



Catherine Phillips Montalto, Ph.D.

Candidate for Nominations & Elections a two-year position

Current Position

Associate Professor, Consumer Sciences, Department of Human Sciences, College of Education and Human Ecology, The Ohio State University

Statement of Goals for Office

As a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee I would assist in continuing the important work of identifying emerging and sustaining leadership to guide our organization in the important work of enhancing consumer and family economic well-being by promoting excellence in research and educational programs.

Academic Background

Ph.D. Consumer Economics and Housing, Cornell University, 1992

M.S. Textiles and Clothing, The Ohio State University, 1979

B.S. General Home Economics, The Ohio State University, 1979

ACCI Activities

Board of Directors, 1999-2001, 2001-04

Nominations and Elections Committee, 2006-09. Chair, 2007-08

Search Committee, Editor, Journal of Consumer Affairs, 2007-08

Chair, Awards Coordinating Committee, 1999-2001, 2001-04

Co-Chair, Local Arrangements for Annual Conference, 2004-05

Reviewer of refereed papers for Annual Conference, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2003-08, 2013-16

Other Professional Activities and Honors

National Summit on Collegiate Financial Wellness Advisory Council, 2015 to present.

Memberships

ACCI; AFS; AFCPE; Mortar Board National Honorary Society

Awards

President and Provost's Award for Distinguished Faculty Service, The Ohio State University, 2015

ACCI Mid-Career Award, 2005

ACCI Mentor Award, 2005

Dean's Faculty Award for Professional Excellence, College of Human Ecology, The Ohio State University, 2002

Faculty Award, College of Human Ecology, Human Ecology Alumni Society, 1998

ACCI Dissertation Award Recipient, American Council on Consumer Interests, 1993

Research Interests

As a consumer economist, I study factors and processes affecting the economic status and financial security of households and individual household members. In addition, I study methodological issues germane to my primary research focus and share this knowledge with other researchers through teaching, collaboration, conference presentations, manuscript publication, and participation in web-based users groups. My research trajectory has included household saving behavior including retirement preparation and emergency savings, time allocation and labor force participation behavior, and consumer financial strategies related to education and health care. Student financial wellness is my current research focus. I am the Co-PI for the 2010 Ohio Student Financial Wellness Survey (19 Ohio postsecondary institutions; nearly 5, 800 students) and the 2014/2015 National Student Financial Wellness Survey (52 postsecondary institutions; over 17, 000 students). The purpose of both studies is to advance understanding of how student financial behaviors, stress, and experiences are related to student educational and career outcomes. We want to better understand how financial wellness affects the college experience and academic and career success. Our nation has experienced dramatic economic changes in recent years. The results of this continuing research will inform initiatives and interventions launched by colleges, universities, state governments, and federal government agencies in their efforts to assist current and future students achieve financial and personal success.

Teaching Interests

My undergraduate teaching focuses on use marketing research and statistical analysis to examine consumers and how diversity impacts consumption, the workplace, and retailer/marketplace responses. At the graduate level, my teaching focuses on measurement and analysis of the economic status of consumer units including key concepts, determinants, policy implications, and implications for research.