

# A C C O U N T I N G

## What can you do with a PhD in Accounting?

Although holders of a Ph.D. in Accounting are typically teachers and researchers, there are many jobs that they can perform because of their capabilities and knowledge.

### *A few possible career paths (other than teaching and research) for accounting*

#### **Ph.D.s:**

Forensic Accounting

Accounting Malpractice

Financial Reporting and Securities Fraud

International Financial Reporting Standards -  
IFRS

Source: Journal of Accountancy, Jason Bergner, March, 2009:

### **Featured PhD Holder:**

#### **Jan Williams**

*PhD in Accounting from Morgan State University*

*Dr. Williams is an Assistant Professor of Accounting at the University of Baltimore, and was the first graduate of the Earl Graves School of Business & Management PhD program. She also serves as an instructor for an inner-city financial literacy program, "How Green are Your Dollars?"*

Source: *Making a Difference: A Selection of Graduate Degree Holders and Their Contributions to the Public Good.* Council of Graduate Schools, 2008.

## What does CWU have to offer?

### The McNair Scholar Program

Accounting Student Recruiting/  
Networking Events

Special events through the  
College of Business

An Accounting Help Lab

A Student Accounting Club

Kappa Xi, A chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi,  
Professional Business Fraternity

### **Helpful Links:**

Journal of Accountancy:

<http://www.journalofaccountancy.com/>

American Accounting Association:

<http://aaahq.org/>

The AAA's Accounting PhD Program Information:

<http://tinyurl.com/acctprograminfo>

Journal of Accountancy's Pursuing a Ph.D. in  
Accounting: Walking in With Your Eyes Open:

<http://tinyurl.com/joaphd>

The American Accounting Association's  
Supply and Demand of Accounting Ph.D.s:

<http://tinyurl.com/aaaphdreport>

## Now is a GREAT time to earn your PhD in Accounting!

- Demand for replacement faculty in accounting is estimated at roughly 500 per year for the next 5 to 10 years, while available supply of new Ph.D.s is estimated to be about 140 per year (half of whom are foreign nationals).
- Scarcity of replacement faculty and market forces appear to be driving "salary inversion," so that accounting faculty under the age of 45 are paid at higher average salaries than those over 45.
- For the 2005–2006 academic year, AACSB International reported the mean salary for a new doctorate in accounting at an AACSB accredited university was \$118,500 for a nine-month academic contract.

#### **Sources:**

aaahq.org/aplg/seminars/2008/DavidLeslie.ppt and  
[http://www.journalofaccountancy.com/Web/  
PursuingaPhDinAccounting](http://www.journalofaccountancy.com/Web/PursuingaPhDinAccounting)

