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Derrick Esplin is the Chair of Accounting, Finance and Data Analytics Department at Dixie State University. He earned his bachelor's and master's degree in Accounting from Southern Utah University and his PhD in Business Administration, with a Special Emphasis in Accounting, from NorthCentral University. Derrick is a CPA, licensed in the state of Utah, as well as a Certified Management Accountant (CMA).

Derrick began his professional career in public accounting, working for a mid-sized firm as a tax accountant, and then migrated to private industry, working as a controller and then CFO for a group of inter-related companies. He began teaching part-time at Dixie State University in 2009 and has been employed there full-time since 2012.

In his free time, Derrick enjoys traveling and spending time with his family. He is happily married to his beautiful wife, Andrea, and they will celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary this November. They have four children (two boys and two girls) and one dog (a Shih-Pooh) that thinks she is one of the kids. He also enjoys playing basketball and pickleball and can often be found mountain biking in the surrounding hills of St. George, Utah.