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EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS, AND AWARDS:

Entreprenuership Bootcamp for Veterans Hall of Fame **7/2026**
Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CCEI)

2025-2026 Faculty Service Award 4/2026
University of Connecticut School of Business

2025-2026 Alpha Lamda Delta Faculty of the Year 4/2026
University of Connecticut

2020-2021 Undergraduate Accounting Professor of the Year 4/2022
University of Connecticut School of Business Accounting Department

2020-2021 University Teaching Innovation Award 3/2021
University of Connecticut Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

2017-2018 Teaching Innovation Award, UConn School of Business 3/2018

Master of Science in Accounting, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 2017
- GPA 4.12/4.0

2015 Educator of Excellence, CT Society of CPAs 5/2015

Certified Public Accountant, Connecticut 1996

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, *cum laude* 1993
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
- Major: Accounting

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

Instructor in-Residence, University of Connecticut School of Business, Storrs, CT 8/2017 - Present
Courses taught:

- **Principles of Financial Accounting**, ACCT 2001, two sections, 600+ students
- **Intermediate Accounting I**, ACCT 3201, two sections, 70+ students
  Spring semesters, 2017 - 2020
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for Preparers and Reviewers** (ACCT 3265 and 4265)
- **Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans (EBV)**
  2015-Present
- **FYE Learning Community Seminar** (INTD 1810, 2023 - Present)
- **Accounting Career Awareness Program** (2018)

Adjunct Faculty, University of Connecticut School of Business, Storrs, CT 1/2003 – 8/2017
Courses taught:

- **Principles of Financial Accounting**
  (ACCT 2001, 15 sections, 5.0/5.0 average and median ratings)
  Designed curriculum as the first to teach this course in the intensive intersession format.
- **Principles of Managerial Accounting**
  (ACCT 2101, 12 sections, 9.6/10 average, 9.7/10 median ratings followed by 5.0/5.0 average and median)
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance** (ACCT 4895 and 4899) (2015-Present)
- **FYE Learning Community Seminar** (INTD 1810) (2012)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Adams, L. (2026, August). Crush Accounting: Using mobile gamification to improve engagement and conceptual fluency in accounting. Conference on Teaching and Learning in Accounting (CTLA), AAA Global Connect, Las Vegas, NV.

Adams, L. (2023, February), Taxes 101, What You Need to Know for Life After UConn. Invited presentation for Student Support Services Senior Year Experience Course

Adams, L. M., Vesci, T., & Redden, J. (2022, August). Using Technology to Enhance the Teaching and Learning Experience. Invited presentation for the University of Connecticut 2022 Classroom Technology Symposium.

Adams, L. M., Scott, I., Fetters, M., & Meckfessel, M. (2021, February). Best Practices in Delivering a VITA Program. Invited panel for the 2021 ATA Teaching and Curriculum Conference.

Adams, Leanne, and Suzanne Cansler. "Engaging a Village: Effective Strategies to Reach Every Corner of the Lecture Hall." Faculty Focus | Higher Ed Teaching; Learning, 2 June 2020

Adams, L. M. (2020, February). Beyond UConn: Figuring Out Your Taxes and Planning for the Future. Invited presentation for the College to Career Transitions and Alumni Engagement Workshop Series.

AAA 2019 Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Section Midyear Colloquium, November 8, 2019. "How Service Learning, Through VITA, Transforms Students into Accounting Professionals"

AAA 2018 Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Section Midyear Colloquium, November 9, 2018. "Engaging a Village: Effective Strategies to Reach Every Corner of the Lecture Hall"

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Administrative Assistant, UConn School of Business Accounting Department, Storrs, CT	2001-2017
Financial Analyst, Gerber Scientific Products, Inc., South Windsor, CT	2000-2001
Senior Financial Consultant, Gerber Scientific Inc., South Windsor, CT	1997-2000
Accounting Manager, Grove Property Services, Hartford, CT	1996-1997
Supervising Senior Accountant, KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, Hartford, CT	1993-1996

MILITARY:

NCOIC (Non-Commissioned Officer In-Charge) of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense (NBC) section; Rank: Sergeant, Connecticut Army National Guard	1987 -1993
U.S. Army Basic Training, Fort Jackson, SC	1987
Honor Graduate, U.S. Army Administrative Specialist Course, Fort Jackson, SC	1988
U.S. Army Nuclear, Biological, Chemical School, Camp O'Neil, Niantic, CT	1989

Military Honors

- U.S. Army Achievement Medal for Outstanding Achievement 1992
- Superior Performance Award, Annual Training 1992
- HHD, 238th Supply & Service Bn, "Soldier of the Year" 1989 and 1991
- U.S. Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal for Meritorious Service 1991
- U.S. Army Achievement Medal for Meritorious Achievement 1989

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

UConn Entreprenuership Bootcamp for Veterans 2015 – Present
Instruct and assist in designing the accounting curriculum.

The Bushnell, Hartford, CT 2/2025 – Present
Foster an inclusive patron experience at the Bushnell by assisting guests and answering inquiries.

GetYourRefund National VITA Site Coordinator, New England Region 4/2021 – 10/2021
Recruit, coordinate and lead the New England Region National Tax Justice (NTJ) Service Team, providing virtual tax preparation assistance to low-income and homeless National VITA Site clients.

Virtual VITA Help for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness 2021 – 2022
Partnered with CityRelief of NYC to identify homeless individuals we could aid by filing 2020 tax returns to allow them access to the Stimulus payments via the Recovery Rebate Credit.

Vice President, Community Accounting Services, Rocky Hill, CT 2016-2020
CAS volunteer CPAs assist eligible individuals, couples, families, businesses, and not-for-profit organizations by providing accounting, business, financial, and tax advice, coaching, and education.

Financial Reality Fair, CT Credit Unions and UConn Office of Public Engagement 2018-2019
High school students get hands-on experience using a budget sheet to live within their given means. Our students staffed the individual tables, such as clothing or food, describing their alternatives to them and trying to get them to spend above their means.

OTHER:

Member, Connecticut Society of CPAs (CTCPA)
- Scholarship Assessment Task Force
- Educators FOOD (For Our Own Development) Group

Member, American Accounting Association
- Member, Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Section