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EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Business Administration (Strategy & Entrepreneurship Policy)** May, 2016
Rawls College of Business, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, USA
Chair: Dr. Ronald K. Mitchell
Dissertation Title: *Drilling for Innovation: Economic Diversification Through The Determination, Distinction, and Development of Renewable Entrepreneurship Clusters.*
- **Master of Arts in Economics** Aug, 2011
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA
- **Master of Business Administration** May, 2011
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA
- **Master of Science in Finance** Aug, 2006
Daniels College of Business, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, USA
- **Bachelor of Science in Accounting** Jun, 2002
King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- King Saud University** Apr, 2018 – Present
 - *Chairman, Area of Management, College of Business Administration*
 - *Assistant Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship*
 - *Board Member – Executive Leadership Development Center*
 - *Member – Executive MBA Supervisory Committee*
- Council of Economic and Development Affairs (CEDA)** May, 2016 – Apr, 2018
 - *Adviser and Director of Councils and Committees Affairs*
 - *Coordinator – Private sector requests raised to HRH Crown Prince Chairman of CEDA*
 - *Torchbearer – Quick Wins and Obstacles Removal Team*
 - *Member - Ease of Doing Business Executive Committee*
 - *Member - Labor Market Steering Committee*
 - *Member – Media Sector Development Committee*
 - *Member – Medical Sector Local Content Committee*
 - *Head of PSD Track - Local Content and Private Sector Development Unit*
 - *Deputy Manager - Department of Their Excellencies The Advisers Affairs*
 - *Participant - Fiscal Budget Efficiency Review Committee – Bureau of Spending Realization*
 - *Participant - Kingdom’s Macroeconomic Unified Model Technical Committee*
 - *Deputy Manager - Economic Unit*
- Saudi Royal Court** Jul, 2007 – Apr, 2018
 - *Financial Commission*
 - *General Department of Projects Affairs*
 - *General Department of Financial Affairs*
- Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA)** Jul, 2002 – Jul, 2007
 - *Bank Examiner, General Department of Banking Control*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Saudi Royal Court:** *Departmental Rotation:* Feb – Apr, 2016
 - General Department of Orders and Decrees Inquiry
 - General Department of Projects Affairs
 - Political Division
 - General Department of Regulations
 - **Boston Consulting Group (BCG):** FDI Attraction Workshop May, 2017
 - **USASBE:** *Doctoral Consortium* Jan, 2014
 - **Academy of Management:** *New PhD Student Consortium* Aug, 2013
 - **Colorado State University:** *Center for the Advancement of Sustainable Enterprise:*
 - The Keys to Business Sustainability Mar, 2011
 - **San Diego State University:** *American Language Institute:* Jan-Dec, 2004
 - Academic English Program
 - Pre-MBA Program
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CONFERENCE PAPERS, PANELS, & WORKSHOPS

- **Assaf, A.** Skorodziyevskiy, V. Smith, B. Mitchell, R. K., Chidmi, B. ‘An Industry Cluster Growth Perspective on Entrepreneurial Ecosystems: Calibrating Policy and Institutionalization Effects’. *Presented at Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference 2018, June 2018, Waterford, Ireland.*
- **Assaf, A.** Skorodziyevskiy, V. Smith, B. Mitchell, R. K., Mitchell, J. R. ‘Diagnosing the Health of Entrepreneurial Ecosystems: A Two-Lens Approach’. *Presented at the SEE (Sustainability, Entrepreneurship & Ethics Conference), March 2018, Washington, D.C., USA.*
- Payne, T. **Assaf, A.** and Zachary, M. ‘A Dynamic Governance Model of Joint Venture Value Creation’. *Presented at 2014 Academy of Management Annual Meeting, August 2014, Philadelphia, PA, USA - Academy of Management Proceedings 2014 (1), 15912*
- **Assaf, A.**, Mitchell, R.K., Vahidnia, H., Smith, B. and Mitchell, J.R. ‘Entrepreneurial Cognition, Dynamism, and The Case of The Middle-East’ *Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference 2014, June 2014, London, Ontario, Canada - Frontiers of Entrepreneurship Research: Vol. 34 : Iss. 5 , Article 14*
- **Assaf, A.**, Mitchell, R.K., Vahidnia, H., Smith, B. and Seawright, K. ‘The Effects of Political Instability and Institutional Support on the Selection of Social Ties’ *Presented at 2014 Academy of Management Annual Meeting, August 2014, Philadelphia, PA, USA - Academy of Management Proceedings 2014 (1), 15306*
- **Assaf, A.**, Mitchell, R.K., Vahidnia, H., Smith, B. and Mitchell, J.R. ‘Entrepreneurial Cognition, Dynamism, and The Case of The Middle-East’ *Roundtable presentation at United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE 2014) Conference, January 2014, Ft. Worth, TX, USA*

TEACHING & TEACHING ASSISTANCE

- **MGT 427: Corporate Governance – King Saud University** 2018
 - **Course Description:** *Focuses on current issues in and theories of corporate governance. Corporate governance is defined as; 1) the combination of legal and political governance mechanisms external to the firms, 2) along with monitoring and incentive governance mechanisms internal to the firm, 3) linked and driven by the forces of investment markets, 4) to produce value-increasing outcomes for firm’s owners and, ultimately, society at large. The course topics include the examination of internal and external corporate controls, stakeholder theories and international governance comparisons.*

 - **MGT 5379: Technology Commercialization – Texas Tech University** 2013 – 2015
 - **Co-taught with:** *Dr. Ronald K. Mitchell, Professor of Entrepreneurship & Jean Austin Bagley Regents Chair in Management.*
 - **Course Description:** *Develops and applies specialized, real-world, and interdisciplinary (e.g., business + engineering) opportunity creation and discovery skills to technology commercialization, using integrated processes (e.g. entrepreneurship + engineering science) for projects with technical content (e.g., wind energy, health care device engineering, etc.).*
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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **Academy of Management** (*Strategic Management & Entrepreneurship divisions*).
- **Southern Management Association** (*Strategic Management & Entrepreneurship divisions*).
- **Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference.**
- **United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE).**