



*“My goal is to empower others to reach their potential in the field of taxation and to serve the unmet needs of the underprivileged in our community.”*

- Harvey Bookstein  
 CPA, Founding Partner, RBZ, LLP

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#### A Note from the Director



DR. RAFI EFRAT

As the Bookstein Institute for Higher Education in Taxation has recently reached the milestone of the first five years of operations, we have had the opportunity to reflect on the Institute's accomplishments and future endeavors.

There is much to celebrate. This fall we will publish the third edition of the student-run. Those 120 graduate students flourished academically with our demanding, yet practice-oriented program. Despite the challenges of work, family and school, over 90% of the entering students have graduated on time.

#### In the Spotlight: Professor Todd Reinstein



PROF. TODD REINSTEIN

Much of the success of the M.S. in Taxation program would not have been possible without the help of one of the most seasoned tax professionals, emeritus Professor of Accounting Todd Reinstein.

Professor Reinstein has been an asset to the Cal State Northridge community for nearly 40 years, having instructed accounting courses at the College of Business and Economics for many students who are now successful and influential CPAs in the Southern California economy.

#### Former M.S. in Taxation Becomes Partner at Leading Accounting Firm



LIOR TEMKIN

When students from the M.S. in Taxation graduating class of Spring 2011 nominated Lior Temkin as the commencement speaker, he was both honored and not exactly caught by surprise since he talked so much in class and figured his peers put him up to the challenge to speak in front of a larger audience.

“I enjoy public speaking and do it often, but overall I felt honored,” says Temkin. “It felt like a good way to close the year and a half.”

#### Tax Workshop Facilitator Delivers Educational Seminars to Low Income Taxpayers



MARIA RODRIGUEZ

Maria Rodriguez always knew she wanted to reach out to the Latino community, but found it difficult to dedicate time away from her family. As a single mother of a young son with special needs, Rodriguez says everything she does is to support her son, but knew she would have to sacrifice some time going back school while working full time.

Enrolling in the MS. in Taxation program offered her the opportunity to gain the tax experience she wanted through community engagement while working for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a revenue agent.

#### Tax Fellowship Program Helps Students Reach New Heights



SHANE CLARK

Each year, the Bookstein Institute supports funding for the Tax Fellowship Program, which presents select undergraduate accounting students the opportunity to intern in the tax practice of a leading tax firm following their junior year, receive an assigned practitioner-mentor from the firm during their undergraduate and obtain guaranteed admission as well as a full scholarship tuition from the sponsoring firm to attend the graduate tax program at Cal State Northridge.