

BPP and Kaplan Tutor Profiles

Nigeria and Ghana: 9-17 January 2010

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Deb Lewis (UK)

Paper F7

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Deb qualified with Ernst & Young in Audit before transferring to Corporate Finance, working on flotations and finance raising including a year in Vancouver on the privatisation of BC Gas. She left to teach on professional courses (CIMA and ACCA) before returning to the commercial world with Estee Lauder. A move to Wales led to advising small companies on accounting and financial reporting, before returning to teaching at Swansea University on Undergraduate and Masters programmes.

Deb is the co-ordinator for the Accounting and Finance degree. At BPP Professional Education she teaches on Financial Reporting and strategic level papers. Deb has many interests enjoying travelling, sailing and skiing when work allows; more regular activities include tennis, salsa and swimming.

Kaplan

Iain Bruce (UK)

Paper F8

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After obtaining a degree in Law from the University of Nottingham, Iain took the decision to train as an accountant and undertake a career that would utilise his interest in business.

Whilst training as an accountant he worked for one of the UK's top 20 accountancy firms based in the East Midlands. Iain spent over 3 years working as an auditor specialising in UK Statutory Audits and gaining experience of planning audits, performing audit work and reviewing audit work of junior audit trainees.

In December 2009 he is going to be marking F8 Audit and Assurance scripts for the ACCA.

Hong Kong and Malaysia: 11-17 January 2010

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Richard McCann (UK)

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Richard began his career in accountancy after university with a regional firm of Chartered Accountants in the North East of England. He spent 7 years with the firm and was in a management position on his departure. He worked in an audit and assurance capacity with a wide range of businesses of varying sizes. He uses this experience to great effect in all of his teaching.

Richard moved to Jersey in November 2005, to work in the Accounts Preparation department of the Royal Bank of Canada's Trust Company, which gave him an insight into an important element of the offshore financial environment.

He joined BPP Jersey in June 2006, in order to fulfil a professional ambition to be involved in education. Richard is the CAT Program Manager, and teaches a broad range of subjects in the accounting field; however he focuses on Audit and Assurance and mid level Financial Reporting. He prides himself on using a wide range of teaching techniques and strategies with the aim of improving the student experience, knowledge retention, and pass rates.

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Sean Purcell (UK)

Paper P3

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Sean Purcell trained as an accountant with Courtaulds Textiles Plc (one of the world's largest textile companies) operating in various sectors including retail and internal audit leaving as the Group Financial Controller of one of its largest divisions. He has also worked as a management consultant in Sydney Australia helping retille the opera house.

Sean started teaching with Emile Woolf in 1993 and was involved with its takeover of Accountancy Tutors and was a founder member of the organisation which is now Kaplan in the UK. He is the Kaplan subject specialist for P3 and is involved in delivering courses in London and overseas having delivered over 30 courses in Singapore and Malaysia. He also is a regular contributor to accounting magazines having written over 30 articles with many of them accessible on the ACCA website.

So as to understand students and their behaviour in the exam room he is also a marker for the ACCA P3 and regularly meets with the examiner and other markers.

Zambia: 15-21 January 2010

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Ruth Deal (UK)

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Ruth is the Financial Reporting Tutor at BPP Maidstone and has been teaching ACCA F7 courses for 3 years. Her focus is getting people to understand the key technical areas within the F7 syllabus and essentially how to obtain enough marks to pass the exam. In every exam sitting her pass rates have been higher than the ACCA global average. She also teaches all the other FR based papers across ACCA, ICAEW and CIMA.

Ruth trained within the head offices of a UK hotels chain, a large AIM listed recruitment group and a subsidiary company within the shipping industry.

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Andy Bradley (UK)

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Andy has been a member of ICAEW for 13 years and has worked as a lecturer at Kaplan for nearly 12 years. Prior to that, he was an auditor for Price Waterhouse. He specialises in teaching Auditing and Business Strategy across ACCA, CIMA and ICAEW and has taught several prize winners. He has also worked as a paper specialist creating material and deciding on the best way to teach a particular paper. In addition he has held several management positions within Kaplan and for 5 years he ran their internal training programme for new tutors. Outside of teaching he has been a marker for paper F8 and its predecessor for 5 years.

Outside of work he enjoys travel (hence he is very excited about coming to Zambia for the first time!) and also hiking, having undertaken several treks for charity, including the Sahara desert. He also enjoys food and cookery and cannot wait to sample some Zambian specialties!