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The Journey to a Learned Profession

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What do the learned professions have in common? The Pathways Commission report notes that the learned professions require advanced learning that is critical to preparation for practice, and academic research that is purposefully integrated into the practice of those professions.

**WEDNESDAY
29 MARCH**

5.30–7.30pm

WG308 Conference Room
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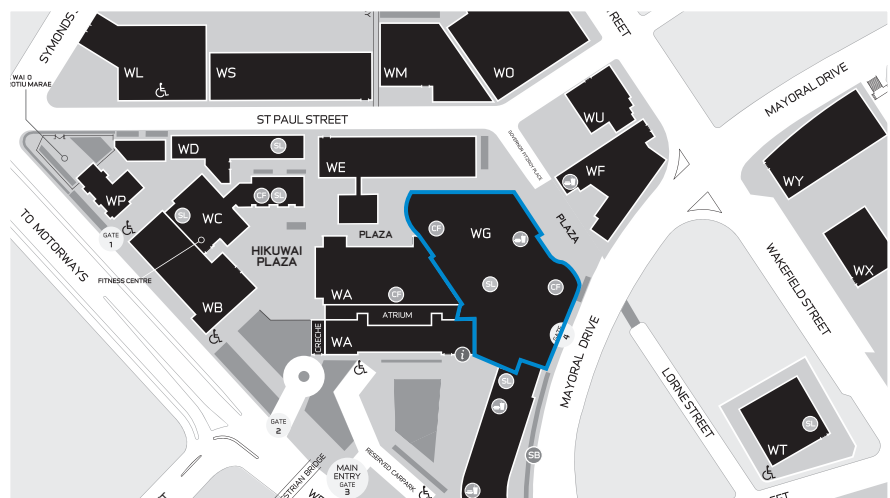
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Walmart recently announced that it is planning to shed about 7,000 accounting positions because these jobs are being automated. We will see this happening more and more. The US Pathways Commission, on Accounting Higher Education, in its report to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants concluded that the future of the accounting profession depends on whether or not it becomes a learned profession (e.g., Medicine, Law, Theology and some say Architecture and Engineering) or a vocation (e.g., car mechanics).

Accounting is not too far from acquiring the distinction of a learned profession. It can continue to develop into a learned profession by expanding existing perspectives on scholarship and its roles. (Pathways Commission Report, 2012).

Professor Bruce Behn, the former chair of the Pathways Commission will shed light on this issue in his talk entitled Journey to a Learned Profession.



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