



Patryk Babiarez, Ph.D.
Candidate for Board Member, three-year term

Current Position

Assistant Professor
Department of Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics
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Statement of Goals for Office

Thank you for the opportunity to run for a seat on ACCI Board, it is a great honor. I am aware of an important role that professional associations play in career development. As the board member, my goal would be to persistently improve the fit between value delivered by our organization and the needs of its members. My recent work with the ACCI Membership Committee provided me with a unique understanding of the distinct needs and wants of various segments of the ACCI membership base. I believe that satisfy these demands is the best way to preserve the ACCI's prominence among professional organizations focused on consumer issues. I would like to help the ACCI fulfil its mission and make it a thriving and impactful organization where students, researchers, educators and policymakers come for high quality knowledge, dissemination of their work, social interactions and networking.

Academic Background

Ph.D., Family and Consumer Economics, Purdue University
B.A. & M.S., Computer Science and Econometrics, Cracow University of Economics (Poland)

ACCI Activities

Member since 2007
International Committee, 2013-2015
Membership Committee, 2013-2015
Applied Consumer Economics Paper Award Referee, 2013-2015
Master Thesis Award Referee, 2010
Doctoral Dissertation Award Referee, 2015
Conference Papers Reviewer, 2010-2015

Other Professional Activities and Honors

Editorial Board, Journal of Consumer Affairs

Memberships

American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)

Southern Economic Association (SEA)

Awards

I received several research awards from ACCI, CFP, AFS, *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, and *Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal*

Research Interests

My research focuses on areas related to microeconomics, health economics, and household financial well-being. In my recent research projects I investigated the impact of college financial aid policy on household portfolio composition, the role of adverse health events on household debt holdings, and the impact of intra-household distribution of bargaining power on income protection through life insurance. My current work examines the interactions between health and financial well-being.

Teaching Interests

I have wide-ranging teaching interests that encompass economics, policy analysis, marketing and management sciences. I also enjoy teaching graduate seminars in research methods.