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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Massachusetts – Amherst 2019 – Present
Isenberg School of Management
Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Accountancy, Arizona State University 2019
M.S., Accounting, City University of New York – Queens College 2013
B.B.A., Nanchang University (China) 2005
B.A., Nanchang University (China) 2005

RESEARCH

Research Interests

Audit regulation, audit quality, corporate governance, internal audit

Publications

Relative Liability for Negligence and Financial Reporting Quality: Evidence from the Audit Interference Rule. (with M. Mayberry and H.J. Park). 2024. *The Accounting Review*.

Does PCAOB Regulatory Enforcement Deter Non-Sanctioned Auditors? (with P.T. Lamoreaux and M.J. Mowchan). 2023. *The Accounting Review*.

PCAOB Enforcement: Toothless body of law or a bite that packs a punch? (with M.J. Mowchan). 2023. *Current Issues in Auditing*.

Working Papers

“Auditor Responses to Regulatory Risk: Evidence from SEC Investigations” (with N. Xu)

“The Effects of Influential Chief Audit Executives in US Companies”

“Abnormal Tone and Audit Fees” (with J. Huang, S. Kaplan, and X. Yu)

“Knowledge Transfer in Regulatory Oversight: Evidence from Comment Letters” (With N. Hu and S. Yu)

“Does Individual Reputation Drive an Auditor to Cherish Feathers? A Quasi Natural Experiment” (with N. Hu)

“Audit Firm Responses Following PCAOB Enforcement: Unveiling the Influence of PCAOB Enforcement when Firms Retain Sanctioned Auditors” (with M. Li, M. Mowchan, and H.J. Park)

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Workshop Presentations

University of Massachusetts – Amherst, 2019
Temple University, 2019
Arizona State University, 2019, 2018, 2017

Conference Presentations

AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting, 2023, 2020, 2018
AAA Annual Meeting, 2022
Miami Rookie Recruiting and Research Camp, 2018
International Symposium on Audit Research, 2018

Conference Participation

International Symposium on Audit Research, 2024, 2022, 2019, 2018
PCAOB/TAR Registered Reports Conference, 2024
AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting, 2023 (*presenter, discussant, and reviewer*), 2022 (*reviewer*), 2021 (*discussant and reviewer*), 2020 (*presenter, discussant, and reviewer*), 2019 (*reviewer*), 2018 (*presenter*), 2017 (*discussant and reviewer*), 2016
PCAOB/TAR Conference, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019
AAA Annual Meeting, 2022 (*presenter and reviewer*), 2021 (*reviewer*), 2020 (*reviewer*), 2018 (*reviewer and discussant*), 2017 (*reviewer*), 2016
EYARC Colloquium, 2022
New Institutional Accounting Conference, 2022 (held virtually by Fudan University)
AAA Financial Accounting and Reporting Section Midyear Meeting, 2021
The Center for Audit Quality CAQ Symposium, 2020
AAA New Faculty Consortium, 2020
Doctoral Student Faculty Interchange at the AAA Northeast Region Meeting, 2019 (*faculty discussant*)
Arizona State University/University of Arizona Joint Research Conference, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
AAA Auditing Section Doctoral Consortium, 2018, 2017
AAA/Deloitte/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium, 2017

TEACHING

Teaching Interests

Auditing, financial accounting and reporting

Teaching Experience

University of Massachusetts – Amherst
SCHM709, Advanced Audit (Spring 2024)
ACC441, Auditing (Fall 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019)

Arizona State University
ACC450, Principles of Auditing (Summer 2018, 2017)

SERVICE

Editorial Board

Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory, Oct 2021 – Aug 2023

Ad-Hoc Reviewer

The Accounting Review

Contemporary Accounting Research

Accounting, Organizations, and Society

Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory

Journal of Accounting and Public Policy

Journal of International Accounting Research

International Journal of Auditing

Journal of International Accounting, Auditing & Taxation

School and Department

Department Workshop Committee, 2022 – present

Doctoral Student Committee, 2019 – present

Doctoral Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2021, 2022, 2023

Social Media Ambassadors for UMassGives, Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Scholarship Committee, 2021 – 2022

Faculty Advisor for Undergraduate Accounting Majors, 2021

Isenberg Faculty Speaker Series, Spring 2021

Community

Board Member, Amherst Ballet, July 2020 – present

AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

PwC INquires Grant, 2023

AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting Best Archival Paper Award, 2023

Journal of International Accounting Research Best Reviewer Award, 2021

PwC INquires Grant, 2020

AAA Auditing Section Best Ph.D. Student Paper Award, 2018

Graduate College Travel Award, Arizona State University, 2018

University Graduate Fellowship, Arizona State University, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

AAA Auditing Section Doctoral Consortium Fellow, 2017, 2018

AAA/Deloitte Foundation/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium Fellow, 2017

J. Hal Reneau Memorial Fellowship, Arizona State University, 2017

Graduate Distinguished Scholar Award, City University of New York, Queens College, 2013

Accounting Department Scholarship, City University of New York, Queens College, 2013

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Staff Accountant, TCM Corporation, (Long Island City, NY)

2010 – 2012

Accounting Clerk, Teamwork Contracting (Flushing, NY)

2005 – 2010