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CAREER

2022-	Associate Professor, University of Connecticut, United States.
2020-2022	Associate Professor, University of Alberta, Canada.
2014-2020	Assistant Professor, Boston College, United States.
2010	Tax Accountant, BDO Dunwoody LLP, Canada.
2008-2010	Auditor, Office of the Auditor General, Canada.
2007	Management Accountant, De Beers Group, Canada.
Fall 2024	Visiting Professor, University of Toronto, Canada.
Summer 2022, 2024	Visiting Professor, University of Louisville, United States.

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of Waterloo, 2014, Accounting.
MBA	McMaster University, 2010, Finance & Economics.
CPA, CA	CPA Canada, 2010, Accounting.
BBA	University of Toronto, 2008, Accounting.

EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Editor	**Contemporary Accounting Research, CAAA** (2026-Present)
Editor	**The International Journal of Accounting, UIUC** (2026-Present)
Editorial Board	**The Accounting Review, AAA** (2026-Present)
Ad Hoc Editor	**Contemporary Accounting Research, CAAA** (2024-2025)
Editorial Board	**Contemporary Accounting Research, CAAA** (2020-2025)

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS TO POLICY MAKERS AND/OR PRACTITITONERS

2026 State Departments of Revenue & Governors Offices Briefing on Tax Policy
2026 Internal Revenue Service/Tax Policy Center Conference on Tax Administration
2026 Institute of Management Accountants Accounting & Finance Conference
2026 National Tax Association Spring Symposium, Georgetown University
2024 Vanderbilt University Law School/XKDR Forum Emerging Markets Conference
2024 Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Conference on Capital Markets
2023 Certified Financial Planning Board Academic Research Colloquium
2015 Ontario Securities Commission
2013 Securities and Exchange Commission

PUBLICATIONS

1. How important is internal information asymmetry for firm-level productivity? (with Trent Krupa and Dave Weber). **Management Science**, 2027, Forthcoming.

2. Public sentiment and share repurchases (with Alvis Lo, Susan Shu and Enshuai Yu) **Journal of Accounting & Economics,** 2027, Volume 83, No.1, Forthcoming.

3. IRS staff cuts and individual taxpayer implications of geographic proximity to state tax agencies (with Todd Kravet and Jenny Luchs-Nunez). **National Tax Journal,** 2026, Volume 79, No. 4, Forthcoming.

4. Media exposure and corporate labor investment decisions (with Alvis Lo and Susan Shu). **The Accounting Review**, 2025, Volume 100, No. 3, 79-105.

5. Political connections and accounting conservatism. **The Accounting Review**, 2022, Volume 97, No. 6, 45-66.

6. Shareholder activism and voluntary disclosure initiation: The case of political spending (with Ken Klassen and Christine Wiedman). **Contemporary Accounting Research**, 2019, Volume 36, No. 2, 904-933.

7. The effects of media slant on firm behavior (with Jonas Heese). **Journal of Financial Economics**, 2018, Volume 129, No. 1, 184-202.

8. Supporting tax policy change through accounting discretion: Evidence from the 2012 elections (with Ken Klassen). **Management Science,** 2018, Volume 64, No. 10, 4893-4914.

9. A lobbying approach to evaluating the whistleblower provisions of the Dodd-Frank Reform Act of 2010 (with Carol Marquardt and Christine Wiedman). **Contemporary Accounting Research**, 2017, Volume 34, No. 3, 1305-1339.

10. The rise of partisan media changed how companies make decisions (with Jonas Heese). **Harvard Business Review**, 2017, October (online).

11. Discussion of "An examination of the U.S. public accounting profession's public interest discourse and actions in federal policy making". **Journal of Business Ethics**, 2017, Volume 142, No. 2, 221-224.

WORKING PAPERS

12. Employee or independent contractor? Accountant classification and audit quality (with Jingyu Xu, 2024 UConn Ph.D Graduate)

13. Differential effects of national and local media on firms' financial and non-financial misconduct (with Kangkang Zhang, 2025 UConn Ph.D. Graduate)

14. Mandatory advance disclosure and corporate innovation.

15. Financial education and employer productivity (with Ilona Bastiaansen 2023 UConn Ph.D. Graduate)

16. Can local media encourage empire building? Evidence from business journals (with Farzana Afrin, 2022 BC Ph.D. Graduate)

17. Target transparency, target horizon, and target difficulty: International evidence (with Xi Ai, Theresa Libby, Han Sun, and Man Fang)

18. How do IRS staff reductions impact individual income tax compliance under dual tax systems? (with Jenny Luchs-Nunez, 2022 UConn Ph.D. Graduate, and Todd Kravet)

19. Capital investment thresholds under regulatory oversight (with Trent Krupa, 2022 UConn Ph.D. Graduate, and Rick Mergenthaler)

20. Do voters inform managers' capital allocation decisions? (with Jingyu Xu, 2024 UConn Ph.D. Graduate and Chunmei Zhu)

21. Firms' real options response to tax uncertainty (with Trent Krupa, 2022 UConn Ph.D. Graduate)

22. Process innovation and firm productivity (with Daniela Xiao, UConn Ph.D. Student)

23. Auditor oversight and clients' internal capital allocation thresholds (With Trent Krupa, 2022 UConn Ph.D. Graduate and Katie Stone, Penn State Ph.D. Student)

24. Does regulatory scrutiny deter classification shifting? Evidence from expense disaggregation (with Sajon Dhar, Virginia Commonwealth University Ph.D. Student)

25. Does media sentiment affect real actions? (with Jee-Hae Lim and Satish Sahoo)

26. Industry specialist auditors and client labor decisions (with Steve Kaplan and Lauren Matkaluk)

DOCTORAL STUDENTS

1. Chair of Ph.D. dissertation committee for Daniela Xiao (2026-Present)
2. Member of Ph.D. dissertation committee for Minah Lee (2025-Present).
3. Supervisor for second year summer paper committee for Daniela Xiao (2026).
4. Supervisor for second year summer paper committee for Sajon Dhar (2025).
5. Member of Ph.D. dissertation committee for Kangkang Zhang (2023-2025), graduated in 2025. First placement at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
6. Member of first year summer paper committee for Yihui Jiang (2024).
7. Member of second year summer paper committee for Minah Lee (2024).
8. Member of second year summer paper committee for Xiao Yu (2023).

