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Academic and Professional Work Experience

Assistant Professor

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

August 2019-Present

Regional Controller

Senior Accountant

Cameron International – Schlumberger, Houston, TX

December 2013-June 2015
January 2013-December 2013

Financial Analyst

TDK Corporation, Shawnee, OK

February 2009-December 2012

Education and Professional Certification

Ph.D. in Business Administration-Accounting

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

August 2019

Master of Accountancy

University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

December 2008

Certified Public Accountants (Licensed in the State of Oklahoma, #16820)

Certified Management Accountant (Certificate #38646)

Research

Publications

“Tick Size and Financial Reporting Quality in Small-Cap Firms: Evidence from a Natural Experiment” with Anwer Ahmed and Yiwen Li. 2020. *Journal of Accounting Research* 58(4), 869-914.

“Information Coordination: Does Preannouncement Media Coverage Improve Earnings Expectations?” solo-authored. 2023. *Contemporary Accounting Research* 40(2), 1136-1175.

“An Empirical Analysis of the Effects of the Dodd-Frank Act on Determinants of Credit Ratings” with Anwer Ahmed, and Dechun Wang. 2024. *Journal of Business Finance & Accounting* 51(1-2), 363-397.

“The consequences of reputation-damaging events for Big 4 auditors: Evidence from 110 cases with media coverage between 2007 and 2019” with Matt Ege, and Dechun Wang. 2025, *Review of Accounting Studies*. 1-56

Working Papers:

“SEC Scrutiny and Corporate Risk Taking” with Dave Weber, and Kangkang Zhang

- Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Accounting and Economics*

- Presented at 2022 FARS Midyear Conference; University of Alberta; 2022 AAA Annual Meeting; University of Connecticut; University of Illinois Chicago

“Ex Ante Litigation Risk and Audit Firm Employee Turnover” with William Docimo

- Revise and Resubmit at *The Accounting Review*
- Presented at University of Connecticut; 2025 Audit Midyear Meeting

“Auditor Responses to Regulatory Risk: Evidence from SEC Investigations” with Wei Zhang

- Revise and Resubmit at the *Accounting, Organizations and Society*
- Presented at 2023 Audit Midyear Meeting, 2022 International Symposium on Audit Research; 2022 AAA Annual Meeting, University of Connecticut
- Best Archival Paper Award at the 2023 AAA Audit Midyear Conference

“Common Auditors and Within-relationship Information-Processing Costs: Evidence from Supply Chain Relationships” with Young Hoon Kim, and Bo Ren

- Revise and Resubmit at the *European Accounting Review*
- Presented at 2023 Audit Midyear Meeting; University of Connecticut

“The Rise of Machines: Algorithm Trading and Stock Price Crash Risk” with Anwer Ahmed, Yiwen Li, and Andrew McMartin

- Revise and Resubmit at the *Journal of Accounting, Auditing, and Finance*
- Presented at University of Connecticut; Texas A&M University

“The Value of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Identifying Critical Audit Matters” with Matt Ege, and Feng (Jason) Guo

- Presented at Iowa State University; 2025 Audit Midyear Meeting; 2025 FARS Midyear Conference; 2025 Bretton Woods Accounting and Finance Ski Conference; University of North Carolina Greensboro

“PCAOB Inspection Findings and Audit Employee Retention” with William Docimo

- Presented at University of Arkansas

“SEC Oversight of Private Equity and Hedge Funds” with Owen Davidson, Paul Mason, and Steven Utke

- Presented at the 2025 Institute for Private Capital Spring Research Symposium (scheduled)

“SEC Investigation and CEO Incentive Compensation” with Guojin Gong, Arienne Rhodes, and Xiao Yu

- Presented at University of Connecticut, 2024 AAA Annual Meeting

“Employment Protection and Financial Reporting Quality: Evidence from Wrongful Discharge Laws” with Anwer Ahmed, Sarah Noor, and Wanjia Zhao

- Presented at Texas A&M University, 2023 AAA Annual Meeting, 2024 Hawai’i Accounting Research Conference

