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Education and Professional Certification

Ph.D.	Accounting, <i>University of Michigan</i>	2012
M.Acc	Accounting and Information Systems, <i>University of Utah</i>	2007
B.A.	Accounting and Information Systems, <i>Dordt University</i>	2003
CPA	Certified Public Accountant (Inactive), State of California	2006

Academic Experience

<i>University of Washington, Foster School of Business</i>		
Professor of Accounting; Marguerite Reimers Endowed Faculty Fellow		2023-Present
Associate Professor of Accounting; Marguerite Reimers Endowed Faculty Fellow		2018-2023
<i>Stanford University, Graduate School of Business</i>		
Associate Professor of Accounting		2017-2018
Assistant Professor of Accounting		2012-2017
<i>University of Michigan, Ross School of Business</i>		
Graduate Teaching Assistant and Tutor, Executive MBA Financial Statement Analysis		2010-2011
Graduate Research Assistant		2007-2011
<i>University of Utah, David Eccles School of Business</i>		
Graduate Instructor of Accounting and Information Systems		2006-2007

Research Interests

Financial Reporting; Corporate Disclosure; Information Processing Costs; Technology

Published and Accepted Research

- "Generative AI in Financial Reporting"
 - [Forthcoming at Journal of Accounting Research, 2026](#)
 - Coauthors: Ed deHaan, Qianqian Li
 - Selected for 2025 *Journal of Accounting Research* Conference
- "Using GPT to Measure Business Complexity"
 - [Forthcoming at The Accounting Review, 2026](#)
 - Coauthors: Darren Bernard, Ties deKok, Sara Toynbee

- “The Pitch: Managers’ Disclosure Choice During IPO Roadshows”
 - [Published in *The Accounting Review*, March 2023, Vol. 98 \(2\), p.1-29](#)
 - Coauthors: Brad Hendricks and Gregory S. Miller

- “Understanding Investor Interaction with Firm Information: A Discussion of Lee and Zhong (2022)”
 - [Published in the *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, November-December 2022, Vol. 74 \(2-3\), 101523](#)
 - Invited Discussion

- “Real-time Revenue and Firm Disclosure”
 - [Published in the *Review of Accounting Studies*, September 2022, Vol. 27\(3\), p.1079-1116](#)
 - Coauthors: Brad Hendricks, Joseph Piotroski, and Christina Synn
 - Winner of the Best Paper Award at the 2021 *Review of Accounting Studies* Conference

- “Response to the FASB Invitation to Comment: Identifiable Intangible Assets and Subsequent Accounting for Goodwill”
 - [Published in *Accounting Horizons*, September 2022, Vol. 36\(3\), p.1-19](#)
 - Coauthors: Members of the Financial Reporting Policy Committee of the Financial Accounting and Reporting Section of the American Accounting Association; principal co-authors Shana Clor-Proell, Nerissa Brown, Stephen Stubben, and Brian White; additional co-authors Elizabeth Blankespoor, Elizabeth Gordon, Mahendra Gujarathi, Elain Henry, and Ken Merkley

- “A Hard Look at SPAC Projections”
 - [Published in *Management Science*, June 2022, Vol 68\(6\), p. 4742-4753](#)
 - Coauthors: Brad Hendricks, Gregory S. Miller, and DJ Stockbridge
 - Select press: *Harvard Law School Forum Blog, Regulatory Compliance Watch, Bloomberg News, S&P Global Market Intelligence*

- “Strategic Disclosure and CEO Media Visibility”
 - [Published in *Journal of Financial Reporting*, 2020, Vol. 5 \(1\), p.25-50](#)
 - Coauthor: Ed deHaan
 - Select press: *Harvard Law School Forum, Strategy-Business.com, ValueWalk*

- “Disclosure Processing Costs, Investors’ Information Choice, and Equity Market Outcomes: A Review”
 - [Published in the *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, 2020, Vol. 70, 101344](#)
 - Coauthors: Ed deHaan and Iván Marinovic
 - Selected for 2019 *Journal of Accounting and Economics* Conference

- “The Impact of Information Processing Costs on Firm Disclosure Choice: Evidence from the XBRL Mandate”
 - [Published in the *Journal of Accounting Research*, Sep 2019, Vol. 57 \(4\), pp.919-967](#)

- “Why do Individual Investors Disregard Accounting Information? The roles of information awareness and acquisition costs”
 - [Published in the *Journal of Accounting Research*, Mar 2019, Vol. 57\(1\), p.53-84](#)
 - Coauthors: Ed deHaan, John Wertz, and Christina Zhu
 - Selected for the 2018 FARS “Editors’ Picks” Plenary Session
 - Select press: *Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog; Knowledge@Wharton; Foster Research Briefs; Center for Financial Reporting and Analysis Blog*

