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Academic Appointments

Rice University Jones Graduate School of Business
Associate Professor (2020-)
Assistant Professor (2012-2020)
William S. Mackey, Jr. and Verne F. Simons Term Distinguished Assistant
Professor (2018-2019)

Universidad EAFIT (Medellín, Colombia)
Visiting Professor (Fall 2024)

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Ph.D.* in Management (2012)
Lubbock Christian University, *M.A.* in Biblical Interpretation (2008)
Rice University, *M.B.A.* in Finance (2006)
University of Texas at Austin, *B.S.* in Mathematics (1997)

Research Interests

Fixed income markets, credit rating agencies, financial contracting, banking, financial reporting quality, market competition, corruption.

Publications

“Blocking Block-Formation: Evidence from Private Loan Contracts” with David De Angelis and Rustam Zufarov. *Management Science*, forthcoming.

“CEO Short-Term Incentives and the Agency Cost of Debt” with Jonathan Bitting, David De Angelis, and Maclean Gaulin. *Contemporary Accounting Research* 42(2), (2025): 1388-1422.

“Debt Contracting on Management” with David De Angelis and Maclean Gaulin. *The Journal of Finance* 75(4), (2020): 2095-2137.

“Financial Reporting Quality and Uncertainty about Credit Risk among the Ratings Agencies” *The Accounting Review* 93(4), (2018): 1-22.

“Corruption in Bank Lending: The Role of Timely Loan Loss Recognition” with Yiwei Dou and Jeff Ng. *Journal of Accounting and Economics* 63(2-3), (2017): 454-478.

“Bank Competition and Financial Stability: Evidence from the Financial Crisis” with Lynn Li, Jeff Ng, and Tjomme Rusticus. *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis* 51(1), (2016): 1-28.

“Investor Competition over Information and the Pricing of Information Asymmetry” with Jeff Ng and Rodrigo Verdi. *The Accounting Review* 87(1), (2012): 35-58.

Permanent Working Papers

“The Changing Nature of Firm Age and Accrual Measures” with Andrew Jackson and Brian Rountree.

Teaching Experience

- Rice University - Instructor ratings (scale from 7.0 to 1.0)
 - Financial Statement Analysis
 - MBA – 1.16 (2022), 1.07 (2023)
 - Undergraduate – 1.15 (2022)
 - Global Field Experience
 - Full Time MBA - 1.51 (2022, Madrid), 1.28 (2023, Medellin), 1.10 (2024, Buenos Aires), 1.35 (2025, Lima)
 - Contemporary Accounting Research Topics, PhD Course (2023, 2024)
 - Accounting and Auditing Regulation
 - Master of Accounting – 1.00 (2022)
 - Financial Accounting for MBA Core (Full Time, Executive, Weekend Professional, and Evening Professional programs) - 1.26 (2012), 1.36 (2013), 1.37 (2014), 1.24 (2015), 1.51 (2016), 1.21 (2017), 1.36 (2018), 1.60 (2019), 1.29 (2020), 1.48 (2021)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Instructor for Preterm Accounting Course
 - Instructor ratings: N/A (2009), 4.8/5.0 (2010), 4.8/5.0 (2011)
- Rice University, Teaching Assistant for Finance and Applied Finance (2005-2006)

Awards and Honors

- Award for Excellence in Teaching at Rice University Jones Graduate School of Business
 - Alumni Award in 2025
 - FMBA Full Time Class of 2023
 - Alumni Award in 2021
 - FMBA Full Time Class of 2020
 - MBAP Evening Class of 2017
 - FMBA Full Time Class of 2015
 - MBAP Evening Class of 2014
- Rice Business Career Hero (2023)
- MIT Sloan School of Management Doctoral Fellowship (2007-2012)
- Deloitte Foundation Doctoral Fellowship in Accounting (2009-2010)
- Jones Scholar Award for academic achievement, Rice University (2006)
- Rice University Jones Graduate School of Business Academic Scholarship (2004-2006)
- Houston Society of Financial Analysts Scholarship (2005)

- Selected as top fund analyst group in M. A. Wright Fund at Rice University (2005)

Conferences Attended

- Lone Star Accounting Conference (2014-2015, 2017, 2020-2024), presented (2015)
- Rice Accounting PhD Alumni Conference (2024)
- CARE Conference (Washington, D.C.) (2018)
- Anderson Accounting Conference (University of California Los Angeles) (2017)
- Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference (2016), presented (2016)
- University of Minnesota Empirical Conference (2014)
- American Accounting Association FARS Mid-Year Meeting, San Diego (2010), Chicago (2012), San Diego (2013), Houston (2014), presented (2012)
- Journal of Accounting and Economics, MIT (2009), Wharton (2011)
- Financial Economics and Accounting, Rutgers, presented (2009)
- Information, Markets, and Organizations Conference, Harvard (2008)

Professional Activities

Ad Hoc Reviewer - *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, *Journal of Accounting Research*, *The Accounting Review*, *The Journal of Finance*, *Review of Financial Studies*, *Review of Accounting Studies*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, *Management Science*, *European Accounting Review*, *Journal of Business Finance & Accounting*, *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*, *Journal of Accounting, Auditing & Finance*, *Accounting & Finance*

Presentations

2024 – Tilburg University, University of Amsterdam, Universidad EAFIT (Medellín)
 2020 – University of Iowa
 2019 – University of Houston
 2018 – University of California San Diego, University of Colorado, Washington University in St. Louis
 2017 – London Business School
 2016 – Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference, The Ohio State University
 2015 – Lone Star Accounting Conference, Texas A&M University
 2014 – Washington University in St. Louis
 2013 – Federal Bureau of Investigation
 2012 – American Accounting Association FARS Mid-Year Meeting, MIT, The Ohio State University, Rice University, Southern Methodist University, University of Connecticut, University of Houston, University of Minnesota, University of Oklahoma, Washington University in St. Louis
 2009 – Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting

Dissertation Committees

- Rustam Zufarov (Accounting, 2020)
 - “Revealed Proprietary Information Disclosure”
 - First appointment – University of Illinois at Chicago
- Cody Martin (Chemistry, 2019)

- Maclean Gaulin (Accounting, 2017)
 - “Risk Fact or Fiction: The Information Content of Risk Factor Disclosures”
 - First appointment – University of Utah
- Matthew Ginley (Statistics, 2017)
 - “Gaussian Process Models for Probability of Corporate Default”
 - First appointment – Self-employed as a statistical consultant

Service

- Faculty Council (2025-)
- Faculty Senate (2020-2024)
 - Executive Committee (2021-2023)
 - Nominations and Elections Committee (2020-2021)
- Accounting Faculty Recruiting Committee (2012-2014, 2017-2021, 2022-2023)
 - Chair (2020-2021)
- Master of Accounting Program Committee (2022-2023)
- Undergraduate Business Steering Committee (2022-2023)
- Academic Standards Committee (2016-2017, 2018-2021)
- Curriculum Committee (2017-2018)

Other Experience

- Minister (1997-2004)