyreng	Duke University
	Erin Henry	University of Memphis

Thanks to John Robinson and the nominations committee for their hard work and to the nominees for their willingness to serve the ATA.

Meeting Reminders

2018 AAA Annual Meeting Washington, D.C. August 4-8, 2018

Early Registration Deadline: June 12, 2018

ATA Business Meeting: Monday, August 6 at 10:15 a.m.

More information can be found at:

<http://aaahq.org/Meetings/2018/Annual-Meeting>

2019 ATA Midyear Meeting Washington, D.C. February 21-23, 2019

The Mayflower Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20036

The following calls appear in this newsletter:

- JATA Conference
- JLTR Conference
- Papers for research sessions

Call for Papers: 2019 JATA Conference

Deadline: October 26, 2018

The 25th *Journal of the American Taxation Association (JATA)* Conference will be held in conjunction with the ATA Midyear Meeting in February, 2019. 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 15, 2018.

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>. 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 October 26, 2018.

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

Call for Papers: 2019 JLTR Conference

Deadline: October 26, 2018

The annual *Journal of Legal Tax Research* Conference will be held in conjunction with the American Taxation Association (ATA) Midyear Meeting in Washington, D.C. in February 2019. 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 Blaise Sonnier by email at bsonnier@uccs.edu.

To be considered, papers must be received no later than October 26, 2018. 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: October 26, 2018

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).