- “Capital Market Effects of Media Synthesis and Dissemination: Evidence from Robo-Journalism”
 - [Published in the *Review of Accounting Studies*, 2018, Vol. 23\(1\)](#)
 - Coauthors: Ed deHaan and Christina Zhu
 - Winner of the 2017 FARS Midyear Best Paper Award and 2021 FARS Best Paper Award
 - Select press: *IR Magazine, Associated Press, Harvard Nieman Lab, Columbia Tow Center for Digital Journalism, Stanford Insights*

- “Firm Communication and Investor Response: A Framework and Discussion Integrating Social Media”
 - [Published in *Accounting, Organizations, and Society*, July 2018, Vol. 68-69](#)
 - Invited Discussion

- “Perceptions and Price: Evidence from CEO Presentations at IPO Roadshows”
 - [Published in the *Journal of Accounting Research*, May 2017, Vol. 55 \(2\)](#)
 - Coauthors: Brad Hendricks and Gregory S. Miller
 - Presented at the 2016 *Journal of Accounting Research* Conference
 - Select press: *Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Forbes.com, Inc.com, IR Magazine*

- “Initial Evidence on the Market Impact of the XBRL Mandate”
 - [Published in the *Review of Accounting Studies*, 2014, Vol. 19 \(4\)](#)
 - Coauthors: Brian P. Miller and Hal D. White

- “The Role of Dissemination in Market Liquidity: Evidence From Firms’ Use of Twitter”
 - [Published in *The Accounting Review*, 2014, Vol. 89 \(1\)](#)
 - Coauthors: Gregory S. Miller and Hal D. White
 - Winner of the 2017 FARS Best Paper Award
 - Select press: *Wall Street Journal MarketWatch, Financial Times, Bloomberg West television interview, Stockopedia, Private Equity Hub, The Stanford Daily*

- “Fair Value Accounting for Financial Instruments: Does It Improve the Association Between Bank Leverage and Credit Risk?”
 - [Published in *The Accounting Review*, Feb 2013, Vol. 88\(4\)](#)
 - Coauthors: Thomas J. Linsmeier, Kathy Petroni, and Catherine Shakespeare
 - Select press: *Wall Street Journal MarketWatch, Financial Times, Accounting Today, Harvard Law School Forum*

Working Papers

“Social Media Toxicity and Capital Markets” (with Jedson Pinto and Kirti Sinha, 2026)

“Tapping into Virality: Corporate Engagement in Public Discourse” (with Ties deKok and Xue Li, 2024)

“Generative AI and Investor Processing of Financial Information” (with Joe Croom and Stephanie Grant, 2025)

“Incongruent CEO facial expressions and analyst dispersion” (with Mingming Ji, Jeffrey Ng, and Jingran Zhao, 2025)

“Do Accountants Increase Economic Activity?” (with Suresh Nallareddy and Kevin Standridge, 2025)

“Finding an Alternative Disclosure Path: IPO Business Model Targets” (with Badryah Alhusaini, Brad Hendricks, and Greg Miller, 2026)

“Show your work: Paystub Requirements and Wage Theft” (with Carter Sampson, 2026)

Editorial and Review Activities

Editor

Journal of Accounting and Economics (2024-Present)

Review of Accounting Studies (2022-2023)

The Accounting Review (2020-2023)

Editorial Boards

Journal of Accounting and Economics (2018-2023)

Journal of Accounting Research (2017-2021)

Review of Accounting Studies (2020-2021)

The Accounting Review (2017-2020, 2023-2026)

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Accounting Horizons, Accounting Organizations and Society, Contemporary Accounting Research, European Accounting Review, Journal of Accounting and Public Policy, Journal of Accounting Research, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Journal of Financial Reporting, Journal of Information Systems, Management Science, Review of Financial Studies, AAA Annual Meeting, AAA FARS Mid-year Meeting

Invited Workshop and Conference Presentations

2026 FASB Financial Reporting Issues Conference (Jan, Large Session Moderator), FARS Doctoral Consortium (Jan, Keynote), University of Pittsburgh (Feb), University of Miami AI and Innovation Conference (Feb, scheduled), Monash University (Mar, scheduled), Georgia Tech

