Instructor Team

Mike L. Hardin, PhD., EA. Retired from OSU as a Professor and Tax Specialist, Mike is now in private practice. With a degree in Agricultural Economics and a strong background in Accounting, he was the coordinator and has now taught with the OSU Tax Schools for more than 35 years.

Ron Kirkpatrick, MBA, CPA. Ron’s experience includes nine years as a revenue agent with the IRS, plus real world know-how from more than 30 years in private practice. This combination makes him uniquely qualified to bring insights from both sides of the table. Ron has been an instructor with the Tax Schools since 2002.

Shirley Wofford, CPA, JD. Shirley has vast experience and knowledge of tax law and issue resolution through more than 30 years of employment with the IRS. She is currently in private practice, sharing her IRS experience with both tax return preparers and taxpayers. She joined the instructor team in 2011.

Lisa Cochell, CPA. During her more than 32 years in public accounting Lisa has worked for firms of all sizes, from a Big 4 firm to a single member firm. This variety of public accounting experience, along with her BS & MS in Accounting, has given her a vast knowledge of tax issues and practical real world solutions to tax return preparation. This is her second year with the OSU Tax Schools.

JC Hobbs, BS, MS., RTRP. JC has been with Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service since 1985. His degrees in Agricultural Economics and Accounting are a strong combination for his position as instructor. JC has coordinated and taught for the Tax Schools since 2003.