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Government and not-for-profit budgeting and accounting, tax policy, and entitlements

Biography

Michael H. Granof is an accounting professor and expert on government and not-for-profit accounting and financial reporting standards, and is an influential writer and speaker on the topic of government budget issues including social security, entitlements, tax policy, and projected budgetary concerns in the U.S., including the long-term viability of the social security program.

Granof is the Ernst & Young Distinguished Centennial Professor in Accounting at the McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin, the No. 1 accounting program in higher education according to all major ranking publications. He is also a professor of public affairs at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the university.

He is a member of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board since 2010, and the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board since 2009. He has served as a member of governmental advisory committees and councils since the 1980s.

Granof is the author of *Government and Not-for-Profit Accounting: Concepts and Practices* (New York: John Wiley), and he received the Enduring Lifetime Contribution Award in 2010 from the American Accounting Association. He is a distinguished scholar and a popular instructor frequently recognized for his teaching excellence.

Availability

Keynote, Panelist

Industry Expertise

Accounting, Government Administration, Research

Areas of Expertise

Government and Non-Profit Accounting, Public Accounting Regulation and Policy, Public Entitlement Programs, Social Security, Government Budgeting, Governmental Accounting Standards, Federal Accounting Standards, Public Accounting, Tax and Budget Policy, Government Audits

Affiliations

University of Texas at Austin, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs : Ernst & Young Distinguished Centennial Professor of Accounting, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board : Member, Governmental Accounting Standards Board : Member, UT Cooperative Society: Former Chair

Sample Talks

Crisis in Retirement: Are Aging Workers Heading for a Fiscal Cliff?

The data makes it clear that most retirees have inadequate savings and inadequate knowledge of what it will take to maintain the standard of living to which they have become accustomed. At the same time, owing to the fiscal pressures facing the federal government, there may not be the political will to maintain Social Security benefits at their current level, let alone enhance them.

As individuals, therefore, are we doing what is necessary to prepare for our own retirement? And collectively, as a nation, are we doing what is required to ensure the financial security of our retirees?

Event Appearances

Crisis in Retirement: Are Aging Workers Heading for a Fiscal Cliff?

Knowledge-to-Go Webinar Series

Can You Afford to Retire?

Texas Enterprise Speaker Series

Education

University of Michigan

Ph.D. Accounting

Columbia University

MBA. Business Administration

Hamilton College

B.A. (Hons.) Economics

Accomplishments

LBJ Faculty Teaching Awards

For teaching excellence. In 2000, 2002, 2006, and 2011.

American Accounting Association Enduring Lifetime Contribution Award

Government and Nonprofit Section of the AAA.

Michael H. Granof Outstanding Graduate Student Award Established

This award in Professor Granof's name was established by The University of Texas at Austin Graduate School to recognize the outstanding achievements of a graduate student. One award of \$10,000 is given annually.

MBA Core Teaching Award

Recognizing teaching excellence in graduate business education. In 2005 and 2007.

University of Texas Civitatis Award

Presented to faculty members who have demonstrated exemplary campus citizenship throughout a career of service at the university.

Corenelius E. Tierney/Ernst & Young Research Award

Association of Government Accountants.

Commencement Speaker

Spoke at the 1999 commencement of the University of Texas College of Business Administration.

Erskine Fellow

University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Visiting Professor

University of Tel Aviv.

Visiting Fulbright Professor

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Testimonials**David Wenger**

Professor Granof is an influential scholar and a governmental policy advisor who is willing to write and talk about the big issues of government budget policy with reporters and general audiences. He boils down complex budgetary issues into simple, clear language, and he isn't afraid to point out the elephant in the room.

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