- University (Apr, scheduled), Cal State Fullerton (Apr, scheduled), Frankfurt School of Finance & Management (Apr, scheduled), INSEAD conference (May, scheduled)
- 2025 University of Calgary (Jan), University of Maryland (Feb), University of Miami Warm-Up Conference (Feb), Northeastern University (Feb), University of Oregon (Apr), FASB Continuing Education Seminar on Information Processing Costs (Apr), *Journal of Accounting Research* Conference (May), Barcelona Conference (Jun, Keynote), University of Tennessee (Oct), CFEA (Nov, Keynote)
- 2024 George Washington University (Feb), Tulane University (Mar), CUHK Shenzhen (Mar), University of Iowa Sidney-Winter Lecture Series (Apr), Cornell University (Apr), Hawaii Accounting Research Doctoral Institute (Jun), Stanford Summer Camp (Aug), University of Illinois at Chicago Conference (Sep), University of Michigan Conference (Oct), Bocconi University (Nov)
- 2023 Florida State University (Feb), University of Georgia (Feb), University of Kansas (Mar), University of Amsterdam (Mar), Erasmus Accounting Workshop (Mar), University of Mannheim (Mar), Temple University (Mar), Northwestern University (Apr), University of Chicago (Apr), University of Pennsylvania Wharton (Apr), University of Toronto (May), NYU Big Apple Conference (Sep, Discussant), University of Delaware (Sep), Indiana University (Oct)
- 2022 Lehigh University (Feb), London School of Economics (Feb), Penn State University (Mar), Yale University (Mar), University of Florida (Apr), Boston University (Apr), MIT (May), Stanford Summer Camp (July, Discussant), UBCOW Conference (Aug), University of Kentucky (Sep), City University of Hong Kong (Sep), University of Michigan (Oct), Harvard Business School (Oct), FASB/IASB/TAR Accounting for an Ever-Changing World Conference (Nov, Discussant), Arizona State University (Nov), University of North Carolina (Dec)
- 2021 University of Waterloo (Jan), FARS Midyear Meeting (Jan), University of Texas-Dallas (Jan), *Review of Corporate Finance Studies* Conference (Feb, Discussant), Concordia University (Feb), University of Arkansas (Mar), HKUST (Mar), University of Oklahoma (Apr), Carnegie Mellon University (Apr), University of Hong Kong (May), Humboldt University Berlin (June, Research on Corporate Transparency course, Disclosure Channels lecture), FASB XBRL in Research Webinar (July), Nanyang Technological University Singapore (Aug), Baruch College (Sep), University of Alberta (Sep), *Journal of Accounting and Economics* Conference (Oct, Discussant), *Contemporary Accounting Research* Doctoral Consortium (Oct, Presenter/Panelist), University of Texas-Austin (Nov), *Review of Accounting Studies* Conference (Dec)
- 2020 FARS Doctoral Consortium (Jan), University of Utah (Feb, Discussant), Fordham University (Feb), GSU/RFS FinTech Conference (Feb, Discussant), AAA 2020 Spark Conference (June), Yale (Virtual) Accounting Summer Conference (Aug), Iowa State University (Sept)
- 2019 FARS Midyear Meeting (Jan, Discussant), University of Miami (Feb), University of Notre Dame (Mar), University of Missouri (Mar), USC Conference on Emerging Technologies in Accounting and Financial Economics (Mar, Discussant), INSEAD (Apr), Tilburg University (Apr), AAA Policy Implications of Research Panel (Aug), Southern Methodist University (Sep)
- 2018 University of Arizona (Jan), FARS Midyear Meeting (Jan, Discussant), Texas A&M Conference (Nov)
- 2017 University of Wisconsin-Madison (Mar), Brigham Young University (Mar), UC Davis Accounting Research Conference (Apr), University of Washington (Apr), University of Minnesota Empirical Accounting Conference (Apr), University of Colorado (May), Colorado

- Summer Accounting Conference (Jun, Discussant), Georgia State University (Sep), 2017
Accounting, Organizations, and Society Conference on New Corporate Disclosure and New Media (Oct, Discussant), Cornell University (Oct), Northwestern University (Nov)
- 2016 Harvard Business School (May), Boston College (May), Stanford Summer Camp (Aug)
- 2015 FASB Financial Reporting Issues Conference (Jan, Panelist), London Business School (Mar), Penn State Accounting Research Conference (May), University of Colorado Summer Accounting Conference (Jun), National Investor Relations Institution Annual Conference (June, Panelist), Indiana University (Oct), Nick Dopuch Washington University Accounting Conference (Nov, Discussant), University of Southern California (Nov)
- 2014 University of Chicago (May), AAA Annual Meeting (Aug, Discussant), Stanford Summer Camp (Aug), University of Pennsylvania - Wharton (Sep), University of Illinois at Chicago Fall Conference (Oct), *Review of Accounting Studies* Conference (Oct, Discussant), Duke/UNC Fall Camp (Oct)
- 2013 Santa Clara University (Mar), CARE Conference (Apr)
- 2012 University of Utah (Jan), MIT Sloan (Jan), University of Rochester (Jan), Northwestern University (Jan), The Ohio State University (Feb), Columbia University (Feb), New York University (Feb), Dartmouth College (Feb), University of Oregon (Feb), Stanford University (Feb), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (Oct)
- 2011 University of Michigan (Jul, Dec)
- 2009 University of Michigan (Oct)
- 2008 University of Michigan (Oct)

