# HIDDEN HISTORY

The story of how Professor James Dincolo, the namesake of a number of teaching awards at Mendoza, came to Notre Dame centers around football.

He was an instructor and line coach with St. John's in Collegeville, Minnesota, with former ND player Joe Benda, who was backfield coach. When Benda took a job with Notre Dame, he mentioned Dincolo to College of Business dean James McCarthy, who offered Dincolo a job in 1937. McCarthy encouraged Dincolo to earn his public accountant's certificate and go into business in South Bend because he felt that someone with practical experience would be a more effective teacher. Dincolo became a well-known businessman and served two terms as a member of the State Board of Certified Accountants.



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By 1946, Dincolo was head of the department of accounting. In 1956, he received the Lay Faculty Award for teaching. He said of

his decision to step down from administration in 1960, "I was willing to make the sacrifice of giving up the department chairmanship to go on teaching because I just plain like teaching."

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He also served as chief statistician for the football team (as of 1967, he had been in the role for 27 years).

The first recipient of the James Dincolo Outstanding Teaching Award in Accountancy was Rev. Carl F. Ebey, C.S.C., in 1986. Ebey was a part-time assistant professor of accountancy who specializes in teaching accounting for not-for-profit organizations.

"Hidden History" celebrates the series of people, moments and events that collectively constitute 100 years of Mendoza's history as we approach the College's centennial in 2021. Do you have a little-known bit of trivia to contribute? Email us at <u>mendozabusiness@nd.edu</u>.

### **MENDOZA IN THE NEWS**

• "The attacks were extremely sophisticated, and they were able to defeat some pretty sophisticated security controls, or the right degree of security controls weren't in place," ITAO's **Mike Chapple** said in a <u>USA Today piece</u> about the Colonial pipeline hack.

• <u>New research</u> by ITAO's **Kaitlin Wowak** helps to close the gap between what is and isn't known about food recalls.

### PUBLISHED

♦ A paper by Accountancy's Erik Beardsley entitled "What's my target? Individual analyst forecasts and last-chance earnings management" coauthored with John Robinson at Texas A&M and Paul Wong at UC-Davis was accepted for publication at the Journal of Accounting & Economics.

♦ A paper by Finance's **Zhi Da** titled "Hedging demand and market intraday momentum" was published in the Journal of Financial Economics

♦ A paper by Finance's **Rafael Zambrana** titled "A tale of two types: Generalists vs. specialists in asset management" was published in the Journal of Financial Economics.

#### **KUDOS**

 Christopher Hillak, academic operations coordinator for the Executive MBA and non-degree programs, graduated last week from Indiana University with a Master of Public Affairs with double concentrations in Nonprofit Administration and Policy & Government Administration and Policy. His husband, Andrew, also graduated with an MPA degree.

◆ ITAO's Xinxue (Shawn) Qu received a Notre Dame Faculty Research Support Program - Initiation Grant (FRSP-IG) for the study, "Digital privacy issues on mobile platforms." This Notre Dame Research grant program provides seed funding to established faculty initiating new research or to faculty in the early stages of their research programs.



M&O's John Busenbark received the 2021 Lawrence R.
James Early Career Award from the Research Methods
Division of the Academy of Management. This prestigious and

highly selective award "recognizes a scholar who has made distinguished contributions to research methods research, practice, and education during the individual's early career stage (defined as within 7 years of receiving the Ph.D)."

## **STUDY PARTICIPANTS NEEDED**

Notre Dame faculty, staff and students have the opportunity to participate in a federally funded project about the social transmission and evasion of COVID-19, which is being undertaken by ITAO's **Corey Angst** in collaboration with ND's computer science faculty.

For the pilot program, which runs through mid-June 2021, participants will be asked to carry small, wireless devices called proximity beacons with them when they are on campus. (Note: The beacons are NOT tracking devices nor do they register any information about the identity of the carrier. They simply calculate distance between other people carrying beacons and stationary beacons in specific locations on campus.)

If you'd like to take part in this study, email Corey at <u>cangst@nd.edu</u> and he will drop a beacon in your Mendoza mailbox. Beacons also will be available for pickup near the mailboxes in the Faculty Support Office. Anyone who works at or attends ND is eligible. Participants will receive a \$10 gift card (a debit card) that can be used anywhere debit cards are accepted. You MUST have a smartphone in order to download an app in order to consent to the study and receive the gift card.

There is no requirement regarding the frequency with which you come to campus; however, for the pilot study, the researchers will get better data the more you are on campus. If the pilot is successful and they are able to monitor proximities, they will launch a much larger study in fall 2021. If you will be back on campus in the fall, please hold on to your beacon after the pilot ends. Corey will contact you again and offer another incentive for participation.

# **ON CAMPUS**



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