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**ACADEMIC POSITION**

**Saint Louis University, John Cook School of Business**

Associate Professor of Accounting, July 2013 – present

Assistant Professor of Accounting, August 2007 – June 2013

**EDUCATION**

**Washington University in St. Louis, Olin School of Business**

Ph.D. in Accounting, August 2007

**Baylor University, Hankamer School of Business**

M.S. in Economics, December 2001

**Nankai University, China**

B.S. in Accounting, July 2000

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Financial accounting and reporting, with a focus on corporate disclosures, accounting quality, and financial statement analysis.

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

Financial Accounting  
Financial Statement Analysis

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

***Saint Louis University, 2007-present***

Undergraduate:      Financial Accounting (ACCT 220)  
                             Financial Reporting I (ACCT 311)  
                             Accounting Internship (ACCT 480)

Graduate:             Financial Statement Analysis (ACCT 619)  
                             Master of Accounting Internship (ACCT 581)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Referred Journal Articles***

“Shareholder Activism and Earnings Management Incentives: An Empirical Examination of Shareholder Proposals in the United States” (with Weimin Wang, Xu Wang, and William Zhang), *Journal of International Financial Management and Accounting (JIFMA)*, Volume 24 (3), pp. 234-260, 2013.

This paper won the *JIFMA* Best Paper Award at the IAAER (International Association of Accounting Education and Research) conference, Frankfurt, Germany, February 2013.

“The Role of Accounting Conservatism in Management Forecast Bias” (with Weihong Xu), *Journal of Contemporary Accounting and Economics*, Volume 8 (2), pp. 64-77, 2012.

“Tax-Related Financial Statement Restatements and Auditor-Provided Tax Services” (with Ananth Seetharaman and Weimin Wang), *Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance*, Volume 26 (4), pp. 677-698, 2011.

“Do MD&A Disclosures Help Users Interpret Disproportionate Inventory Increases?” *The Accounting Review*, Volume 85 (4), pp. 1411-1440, 2010.

“Do Pennies Matter? Investor Relations Consequences of Small Negative Earnings Surprises” (with Richard Frankel and William Mayew), *Review of Accounting Studies*, Volume 15 (1), pp. 220-242, 2010.

“How does Regulation Fair Disclosure Affect pre-Fair Disclosure Selective Disclosers?” *Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance*, Volume 24 (1), pp. 59-90, 2009.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Managerial Overconfidence and Audit Fees” (with Scott Duellman and Helen Hurwitz)

“Internal Control Weakness Disclosure and Firm Investment”

“Reverse-order Cross-listings and Equity Valuation: Evidence from China’s Primary Market” (with Jiaqi Qin)

“Asymmetric Timeliness of Earnings and Shareholder Distributions” (with Richard Frankel and Rong Wang).

“Limited Attention and Financial Anomalies”

“Analysis of Accrual Anomaly: Profit versus Loss Firms”

## **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND PRESENTATIONS**

“Shareholder Activism and Earnings Management Incentives: An Empirical Examination of Shareholder Proposals in the United States”.

Annual Conference of the Accounting Section of the German Academic Association for Business Research (AS-VHB) together with the International Association for Accounting Education and Research (IAAER), Frankfurt/Main – Eschborn, Germany, February 2013

“Internal Control Weakness Disclosure and Firm Investment”.  
American Accounting Association Midwest Region Meeting, St. Louis, MO, October 2012.

“Internal Control Weakness Disclosure and Firm Investment”.  
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 2012.

“Shareholder Activism and Earnings Management Incentives”.  
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 2012.

“Shareholder Activism and Earnings Management Incentives”.  
Canadian Academic Accounting Association Annual Conference, Charlottetown, PEI, June 2012.

“The Role of Accounting Conservatism in Management Forecast Bias”.  
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, August 2011.

“Shareholder Activism, Earnings Management, and Insider Trading”.  
Canadian Academic Accounting Association Annual Conference, Toronto, ON, May 2011.

“The Role of Accounting Conservatism in Management Forecast Bias”.  
Canadian Academic Accounting Association Annual Conference, Toronto, ON, May 2011.

“Tax-Related Financial Statement Restatements and Auditor-Provided Tax Services”.  
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, August 2009.

“Asymmetric Timeliness of Earnings and Shareholder Distributions”. American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, August 2008.

“Asymmetric Timeliness of Earnings and Shareholder Distributions”. Nicholas Dopuch Accounting Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, November 2007.

“Do MD&A Disclosures Help Interpret Disproportionate Inventory Increases?” American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2007.

“Do MD&A Disclosures Help Interpret Disproportionate Inventory Increases?” American Accounting Association FARS Midyear Meeting, San Antonio, TX, January 2007.

## **CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

Nicholas Dopuch Accounting Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, 2006-2013  
American Accounting Association Midwest Region Meeting, St. Louis, MO, October 2012  
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 2012  
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, August 2009  
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, August 2008  
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2007  
American Accounting Association FARS Midyear Meeting, San Antonio, TX, January 2007

Journal of Accounting and Economics 2006 Conference, Chicago, IL, October 2006  
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 2006  
American Accounting Association FARS Midyear Meeting, Atlanta, GA, January 2006  
Accounting Research Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, 2002-2005  
American Accounting Association Midwest Regional Meeting, St. Louis, MO, April 2003

## **HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Journal of International Financial Management and Accounting* (JIFMA) best paper award at the IAAER (International Association of Accounting Education and Research) conference, Frankfurt, Germany, February 2013  
John Cook School of Business Competitive Summer Research Grant, 2008-2013  
John Cook School of Business Dr. NoKyoon Kwak Research Award, 2012  
Hubert C. Moog Scholar, Olin School of Business, Washington University, 2006-2007  
American Accounting Association Doctoral Consortium Fellow, Lake Tahoe, CA, 2004  
University Fellowship and Scholarship, Washington University in St. Louis, 2002-2007  
Beta Gamma Sigma, 2001  
Outstanding MS-ECO (Master of Science in Economics) Student, Baylor University, 2001  
University Scholarship, Baylor University, 2000-2001

## **SELECTED SERVICE**

Coordinator, Accounting Department Network4Lunch™ Series, start date (Fall 2011) - present  
Co-Editor, Accounting Department Newsletter, start date (Fall 2007) - present  
Committee Chair, Accounting Department MACC Enrollment Task Force, 2009-2010  
Committee Member, JCSB Research Awards Committee, 2013-present  
Committee Member, JCSB Diversity Committee, 2010-present  
Committee Member, JCSB Academic Integrity Committee, 2010-present  
Ad Hoc Reviewer for American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, American Accounting Association FARS Midyear Meeting, *Advances in Accounting*, *The Accounting Review*

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

Member, American Accounting Association  
Member, AAA Financial Accounting and Reporting Section