



The PhD Project Hall of Fame

2020 Honoree

Dr. Matthew J. Anderson

Senior Advisor to the Dean and Faculty Excellence Advocate

Michigan State University

-- Matthew Anderson has mentored countless doctoral students through The PhD Project. He has demonstrated sustained involvement by his continuous presence at the November conference and the DSA meetings.

Dr. Matthew J. Anderson received his Ph.D. and MBA in Accounting from Michigan State University, where he has been on faculty for more than 30 years (he was also on faculty at the University of Minnesota for several years). He served several years as the associate dean for diversity and inclusion for the Broad College, and is currently the senior advisor to the dean for diversity and inclusion. He is also the Broad College Faculty Excellence Advocate, in which role he administers faculty orientation sessions, and assists in faculty hiring and retention efforts. His teaching emphasis is financial accounting, and he has taught at the doctoral, masters and undergraduate levels. His research has assessed the use of accounting information by experts and novices in firm valuation (at the individual level). Relatedly, he has also researched expertise effects in experimental market pricing outcomes, and has done research investigating issues of learning in diversity spaces. He is a life member of the American Accounting Association (AAA), where he has served as a member of the AAA's Executive Council, and as a member of the Research Committee. Professor Anderson has chaired the AAA Outstanding Accounting Educator Award Committee and the Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee. He also served as the regional financial accounting editor for the Midwest AAA meeting.

Professor Anderson has served on the editorial boards of the Accounting Review and Issues in Accounting Education, and has published in the Accounting Review, the Journal of Accounting Research, and Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes, among others. He has also served as director of the accounting doctoral program at Michigan State University (the first black to hold such a post in accounting at a research I university). Dr. Anderson spent a summer serving as a "Professor in Residence" with KPMG, and is an education member of the Michigan Association of CPAs. He is a recipient of a Michigan State University Excellence in Diversity award, and was an inaugural winner of the national Ernst & Young Inclusive Excellence Award. Dr. Anderson was also the education recipient of the Jason Richardson Foundation "Saluting Greatness" award – based on his service to the teaching profession and diversity and inclusion. Dr. Anderson is a past president of the Black Faculty, Staff and Administrators Association of Michigan State University. He has been involved with the PhD Project since its inception, having served as a presenter, faculty, and university representative. He is a dyed-in-the-wool, unabashed Michigan State Spartan.

On a personal level, Dr. Anderson is the 7th of 14 children - the son of former sharecroppers. Dr. Anderson's father was also an early distance learner, having taken correspondence carpentry courses from an Illinois technical school in the late 1940's. Dr. Anderson grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and attended Kalamazoo College. Dr. Anderson is married (wife Connie) with 3 adult children. He and his wife have 5 grandchildren.