THE ‘INDIANA JONES OF THE LEDGER SHEET’ IS BACK

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BATON ROUGE – Larry Crumbley, KPMG Peat Marwick Endowed Professor in the LSU E. J. Ourso College of Business’ Department of Accounting, has revived his creation—Lenny Cramer—in his newest auditing teaching novel, Trap Doors and Trojan Horses. The latest Cramer installment was co-authored by Laura Delaune, instructor and undergraduate advisor for the E. J. Ourso College’s Department of Accounting.

The novel features Cramer, a forensic accounting professor who goes beyond recordkeeping and looks at the invoices, checks and other archived records to uncover fraud red flags. Described as “a sort of Indiana Jones of the Ledger Sheet” by the Washington Post, Cramer teaches in the classroom, testifies before a congressional committee and serves as an expert witness in the courtroom. In Trap Doors and Trojan Horses, Cramer and his sidekick, Slam Duncan, investigate a mysterious series of computer losses at a division of Coca-Cola, which reveal a deadly and sinister plot.

Crumbley, a certified public accountant and forensic accountant, is the author of more than 50 books and 13 educational novels.

“I believe students learn more and obtain a deeper understanding of concepts when there is action and reaction as in a novel, case-study or short story,” Crumbley said. “In turn, this principle may be used to reinforce information, enhance writing skills and generate more profound learning.”

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