



The PhD Project Hall of Fame
2014 Honoree
Sandra W. Shelton
Professor of Accounting
DePaul University

Sandra Shelton has been involved with The PhD Project since its inception in 1994 when she served as a panelist on the Investment/Sacrifice Panel during the Annual Meeting. Sandra had just received her Ph.D. in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin and was on faculty at DePaul University. She was the first person to be capped at the annual conference with a PhD Project Mortarboard and Tassel which has now become a tradition at the Annual Conference and the Doctoral Students Associations conferences. The next year Sandra was invited back to serve on the planning committee for the Annual Conference and has been a member of that planning committee ever since. She is the moderator of the Investment/Sacrifice panel and has also served as the Emcee for the conference. Dr. Shelton has been a member of The PhD Project Accounting Doctoral Students Association since 1994, serving in many roles, including presenter, planning committee member and now as faculty advisor to the planning committee.

Throughout her academic career Dr. Shelton has made it her mission to serve as a role model to undergrad students and doctoral students. As a faculty member at DePaul University she has worked to identify and recruit faculty of color through her relationships with the Accounting DSA and The PhD Project and DePaul now has the highest number of PhD Project members on faculty.

Sandra W. Shelton, PhD, MBA, CPA, is the KPMG Distinguished Professor of Accountancy and the Faculty Coordinator of the Internal Auditing Program in the School of Accountancy & MIS, Driehaus College of Business, at DePaul University. She received her Ph.D. in Accounting from The University of Wisconsin-Madison, MBA (Finance) from Indiana University, and BS (Economics) from Rhodes College. She is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (IL). She has served as a member of the faculty at DePaul University since the fall of 1994. She developed the Internal Auditing Program at DePaul and has served as the Faculty Coordinator since its inception in 2007. DePaul University is a Comprehensive-level school in the Institute of Internal Auditor's Internal Auditing Education Partnership Program, making DePaul one of only 14 schools in the United States recognized by the distinction. Professor Shelton recruited Chief Audit Directors from industry and Partners from Advisory Practices in CPA firms to serve on an Internal Auditing Education Advisory Board. She Chairs the Board and is responsible for overseeing Board Committees, including Strategy, Funding, Marketing, and Curriculum Development. Professor Shelton manages the grants received for the program.

Professor Shelton's research interests focus on judgment and decision-making issues with financial information. She has published in *The Accounting Review*, *Accounting Horizons*, *ABACUS*, *Managerial Auditing*, *CPA Journal*, *Advances in International Accounting*, *Strategic Finance*, *Research in Accounting Regulation* and other academic and practitioner journals. She has presented research papers in both national and international conferences.