David Plumlee (Ph.D. ’82) Named Academic Fellow in SEC Office of the Chief Accountant

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Washington, D.C., July 12, 2006 — The Securities and Exchange Commission’s Office of the Chief Accountant today announced the selection of David Plumlee, Marlene Plumlee, and Tom Noland as Academic Accounting Fellows for one-year terms that begin in August 2006.

David Plumlee is a Professor of Accounting and David Eccles Scholar at the University of Utah, where he teaches intermediate and advanced accounting at the undergraduate and graduate levels and a Ph.D. seminar in behavioral research in accounting. He has also held faculty appointments at the Universities of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Kansas and Kansas State prior to moving to the University of Utah in 1997. David earned his Ph.D. from the University of Florida and both his Bachelors and Masters in Accounting from University of Oklahoma. His research interests have focused on auditing and auditor issues, especially the behavioral aspects of judgment and decision making. David has served as the Associate Editor of The Accounting Review and on the editorial boards of a number of top accounting journals. His research has been published in a number of scholarly journals including The Accounting Review, Journal of Accounting Research, and Journal of Information Systems.

Marlene Plumlee is an Associate Professor and David Eccles Faculty Fellow at the University of Utah, where she has taught since receiving her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1997. She also has a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the College of Great Falls. Marlene’s research focuses on financial accounting issues. Her studies examine a variety of topics including complexity and its effect on information use, accounting disclosure, and information attributes, with particular emphasis on the cost of equity capital. She currently serves on the editorial board of The Accounting Review. Her research has been published in the top accounting journals including The Accounting Review, Journal of Accounting Research, and Review of Accounting Studies.

Tom Noland is an Associate Professor at Georgia Southern University where he teaches auditing at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Tom earned his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi, and has an MBA from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a B.A. from the University of Kentucky. Tom holds professional certifications as a CPA, CMA, and CDFM. Tom’s publications have appeared in The CPA Journal, The Journal of Economic and Business Research, and Management Accounting Quarterly, among others.

At the Commission, the Academic Accounting Fellow serves as a research resource for the staff by interpreting and communicating research materials as they relate to various
areas of interest to the SEC. In addition, the Academic Fellow has been assigned to ongoing projects in the Chief Accountant’s office that include rulemaking, liaison with the professional accounting standards-setting bodies and consultation with registrants on accounting, auditing, independence and reporting matters.

David Plumlee, Marlene Plumlee, and Tom Noland replace the current Academic Accounting Fellows, Mark Taylor, who will return to Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., Teri Yohn, who has recently accepted a faculty position at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and Cheryl Linthicum, who will return to the University of Texas, San Antonio.