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- Prepare students to conduct quality research relevant to private or public organizations, to direct research by others, and to communicate research findings through teaching and writing
- Prepare students for varied responsibilities of academic careers or for positions requiring similar research and analytical skills

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Accounting Excellence Professor
Corporate development; financial statement analysis; managerial decision-making; agribusiness; agricultural economics

Korok Ray, Associate Professor
Compensation, managerial incentives, corporate governance, financial reporting

Lynn L. Rees, Kathleen L. and J. Rogers Rainey, Jr. ’44 Chair in Accounting
Capital market reaction to accounting information; financial statement analysis; valuation; corporate finance

Adrienne Rhodes, Assistant Professor
Executive compensation, contracting uses of accounting information, corporate governance, top management composition, and capital markets

Sarah C. Rice, Assistant Professor
Experimental economics, game theory and management of information systems

John R. Robinson, Professor of Accounting and Patricia ’77 and Grant E. Sims ’77 Eminent Scholar Chair in Business
Corporate income taxation and financial accounting, mergers and acquisitions, and the influence of taxes on financial structures and executive performance

Michael K. Shaub, Clinical Professor
Accounting ethics and ethical decision-making, auditors’ professional skepticism, jurors’ judgments about auditors’ responsibility for audit failure

Nathan Sharp, Associate Professor, Mays Research Fellow
Financial accounting and reporting, strategic disclosure, disclosure choice, earnings management, accounting restatements, financial analysts

Robert H. Strawser, Professor and Arthur Andersen & Co. Chair in Accounting
Financial and managerial accounting; auditing; behavioral applications in accounting

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Controversial accounting issues, with a focus in recent years on the causes and consequences of accounting misstatements; academic journal publication practices

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Security markets; financial accounting and reporting; analyst forecasts; security markets

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