

Wei Zhang, Ph.D.

University of Massachusetts Amherst | Isenberg School of Management
121 Presidents Drive, Amherst, MA 01003
wzhang@isenberg.umass.edu | (413) 545-2279

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

Auditor regulation, auditor litigation, audit quality, corporate governance, and internal audit.

Peer-Reviewed Publications (co-authors are listed alphabetically)

Mayberry, M., H.J. Park, and **W. Zhang**. 2024. Relative Liability for Negligence and Financial Reporting Quality: Evidence from the Audit Interference Rule. *The Accounting Review* 99 (4): 339–366.

Lamoreaux, P.T., M.J. Mowchan, and **W. Zhang**. 2023. Does Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Regulatory Enforcement Deter Non-Sanctioned Auditors?. *The Accounting Review* 98 (3): 335–366

Mowchan, M.J., and **W. Zhang**. 2023. PCAOB Enforcement: Toothless body of law or a bite that packs a punch?. *Current Issues in Auditing* 18 (1): P26–P35.

Working Papers

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

How Sanctioned Auditor Labor Market Consequences Impact Colleague Audit Quality. (with M. Li, M.J. Mowchan, and H.J. Park)

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

Climate Disclosures: The Role of SEC Climate Change Comment Letters. (with H. Kuang and T. Qu)

Disentangling the Effects of Federal Agency Oversight: Evidence from Audit Outcomes and Litigation Exposure among U.S. Issuers. (with H. Kuang and M. Sherwood)

How do auditors respond to litigation risk? Evidence from U.S. Supreme Court rulings. (with C. Honigsberg, A. Kitto, and M. Sherwood)

Work in Progress

Chief Audit Executive Prominence and Financial Reporting Quality. (with N. Arguello and M. Sterin)

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)

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Workshop and Invited Presentations

2026: University of Kansas

2024: Northeastern University

2020: Faculty Speaker Series, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2019: University of Massachusetts Amherst; Temple University; Arizona State University

2018: Arizona State University

2017: Arizona State University

Conference Presentations (co-author presentations are not included)

2025: International Symposium on Audit Research

2023: AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting

2022: AAA Annual Meeting

2020: AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting

2018: AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting; International Symposium on Audit Research; Miami Rookie Recruiting and Research Camp

Conference Attendance

2026: ASU Cactus Conference; Deloitte Trueblood Seminar; AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting

2025: PCAOB/MS Registered Report Conference; International Symposium on Audit Research; New England Accounting Research Symposium

2024: PCAOB Conference on Auditing and Capital Markets; PCAOB/TAR Registered Report Conference; New England Accounting Research Symposium

2023: PCAOB Conference on Auditing and Capital Markets; AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting

2022: PCAOB Conference on Auditing and Capital Markets; AAA Annual Meeting; International Symposium on Audit Research (*virtual*); New Institutional Accounting Conference (*virtually by Fudan University*); EYARC Colloquium
2021: PCAOB Conference on Auditing and Capital Markets; AAA Annual Meeting (*virtual*); AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting (*virtual*); AAA Financial Accounting and Reporting Section Midyear Meeting (*virtual*)
2020: PCAOB Conference on Auditing and Capital Markets (*virtual*); AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting; The Center for Audit Quality CAQ Symposium (*virtual*); AAA New Faculty Consortium
2019: PCAOB Conference on Auditing and Capital Markets; International Symposium on Audit Research; AAA Northeast Region Meeting; AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting
2018: Arizona State University/University of Arizona Joint Research Conference; AAA Annual Meeting; International Symposium on Audit Research; AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting; AAA Auditing Section Doctoral Consortium
2017: Arizona State University/University of Arizona Joint Research Conference; AAA Annual Meeting; AAA/Deloitte/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium; AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting; AAA Auditing Section Doctoral Consortium
2016: Arizona State University/University of Arizona Joint Research Conference; AAA Annual Meeting; AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting
2015: Arizona State University/University of Arizona Joint Research Conference
2014: Arizona State University/University of Arizona Joint Research Conference

TEACHING

Teaching Interests

Auditing, Financial Accounting and Reporting

Teaching Experience

University of Massachusetts Amherst

SCH-MGMT709, Advanced Auditing (Graduate MSA Program), 2024 – present

ACC441, Auditing (Undergraduate Program), 2019 – present

Arizona State University

ACC450, Principles of Auditing (Undergraduate Program), 2017 – 2018

SERVICE

Editorial Board

AUDITING: A Journal of Practice & Theory, Oct 2021 – Aug 2023

Ad-Hoc Journal Reviewer

The Accounting Review

Contemporary Accounting Research

Accounting, Organizations and Society

AUDITING: A Journal of Practice & Theory

Journal of Accounting and Public Policy
Journal of Accounting, Auditing & Finance
Journal of International Accounting Research
International Journal of Auditing
Journal of International Accounting, Auditing & Taxation

Conference Reviewer and Discussant

2026: AAA Annual Meeting (*reviewer*); International Symposium on Audit Research (*reviewer*); Contemporary Accounting Research Conference (*reviewer*)
2025: AAA Annual Meeting (*reviewer*); International Symposium on Audit Research (*reviewer*); Hawaii Accounting Research Conference (*reviewer*)
2024: AAA Annual Meeting (*reviewer*); International Symposium on Audit Research (*reviewer*)
2023: AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting (*reviewer and discussant*)
2022: AAA Annual Meeting (*reviewer*); International Symposium on Audit Research (*reviewer*); AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting (*reviewer*)
2021: AAA Annual Meeting (*reviewer*); AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting (*reviewer and discussant*)
2020: AAA Annual Meeting (*reviewer*); AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting (*reviewer and discussant*)
2019: Doctoral Student Faculty Interchange at the AAA Northeast Region Meeting (*faculty discussant*); AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting (*reviewer*)
2018: AAA Annual Meeting (*reviewer and discussant*)
2017: AAA Annual Meeting (*reviewer*); AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting (*reviewer and discussant*)

Additional Service to Professional Society or Discipline

Member, 2025-2026 AAA Auditing Section Distinguished Service Award Committee

School and Department

Co-Chair, Department Workshop Committee, 2022 – present
Member, Department Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2024 – present
Member, Department Faculty Search Committee, 2025 – 2026
Member, Department Doctoral Student Recruiting Committee, 2025 – present
Member, Department Doctoral Student Committee, 2019 – present
Member, Department Doctoral Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2021 – 2023
Member, Department Scholarship Committee, 2021 – 2022
Faculty Advisor for Undergraduate Accounting Majors, 2021
Social Media Ambassadors for UMassGives, 2021 – present
Isenberg Faculty Speaker Series, Spring 2021

Community

Board Member, Amherst Ballet, July 2020 – present

AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

College Outstanding Teaching Award (Nominee), 2023-2024, 2025-2026
AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting Best Archival Paper Award, 2023
Journal of International Accounting Research Best Reviewer Award, 2021
PwC INquires Grant, 2020, 2023
AAA Auditing Section Best Midyear Meeting Doctoral 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