

PORTIA W. BENSON

St. Louis, MO

EDUCATION

MBA , General Business (AACSB) West Texas A&M University	Canyon, TX
BA , Sociology and Anthropology, Minor in Biology Principia College	Elsah, IL
Degree in Progress: PhD, Economics : 2021-2025 (anticipated) University of Reading	Reading, UK

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor | **Department Chair** | **Committee Chair** | **Major Advisor**

Assistant Professor of Economics 2022-Current

- Provide excellence in education at the undergraduate level in the disciplines of economics, finance, accounting and general business.
- Teach undergraduate economics courses as part of the new student First Year Experience (FYE) program.
- Serve as an advisor for Business Administration and Economics majors for freshmen through senior year students.

Assistant Professor of Business Administration 2017-2022

Courses Taught: Introduction to Microeconomics | Introduction to Econometrics
Intermediate Microeconomics | Managerial Finance | Investments | Financial Literacy
Financial Accounting | Managerial Accounting | Cost Accounting
Intermediate Accounting | Business Sustainability | Management Information Systems
Business and Financial Communication

Department Chair - Business Administration & Economics 2020-2022

- Manage Business Administration and Economics department budgets, student graduation requirements, course scheduling, course catalog modifications, and internal and external departmental program review.
- Manage the personnel requisition, development, support and evaluation of new and returning faculty, visiting faculty, student tutors, and postgraduate teaching interns.

AWARDS

Teacher of the Year, Principia College 2019-2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Principia College Baccalaureate: Spiritual Selections - Reader	2021
Balancing Academics and Mental Health Panel Discussion: Panelist	2020
A Basic Guide to Tax Prep with Phi Alpha Eta: Speaker	2020

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AT PRINCIPIA COLLEGE

403(b) Investment Management Committee – Principia Corporation	2018 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee serves as Plan fiduciary for Principia’s employee retirement program.	
CFA Institute University Affiliation Program – Primary Contact (PC)	2018 - Present
College Scheduling Committee – Member	2018 - Present
The Chicago Experience - Co-Leader	2017 - 2019, 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An annual program for Business Administration and Economics majors.• Organize and lead 10-15 students on a 3-day business immersion trip.	
Interim Report for Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Core Team	2021 - 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyze annual data on the College’s strategic plan, enrollment, and budget. Write the Interim Report and submit to the HLC accrediting body as part of the accreditation process.	
Strategic Plan Action Committee – Member and Tactic Leader	2021 - 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide oversight and direction on the implementation of the 2025 College Strategic Plan.• Lead the initiatives and analyze the results of Tactic 4.3: Economic/Financial Sustainability.	
Academic Portfolio Review – Steering Team Member	2021 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide direction and feedback in order to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ identify strengths in academic offerings○ realize efficiencies and identify inefficiencies○ move to data-driven decision-making	
College Budget Advisory Committee – Co-Chair	2018 - 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborate with the Strategic Planning Committee to provide a financial perspective for the College's new strategic plan.	

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

St. Louis Collegiate Investment Portfolio Contest - Manager	2018 - Present
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CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Management Accountant (CMA) | Certified Financial Education Instructor
Notary Public, Illinois and Colorado 2007 - 2020

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association (AEA)
National Financial Educators Council (NFEC)
Institute of Management Accountants (IMA): The Association of Accountants and Financial Professionals in Business

CONTINUING EDUCATION / CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

American Economic Association: Annual Meeting	2021
Federal Reserve Bank	
Racism and the Economy: Focus on Education	2021
Women in Economics Symposium	2021
Cultural Competency: Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity Workshop	2018
An Experiential Introduction to Global Intercultural Learning	2018
Developing a Global Perspective	2018

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

The Link School Board of Directors, Buena Vista, CO 2020-2021 Chair, 2017-2020 - Member	2017 - 2021
Orpheum Theatre, Inc. Board of Directors, Buena Vista, CO Member at Large	2012 - Present

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

High School Math Teacher / Finance Manager The Link School, Buena Vista, CO	2013-2017
Financial Consultant Fountain Pen Partners, Inc. Buena Vista, CO	2007-2013
Executive Director Orpheum Theatre, Inc. Buena Vista, CO	2007-2012
Financial and Documentation Consultant Gemsbok Consulting, Inc. Evergreen, CO	2004-2007
Senior Technical Training Consultant Lucent Technologies / CSG Systems, Inc. Denver, CO	2000-2003