

## ALEX COBLE

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### EDUCATION

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| <b>The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania</b><br>PhD Student in Accounting  | Philadelphia, PA<br>Aug. 2020 – Present  |
| <b>Raymond A. Mason School of Business, The College of William &amp; Mary</b><br>Master of Accounting; Concentration in valuation; Cumulative GPA: 4.0  | Williamsburg, VA<br>Aug. 2016 – May 2017 |
| <b>Raymond A. Mason School of Business, The College of William &amp; Mary</b><br>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> ;<br>Concentration in finance with an international emphasis; Cumulative GPA: 3.77 | Williamsburg, VA<br>Aug. 2013 – May 2016 |

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Determinants of disclosure and its economic consequences, capital raising via traditional IPOs, SPACs, private equity, and venture capitalists, mergers and acquisitions, and information dissemination

### WORKING PAPERS

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“Public Peers and Private Firm Capital Raising” (solo-authored)

“SPACs vs. Smart Money? Evidence from the Paycheck Protection Program” (with Jennifer Blouin and Allison Nicoletti)

“Forward Looking Information in SPAC Disclosures” (solo-authored)

### RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS *(C = Presentation by a coauthor)*

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| 2024 | AAA Annual Meeting (Aug. 12-14)<br>AAA/Deloitte Foundation/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium (Jun. 9-12)<br>Raymond A. Mason School of Business, The College of William & Mary (May 3)<br>The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (Apr. 23)<br>University of Iowa Sydney Winter Lecture Series (Apr. 19) (C) |
| 2023 | The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (Feb. 21, Dec. 7)  |
| 2022 | The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (Dec. 6)   |
| 2021 | The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (Aug. 26, Dec. 2)  |

### CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION *(P = Presentation, D = Discussion)*

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| 2024 | AAA Annual Meeting (Aug. 12-14) (P) (D)<br>AAA/Deloitte Foundation/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium (Jun. 9-12) (P)<br>Wharton Spring Accounting Conference (May 22-23)<br>NYU Four School Accounting Research Conference (Apr. 26)<br>UNC Tax Symposium (Apr. 12-13)<br>UNC Doctoral Consortium (Apr. 11) |
| 2023 | Villanova Accounting Conference (Sept. 29)<br>Wharton Spring Accounting Conference (May 23-24)  |

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|      | NYU Four School Accounting Research Conference (Apr. 28)<br>AFA Conference (Jan. 5-8) |  |
| 2021 | JAE Conference (Oct. 15-16)   |  |
| 2020 | RAST Conference (Dec. 10-11)<br>JAE Conference (Oct. 23-24)                           |  |

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania**

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| Instructor – ACCT 101: Accounting and Financial Reporting<br><i>Instructor quality: Rated 3.70/4.0 (historical course average: 2.6/4.0)</i><br><i>Course quality: Rated 3.55/4.0 (historical course average: 2.4/4.0)</i> | Summer 2022        |
| Guest Instructor – WH 1508: Evaluating Evidence<br>(for Professor Iwan Barankay)  | Spring 2023 & 2024 |
| Guest Instructor – Girls Who Invest, Summer Intensive Program<br>(for the 2-Day Firm Valuation Module)  | Summer 2023        |
| Guest Instructor – ACCT 101: Accounting and Financial Reporting<br>(for Professor Allison Nicoletti)  | Fall 2022          |
| Teaching Assistant – ACCT 102: Strategic Cost Analysis<br>(for Professors Matt Bloomfield and Mirko Heinle)   | Spring 2023        |
| Teaching Assistant – ACCT 101: Accounting and Financial Reporting<br>(for Visiting Professor Antonio Marra)   | Spring 2022        |
| Teaching Assistant – ACCT 102: Strategic Cost Analysis<br>(for Professors Matt Bloomfield, Carolyn Deller, and Christopher Ittner)  | Spring 2021        |

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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| <b>KPMG LLP</b>                          | McLean, VA/Washington D.C. |
| Financial Due Diligence Senior Associate | Jan. 2020 – Apr. 2020      |
| Audit Senior Associate                   | Jul. 2019 – Dec. 2019      |
| Audit Associate                          | Sept. 2017 – Jul. 2019     |
| Audit Intern                             | Jun. 2016 – Aug. 2016      |

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

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| Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in Virginia | 2018 – Present |
| American Accounting Association (AAA) Member  | 2023 – Present |
| American Finance Association (AFA) Member     | 2022 – Present |
| American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) Member     | 2019 – 2021    |

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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| <b>The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania</b>                    |                |
| Student Representative for Wharton Doctoral Programs Executive Committee | 2023 – 2024    |
| The Wharton School Fellowship for Doctoral Studies                       | 2020 – Present |

**The College of William & Mary**

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| Trustees' Award for the highest GPA in the Master of Accounting program | 2017        |
| Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society                   | 2017        |
| Master of Accounting Merit Based Scholarship                            | 2016 – 2017 |
| Bachelor of Business Administration Magna Cum Laude                     | 2016        |
| Undergraduate Dean's List   | 2013 – 2016 |

**OTHER INFORMATION**

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**Ad Hoc Reviewer Service**

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| AAA FARS Midyear Meeting              | 2024 |
| Hawaii Accounting Research Conference | 2024 |

**Programming Skills**

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| R, Python, Stata, SAS, LaTeX | 2020 – Present |
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**Volunteer Service**

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| Keystone Human Services, Susquehanna Service Dogs, <i>Volunteer Dog Sitter</i> | 2021 – Present |
| Penn Vet Working Dog Center, <i>Volunteer Dog Sitter</i>                       | 2023 – Present |