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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
Associate Professor (2020-)
Assistant Professor (2012-2020)
William S. Mackey, Jr. and Verne F. Simons Term Distinguished Assistant
Professor (2018-2019)

Research Interests

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

Publications

“Debt Contracting on Management” with David De Angelis and Maclean Gaulin. *The Journal of Finance*, forthcoming.

“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.

Working Papers

“The Saliency of Creditors’ Interests and CEO Compensation Policies” with Jonathan Bitting, David De Angelis, and Maclean Gaulin.

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

“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), 1.36 (2018), 1.60 (2019)
- 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
 - FMBA Full Time Class of 2020
 - MBAP Evening Class of 2017
 - FMBA Full Time Class of 2015
 - 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

- Lone Star Accounting Conference (2014, 2015, 2017, 2020), presented (2015)
- 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*, *The Accounting Review*, *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

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

- Maclean Gaulin (Accounting, 2017), First appointment – University of Utah
- Matthew Ginley (Statistics, 2017)
- Cody Martin (Chemistry, expected 2020)
- Rustam Zufarov (Accounting, expected 2020)

Service

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

Other Experience

Great South International Churches, Minister (1997-2004)