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Schedule

8:00 AM—8:15 AM: REGISTRATION

8:15 AM—8:25 AM: OPENING REMARKS: DEAN L. SONG RICHARSON

8:30 AM—10:00 AM: PANEL 1: TAX RELIEF DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
Moderator: Victor Fleischer

Presenters:
- Ellen P. Aprill, Standards for Charitable Disaster Relief in the Time of Pandemic
- Wei Cui, How Well-Targeted Are Payroll Tax Cuts as a Response to COVID-19? Evidence from China
- Stephanie Hunter McMahon, Employment Taxes in Crisis: In Practice, Enforcement, and Insolvency

10:00 AM—10:10 AM: BREAK

10:10 AM—12:10 PM: PANEL 2: EQUITABLE TAX ADMINISTRATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
Moderator: Joshua Blank

Presenters:
- Christine Kim, Taxing Telework in the Wake of COVID-19
- Rodney P. Mock & Kathryn Kisska-Schulze, Saving the Non-Essential from the War on COVID-19
- Andrew Hayashi & Ariel Jurow Kleiman, Property Taxes During the Pandemic

12:10 PM—12:20 PM: BREAK
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12:20PM—1:20 PM: KEYNOTE: ERIC HYLTON, IRS COMMISSIONER OF THE SMALL BUSINESS/SELF-EMPLOYED DIVISION

1:20 PM—1:30 PM: BREAK

1:30 PM—3:00 PM: PANEL 3: WHAT CAN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC TEACH US ABOUT TAX POLICY?

Moderator: Mark Hoose

Presenters:

• Ana Santos Rutschman & Henry Ordower, Public Health and Tax Compliance Convergence
• Shu-Yi Oei & Diane Ring, Regulating in Pandemic
• Nancy E. Shurtz, COVID, Recession, and Tax Reform: Lessons for Reshaping State and Municipal Policy

3:00 PM—3:10 PM: BREAK

3:10 PM—4:40 PM: PANEL 4: MAKING TAX RELIEF A BETTER POLICYMAKING INSTRUMENT

Moderator: Omri Marian

Presenters:

• William E. Foster & Andrew L. Lawson, Toward Less Partisan Emergency Relief
• Victoria J. Haneman, Prepaid Death
• James Alm & Jay A. Soled, Tax Amnesties, Recidivism, and the Need for Reform

4:40 PM—5:00 PM: CLOSING REMARKS: A. LAVAR TAYLOR
James Alm is Professor Emeritus of Economics at Tulane University, after recently stepping down as Chair of the Department of Economics. Before moving to Tulane he was Regents Professor in the Department of Economics at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University, where he served as Chair of the Department and Dean of the School. He has also taught at Syracuse University and at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He earned his master's degree in economics at the University of Chicago and his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His teaching and research are in the area of public economics. Much of his research has focused on behavioral responses to taxes, in such areas as tax compliance, the marriage tax, tax reform, opportunity zones, housing choices, economic growth, and corruption. He has also worked on fiscal and decentralization reforms in many countries around the world. His research has been published in leading economics journals, and he has also published 11 books. He was the long-serving Editor of Public Finance Review, and he has also served on numerous editorial boards. He has been the President of the Southern Economics Association, and he just became President of the National Tax Association in November 2020.

Ellen April holds the John E. Anderson Chair in Tax Law at LMU’s Loyola Law School. Her publications consider federal tax law, the legislative process, and statutory interpretation, with an emphasis on tax policy, exempt organizations and governmental entities. In 2020, she organized the 24th Annual Western Conference on Tax-Exempt Organizations. Professor April received her B.A. with High Honors and Distinction from University of Michigan, her M.A. from the University of California at Los Angeles, and her J.D. magna cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center. Following graduation, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable John Butzner of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and to the Honorable Byron R. White, Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court. She then practiced for several years with the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles and spent two years in the Office of Tax Policy in the U.S. Department of the Treasury in Washington, D.C. She is Chair of the Advisory Board of the NYU Center on Philanthropy and Lawn, Vice President of the American Tax Policy Institute, a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel, a member of the American Law Institute, and a former Vice Chair, Communications, of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation.

Joshua Blank joined UCI Law in July 2018 as Professor of Law. Previously, he was a member of the full-time faculty of NYU School of Law, where he served as professor of tax law, vice dean for technology-enhanced education and faculty director of its graduate tax program. Blank’s scholarship focuses on tax administration and compliance, taxpayer privacy, and taxation of business entities. His recent publications have appeared in Emory Law Journal, New York University Law Review, Southern California Law Review, Tax Law Review, University of Pennsylvania Law Review, and UCLA Law Review, among others. He is a frequent contributor to Bloomberg, CNN, Fortune, the New York Times, and the Wall Street Journal, among others. Blank received his B.A., summa cum laude, from NYU College of Arts and Science; his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School; and his LL.M. in taxation from NYU Law.
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Wei Cui is a Professor at the Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia. His recent research spans the areas of international taxation and of tax and development. In international taxation, he has made original contributions on the topics of the digital services tax, the destination-based cash flow tax, formulary apportionment, and taxing indirect transfers. In tax and development, his forthcoming book The Administrative Foundation of China’s Fiscal State (Cambridge University Press) offers an original account of China’s success in raising tax revenue in the last quarter century and the lessons the Chinese experience holds for developing countries in general. Professor Cui has authored over 90 academic and professional articles and is a co-author of Value Added Tax: A Comparative Approach (CUP). He practiced tax law for over 10 years, including as a U.S. tax associate at Simpson Thacher (in both New York and Beijing), as Senior Tax Counsel for the China Investment Corporation, and as a counsel-level consultant for Clifford Chance (Beijing). Professor Cui is a graduate of Harvard College, Tufts University (M.A. in philosophy), Yale Law School (J.D.) and NYU Law School (LL.M. Tax).

