

Dear ATA Members and Colleagues,

The American Taxation Association (ATA) is home to a broad group of members with interests in tax research, policy, practice, and education. We are transitioning out of the pandemic and reconnecting in person with our colleagues. We are also focusing on expanding our outreach. Most notably, we should be proud that the ATA is a leader within the AAA by being the first section to establish a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee to reach out to underrepresented minorities and PhD students, and encourage their attendance and participation at our conferences and association. I especially thank members Kirsten Cook and Erin Towery for their service in setting up the ATA DEI Committee. I also thank Shirley Dennis-Escoffier for her continued financial support through the Marty Escoffier Memorial Fund to support doctoral students broadly and, now, backing DEI initiatives as well through the fund. We are especially grateful to Shirley for her steadfast support as we expand our ability to ensure a bright and inclusive future for all our members.

Our Midyear Meeting in St. Louis was held in person with a virtual component. It was a huge success given the uncertainties of travel budgets and restrictions, and could not have happened without the adept leadership of Brad Lindsey and all the respective committees to coordinate speakers and A/V requirements.

In August, we welcomed the in-person Annual Meeting in beautiful San Diego. The ATA curated a wonderful set of sessions thanks to the efforts of Program Chair Steven Savoy and Vice Chair Andrew Finley. I continue to be grateful for the ability of our members to meet these challenging times without sacrificing quality or camaraderie.

On behalf of the ATA members, I relay my sincerest thanks to Lynn Comer Jones who led and managed last year's successes during our time of continued uncertainty. I personally thank Lynn for her thoughtfulness, knowledge, guidance, and organization as I begin my Presidency.

I look forward to the coming year, and especially with an engaging Midyear Meeting scheduled to be held at the historic Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., on February 23-25, 2023. Thank you to ATA Vice-President James Chyz and the entire Midyear Meeting Committee as they plan a stimulating program for all. On February 23 we will hold the Teaching & Curriculum Conference (committee chair Mitchell Franklin) and the ATA/KPMG Doctoral Consortium (committee chair David Kenchington). Please continue to monitor your inbox and the ATA webpage for more details and updates on the conferences.

A heartfelt thank you to this year's retiring members: Nancy Nichols (James Madison University) and Nathan Oestreich (San Diego State University). Each has served ATA and AAA in various capacities, produced quality research, and mentored us. We wish you all the best in your new adventures.

It is a distinct privilege and pleasure to serve our membership. We are an exceptional group of people who support each other in various ways. I look forward to seeing everyone, *in person*, in Washington, D.C. Until then, I wish everyone a successful start to the academic year.

Best wishes and good health to all,

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