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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)

Academic Employment

Rice University Jones Graduate School of Business
Assistant Professor (2012-)

Research Interests

Fixed income and equity markets, credit rating agencies, financial contracting, banking, financial reporting quality, information asymmetry, market competition.

Publications

“Financial Reporting Quality and Uncertainty about Credit Risk among the Ratings Agencies” *The Accounting Review*, forthcoming.

“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.

Working Papers

“Debt Contracting on Management” with David De Angelis and Maclean Gaulin.
○ Under revision for second round submission at *The Journal of Finance*.

“Do CEO Compensation Policies Respond to Debt Contracting?” with Jonathon Bitting, David De Angelis, and Maclean Gaulin.

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

Teaching Experience

- Rice University, Financial Accounting for MBA Core
 - Instructor ratings (scale from 7.0 to 1.0): 1.26 (2012), 1.36 (2013), 1.37 (2014), 1.24 (2015), 1.51 (2016), 1.21 (2017)
- 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 (MBAP Evening Class of 2017)
- Award for Excellence in Teaching (FMBA Full Time Class of 2015)
- Award for Excellence in Teaching (MBAP Evening Class of 2014)
- 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

- Anderson Accounting Conference (University of California, Los Angeles) (Apr 2017)
- Texas Lone Star Accounting Conference (Jan 2014, 2015, 2017), presented (2015)
- Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference (2016), presented (2016)
- University of Minnesota Empirical Conference (Apr 2014)
- American Accounting Association FARS Mid-Year Meeting, Houston (Jan 2014)
- American Accounting Association FARS Mid-Year Meeting, San Diego (Jan 2013)
- American Accounting Association FARS Mid-Year Meeting, Chicago, presented (Jan 2012)
- Journal of Accounting and Economics, Wharton (Oct 2011)
- American Accounting Association FARS Mid-Year Meeting, San Diego (Jan 2010)
- Financial Economics and Accounting, Rutgers, presented (Nov 2009)
- Journal of Accounting and Economics, MIT (Oct 2009)
- Information, Markets, and Organizations Conference, Harvard (June 2008)

Professional Activities

Ad Hoc Reviewer - *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, *The Accounting Review*, *Review of Financial Studies*, *Review of Accounting Studies*, *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

2018 – University of California, San Diego (scheduled), University of Colorado (scheduled)
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

- Maclean Gaulin (Accounting, 2017), First appointment – University of Utah
- Matthew Ginley (Statistics, 2017)

Service

- Curriculum Committee (2017-)
- Accounting Faculty Recruiting Committee (2012-2014, 2017-2018)
- Academic Standards Committee (2016-2017)

Other Experience

Great South International Churches, Minister (1997-2004)