(Invited) Conferences Attended

FASB Financial Reporting Issues Conference	2012-2020,2023-2026
Barcelona Accounting Summer Workshop	2025
<i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> Conference	2011,2015-2025
<i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> Conference	2014-2025
Stanford GSB Centennial Conference	2025
UBCOW (UBC, Oregon, and Washington Conference)	2018-19,2021-22, 2025
University of Colorado Summer Accounting Conference	2012,2015-2019,2022-2025
University of Miami Warm-Up Conference	2025
Utah Winter Accounting Conference	2007,2015-2020,2022-2025
<i>Review of Accounting Studies</i> Conference	2012,2014,2019-2024
Stanford GSB Accounting Summer Camp	2012-2024
University of Illinois at Chicago Research Conference	2014,2024
University of Iowa Conference	2024
University of Michigan Accounting Conference	2008,2010,2019,2024
NYU Big Apple Conference	2023
<i>Review of Corporate Finance Studies</i> Conference	2021
<i>Contemporary Accounting Research</i> Conference	2020
Dartmouth Tuck Virtual Accounting Conference	2020
GSU/RFS FinTech Conference	2020
Yale Accounting Summer Camp	2020
Center for Accounting Research and Education (CARE) Conference	2013,2019
Texas A&M AFDS Conference	2018

<i>Accounting, Organizations, and Society</i> Conference	2017
PCAOB-JAR Conference on Auditing and Capital Markets	2017
UC Davis Accounting Conference	2017
University of Minnesota Empirical Accounting Conference	2014,2015,2017
Nick Dopuch Accounting Research Conference	2015
Penn State Accounting Research Conference	2015
Stanford Causality in the Social Sciences Conference	2014
Duke/University of North Carolina Fall Camp	2014
London Business School Accounting Symposium	2014
Stanford GSB Global Crossroads Conference	2013
Robert M. Trueblood Seminars for Professors	2013
AAA New Faculty Consortium	2013
University of North Carolina Tax Doctoral Seminar	2011
AAA FARS Doctoral Consortium	2010
University of Texas at Austin Accounting Conference	2009

Teaching Experience

Financial Accounting, University of Washington Foster School of Business (EveMBA, FTMBA, EDP)
 Advanced Cases in Assurance Services, University of Washington Foster School of Business (MPAcc)
 Intermediate Financial Accounting, University of Washington Foster School of Business
 Introduction to Empirical Research, University of Washington Foster School of Business (PhD)
 Finance Credit & Analysis I, Pacific Coast Banking School
 Global Financial Reporting, Stanford Graduate School of Business (MBA, MSx)
 Current Topics in Accounting Research, Stanford Graduate School of Business (PhD)
 Financial Accounting, Stanford Law School
 Executive MBA Financial Statement Analysis (Graduate Teaching Assistant), University of Michigan
 Accounting Fundamentals (Instructor), University of Utah
 Computer Essentials (Graduate Student Instructor), University of Utah

Published Cases

BP and Contingent Liabilities (with Jaclyn Foroughi and Greg Rogers). 2015. Stanford Graduate School of Business Case No. A220
 FedEx and Pension Accounting (with Jaclyn Foroughi). 2015. Stanford Graduate School of Business Case No. A222
 JetBlue and The New Revenue Recognition Standard (with Jaclyn Foroughi and Emily Booth). 2017. Stanford Graduate School of Business Case No. A231

Professional Activities, Memberships, Experience, and Service

Dissertation Committees

Kurt Gee, Stanford Graduate School of Business, 2018 (Placement: FASB Fellow, Penn State)
 Ken Li, Stanford Graduate School of Business, 2019 (Placement: McMaster University)
 John Wertz, University of Washington, 2021 (Placement: Indiana University)
 Katie Lem, University of Washington, 2022 (Placement: The Ohio State University)
 Jennifer Lu, University of Washington, 2022 (Placement: California State University, Northridge)