“Prompting Information Acquisition as a Newswire Journalist: Evidence from Newswire Stories around Earnings Announcements” with Jeremiah Green, and Pengkai Lin

- Presented at University of Miami; University of California, Irvine; University of Tulane

Research Services

- **Editorial Board:** Advances in Accounting
- **Ad-Hoc Reviewer**
 - Journals: The Accounting Review, Management Science, Contemporary Accounting Research, Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory, Journal of Business Finance & Accounting, Journal of Accounting and Public Policy, Accounting Horizon
 - Conferences: AAA Annual Meeting, FARS Midyear Meeting, Audit Midyear Meeting, Hawai'i Accounting Research Conference

Teaching

- Intermediate Accounting 1, University of Connecticut
- Ph.D. Seminar in Auditing Research, University of Connecticut
- Introduction to Financial Accounting, Texas A&M University

Invited Workshop Presentations

CUNY—Baruch College (scheduled)	2025
Virginia Tech Ph.D. seminar guest speaker	2025
University of Illinois Chicago	2024
University of Connecticut School of Business workshop series	2024
University of Connecticut	2022
University of Miami	2021
University of Connecticut	2021
University of Connecticut	2020
Colorado State University	2019
University of Kentucky	2019
University of Oklahoma	2019
University of Connecticut	2019
University of Florida	2019
University of Texas – Arlington	2018
Texas A&M University	2018
Texas A&M University	2017

Conference Presentations and Discussions

New England Accounting Research Symposium (presenter)	2025
AAA FARS Midyear Meeting (presenter and discussant)	2025
AAA Audit Section Midyear Meeting (presenter)	2025
AAA Annual Meeting (discussant)	2024
AAA FARS Midyear Meeting (discussant)	2023
AAA Audit Section Midyear Meeting (presenter)	2023
International Symposium on Audit Research (presenter)	2022
Hawai'i Accounting Research Conference (presenter and discussant)	2022
AAA FARS Midyear Meeting (presenter and discussant)	2021
Convergence of Financial and Managerial Accounting Research (presenter)	2019
AAA Audit Section Midyear Meeting (presenter)	2019
AAA Miami Rookie Camp (presenter)	2018
AAA Annual Meeting (presenter and discussant)	2018

Lone Star Accounting Research Conference (presenter)

2017

Other Conference Participation

Yale SOM Summer Accounting Conference	2024
AAA Audit Section Midyear Meeting	2024
Review of Accounting Studies Conference	2023
Contemporary Accounting Research Conference	2023
TAMU Accounting Conference	2023
Yale SOM Summer Accounting Conference	2023
Review of Accounting Studies Conference	2022
Yale SOM Summer Accounting Conference	2022
Contemporary Accounting Research Conference	2020
New Faculty Consortium	2020

Services

Accounting Department Scholarship Committee	2022-2024
Panelist for Introduction to Accounting Profession (ACCT 3005)	Fall 2021
Accounting Department Grade Distribution Committee	2019-2021
Faculty mentor for the PwC Case Competition (1 st place prize)	Fall 2019

Dissertation Committee Member

- Kangkang Zhang (expected graduation 2025)

Committee Member for Second Summer Paper

- Kangkang Zhang (2022)
- Ren Bo (2021)

Advisor for First Summer Paper

- Kangkang Zhang (2021)
- Ren Bo (2020)

Advisor for Undergraduate Honor's Thesis

- Nick Laudati (2021)

Honors, Awards, and Membership

UConn Scholarship Facilitation Fund Award, 2024

UConn School of Business Best Paper Award, 2023

Audit Midyear Meeting Best Paper Award, 2023

FARS Excellence in Reviewing Award, 2020

FARS Outstanding Discussion Award, 2020

Texas A&M University Dean's Award for Outstanding Research by a Doctoral Student, 2019

Texas A&M University Doctoral Graduate Merit Fellowship, 2015-2019

Texas A&M Department of Accounting Fellowship, 2015-2019

Texas A&M Mays Ph.D. Enhancement Fellowship, 2015-2019

American Accounting Association, 2016-present

Institute of Management Accountant member, 2012-2019

AICPA member, 2009-2015