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Stephanie McMahon teaches courses in tax law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, and her research often combines her interest in tax and legal history. Professor McMahon’s scholarship frequently examines the historical relationship between taxation and the public’s perception of taxation and, from that relationship, discovers lessons for improving today’s law. In particular, Professor McMahon’s work has explored the intersection of tax and administrative law and how women have been, and continue to be, affected by taxation. Recently, she has turned her research to issues of employment taxation. She has published the *Principles of Tax Policy Concise Hornbook* (2d ed. 2018) and articles in journals including the *The Tax Lawyer, Florida Tax Review, Virginia Tax Review, The Law and History Review, Northwestern Law Review, Washington Law Review, Harvard Journal of Law & Gender, Journal of Legislation* (Notre Dame), and in blogs including *The Hill*.

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Eric Hylton is the commissioner of the Small Business/Self-Employed Division of the IRS. He was appointed to the position in September 2019. He oversees taxpayer programs and services affecting the nation’s small business and self-employed individuals. He is responsible for providing executive leadership and direction to a nationwide staff of approximately 20,000 employees responsible for service and enforcement programs for taxpayers who file personal, corporate, flow-through, employment, excise and estate and gift tax returns.

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**Featured Participants**

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Christine Kim teaches Federal Income Tax, Taxation of Business Entities, and International Tax. Her research centers on international tax, business tax, tax and technology, and taxation of complicated investment structures. Her work has been published in the *UC Irvine Law Review*, *Alabama Law Review*, *San Diego Law Review*, and *Virginia Tax Review*, among others. She received the University Research Committee’s Faculty Research & Creative Grant in 2018 and the College of Law’s Early Career Faculty Award in 2020.

Professor Kim received her J.S.D. in tax law from New York University School of Law (2018), her LL.M. from Harvard Law School (2012), where she was awarded the Landon H. Gammon Fellowship for academic excellence, and her Bachelor of Law degree summa cum laude from Seoul National University College of Law in South Korea (2002), where she graduated first in her class and received the President of Seoul National University Award.

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Kathryn Kisska-Schulze is an Assistant Professor in the School of Accountancy at Clemson University where she teaches business law courses at the undergraduate level, and International Taxation in Clemson’s Master of Professional Accountancy program. Her research centers on the intersection of business law and tax, and more specifically on the impact of federal and state tax laws on U.S. industry. Her scholarly agenda includes evaluating the effects of taxation on the amateur sports industry, employment arena, e-commerce, robotics, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity. Kathryn has published in numerous peer-reviewed outlets, including the *Ohio State Law Journal*, *Maryland Law Review*, *Temple Law Review*, *William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal*, *Florida Tax Review*, and *American Business Law Journal*. Her research has been presented both nationally and internationally, and she has won numerous scholarly awards throughout her academic career.
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Omri Marian is an internationally recognized expert in international taxation and comparative taxation. He is a Professor of Law and Academic Director of the Graduate Tax Program at UCI Law. Before joining UCI Law, he was an assistant Professor of Law at the University of Florida where he taught in the graduate tax program. He also practiced as a tax associate in the New York office of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP. Professor Marian’s work has been cited by Congress and is frequently featured in financial media outlets.

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A recognized tax scholar, Professor Mock has published numerous tax law and policy articles in the areas of tax practice and procedure, international, estate and gift, partnership and corporate taxation. His published articles can be viewed in top-ranking tax journals such as, *Florida Tax Review, Virginia Tax Review, Akron Tax Journal, The Tax Lawyer, Journal of Taxation, Tax Notes, Taxes, Houston Business and Tax Law Journal, Australian Tax Forum, Fordham Journal of Corporate and Financial Law, Issues in Accounting Education, DePaul Business & Commercial Law Journal, Practical Tax Strategies, Financial and Estate Planning, The CPA Journal, Exempt Organization Tax Review and Practical Estate Planning*. Professor Mock’s publications have on multiple occasions received national recognition in congressional reports for the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the U.S. Congress Joint Committee on Taxation and other notable tax policy institutes. His research has also been cited by the United States Tax Court and the United States District Court. He is also a frequent commentator on Fox News discussing tax topics ranging from the constitutionality of a retroactive estate tax to the policy implications associated with a high corporate tax rate. His research has also been discussed in articles, television and radio appearances for the Wall Street Journal, CNN, US News, the San Francisco Chronicle and other media outlets.

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Diane M. Ring currently serves as the Associate Dean of Faculty, Professor of Law and the Dr. Thomas F. Carney Distinguished Scholar at Boston College Law. She researches and writes primarily in the fields of international taxation, corporate taxation, labor and taxation, and ethical issues in tax practice. Her recent work addresses issues including information exchange, tax leaks, international tax relations, regulation in the pandemic, sharing economy and human equity transactions, and ethics in international tax. Professor Ring was a consultant for the United Nation’s 2014 project on tax base protection for developing countries, and the U.N.’s 2013 project on treaty administration for developing countries. She is also co-author in three case books in taxation—one on corporate taxation, one on international taxation, and one on ethical problems in federal tax practice. Professor Ring has also contributed chapters to books on the gig economy, sharing economy, the tax base of developing countries, and comparative income taxation.

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