Simmi Mookerjee, University of Washington, 2022 (Placement: University of Virginia Darden)
Joe Croom, University of Washington, 2025 (Placement: Indiana University)
Xue Li, University of Washington, 2025 (Chair, Placement: Indiana University)
Ben Yang, University of Washington, 2026 (Placement: College of the Holy Cross)

Committees and Organization

AAA The Accounting Review Ad Hoc Committee, Member 24/25, 25/26
AAA Notable & Distinguished Contributions to Accounting Literature Award Screening Committee, Member 2019/20, Chair 20/21
AAA FARS Midyear Meeting Best Paper Award Committee; Member 2018/19; Chair 19/20
AAA Financial Reporting Policy Committee member, 2018-21
AAA FARS Best Dissertation Award Committee; Member 2019
AAA FARS, Section Liaison 2018
FARS Best Paper Award Committee; Member 2018

“XBRL in Academic Research: Hands-on Experience with XBRL Data” Faculty Lead for workshops developed with FASB, 2020-2021

UW Foster AI Advisory Task Force, Member 24-Present
UW Foster Master’s Program Committee, Member 21/22,22/23; Chair 23/24
UW Foster Accounting Recruiting Chair 22/23, 25/26
UW Foster Thought Leadership Strategic Initiative, Member 21/22,22/23
UW Foster Faculty Council, Member 19/20,21/22; Chair 20/21
Co-coordinator for Accounting PhD program, Stanford, 2016 - 2018

Advisory Committee member, Cambridge Disinformation Summit 2025, 2026
Advisory Committee member, U of Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference 22-26
Co-organizer, Review of Accounting Studies Conference at UW, 2024
FASB Financial Reporting Issues Conference Committee; Chair 2020; Member 2015, 2019
Program Committee Member, 2020 GSU/RFS FinTech Conference
Co-organizer, Stanford Summer Camp, 2016, 2017, 2018
Organizer, Stanford Accounting workshops, 2012-2014
Co-organizer, 2013 Center for Accounting Research and Education (CARE) Conference (The Impact of Emerging Information Technology on Capital Markets)

Member

American Accounting Association (FARS)

Ernst & Young, Salt Lake City, UT, Senior Auditor 2004-2006

Awards and Honors

PACCAR Teaching Award, UW Foster MBA	2025
PhD Program Mentoring Award, UW Foster	2024
Fowler Special Achievement Award, UW Foster	2020, 2024
Full-Time MBA Professor of the Year, UW Foster	2023

Excellence in Refereeing Award, <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> (given to the top 15-20% of reviewers annually as selected by <i>JAR</i> editors)	2020, 2021, 2023
Best Paper Award, <i>Review of Accounting Studies</i> Conference (Real-time Revenue and Firm Disclosure)	2021
Dean's Excellence Award for Graduate Teaching, UW Foster	2021
Evening MBA Core Professor of the Year Class of 2023, UW Foster	2021
AAA FARS Best Paper Award (Capital Market Effects of Media Synthesis and Dissemination: Evidence from Robo-Journalism)	2021
Outstanding Reviewer Award, <i>The Accounting Review</i> (given to the top 3% of 2017-2020 reviewers as selected by <i>TAR</i> editors)	2020
AAA FARS Midyear Meeting Outstanding Discussant Award	2018, 2019
Horizon Award, Dordt University	2018
AAA FARS Best Paper Award (The Role of Dissemination in Market Liquidity: Evidence from Firms' Use of Twitter)	2017
AAA FARS Midyear Best Paper Award (Capital Market Effects of Media Synthesis and Dissemination: Evidence from Robo-Journalism)	2017
FARS Excellence in Reviewing Award	2016
MBA Distinguished Teaching Award, Stanford GSB	2016
R. Michael and Mary Shanahan Faculty Scholar, Stanford GSB	2015-2016
MSx Teaching Excellence Award, Stanford GSB	2015
Michelle R. Clayman Faculty Scholar, Stanford GSB	2014-2015
Ross School of Business Emeritus Award, University of Michigan (given to the graduating doctoral student with the highest academic achievement)	2013
ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award Finalist, University of Michigan	2012
Deloitte Foundation Doctoral Fellow	2010-2012
Ross School of Business Fellowship, University of Michigan	2007-2012
Paton Accounting Scholarship, University of Michigan	2007-2011
Thomas William Leabo Memorial Scholarship, University of Michigan	2009
Utah Association of CPA's Outstanding Accounting Student, University of Utah	2007
WSJ Student Achievement Award (Top Business Student), Dordt University	2003