9. Co-author with former UConn Ph.D. students: Trent Krupa [Penn State], Jenny Luchs-Nunez [Colorodo State], Ilona Bastiaansen [Notre Dame], Jingyu Xu [Claremont McKenna College], Kangkang Zhang [University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign]
10. Co-author with former BC Ph.D. students: Farzana Afrin [Cal State], Enshuai Yu [NUS]

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Senior Faculty Mentor for:
    - AAA Management Accounting Section Mentorship Program (2026-2027)
    - International Corporate Governance Society Mentorship Program (2025-2027)

- Doctoral Consortium Speaker for:
    - Illinois International Accounting Symposium (2026)
    - Haskayne and Fox Accounting Conference (2024)
    - **Contemporary Accounting Research** Conference (2020)
    - University of Iowa PhD Course in Taxation (2019)

- Planning Co-Coordinator (with Adrienna Huffman, Tulane University) for:
    - Financial Accounting & Reporting Section Midyear Meeting (2020)

- Track Editor for:
    - Canadian Accounting Association Annual Meeting (2024-2025, 2012-2017)
    - Financial Accounting & Reporting Section Midyear Meeting (2020)
    - **Journal of the American Taxation Association** Conference (2019)
    - American Accounting Association Annual Meeting (2017-2018)

- American Accounting Association Committees:
    - Lifetime Achievement Award and PhD Mentoring Award (2020)

- Canadian Academic Accounting Association Committee Chair:
    - CAAA 50th Anniversary Publication (2026-2027)
    - Thomas Schneider Community Impact Research Award (2026-2027)

- Academic Peer Review Committee for Accreditation:
    - City University of Hong Kong, Lancaster University

- Journal Reviewer for:
    - **Accounting Horizons, British Accounting Review, Business and Politics, European Accounting Review, Journal of Accounting and Economics, Journal of Accounting Research, Journal of Accounting & Public Policy, Journal of Accounting, Auditing & Finance, Journal of American Taxation Association, Journal of Banking & Finance, Journal of Business, Finance & Accounting, Journal of Business Ethics, Journal of Corporate Finance, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Law & Economics, Journal of Management Accounting Research, Management Science (Accounting track, Finance track, Sustainability track), Review of Accounting Studies**

- Conference Reviewer for:
    - American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, American Accounting Association Midyear Meeting (American Taxation Association Midyear Meeting, Financial Accounting and Reporting Section Midyear Meeting, Management Accounting Section Midyear Meeting, Sustainability Midyear Meeting, Spark Meeting), Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting, Hawaii Accounting Research Conference, MIT Asia Conference in Accounting

- EB-1 U.S.A. Green Card Letter Writer for:
    - Arizona State University, University of Virginia

- Promotion & Tenure Letter Writer for:
    - Baruch College, Pennsylvania State University, Saint Mary's University, Southern Illinois University, University of Calgary, University of Memphis, University of New Hampshire, University of Rochester, University of Texas

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

1. Chair, Executive Committee, Asian/-American Faculty & Staff Association, 2026-2028
2. Transformation Impact Award Committee, Office of Vice President for Research, 2026.
3. Recruiting Committee for Accounting Faculty, 2026
4. Four School Conference Planning Committee, 2025-present
5. Faculty Sponsor, Wealth Management Society, 2025-present
6. Faculty Coordinator for University Early College Experience (Business) 2024-present.
7. Faculty Lead for Common Curriculum Revision for Personal Finance, 2024-2025.
8. Faculty Mentor for Financial Literacy Innovation Program (FLIP), 2023-present.
9. University Scholar Honors Program Advisor, Christian Chleobowski, 2024.
10. Guest Lecturer, Personal Finance & Name, Image, Likeness to Student-Athletes, 2023.
11. Guest Lecturer, Undergraduate VITA Course, 2024.
12. Guest Lecturer, PhD Course on Capital Markets Research, 2024.
13. Guest Lecturer, PhD Course on Pre-Workshop Preparation, 2022.

SERVICE TO BOSTON COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

14. Coordinator for Annual University of Alberta Accounting Research Conference, 2022.
15. Course Coordinator for Corporate Taxation, 2020-2022.
16. Admissions Committee for PhD Program in Accounting, 2022-2021 and 2018-2020.
17. Faculty Advisor for Undergraduate Juniors at Boston College, 2018-2020.
18. Recruiting Committee for Accounting Faculty, 2021 and 2015-2017.
19. Coordinator for Boston College Accounting Research Seminar Series, 2015-2017.

TEACHING (Average Mean Instructor Rating Based on 5.0 Scale)

1. Undergraduate, Personal Finance, University of Connecticut, 2024-present. (4.7/5.0).
2. Undergraduate, Managerial Accounting, University of Connecticut, 2023. (4.8/5.0).
3. Executive MBA, Organizational Planning, University of Alberta, 2021-2022. (5.0/5.0).
4. PhD, Financial Economics Research, University of Alberta, 2021-2022. (N/A).
3. Undergraduate, Corporate Taxation, University of Alberta, 2020-2022. (4.8/5.0).
4. Undergraduate, Managerial Accounting, Boston College, 2014-2020. (4.8/5.0).

5. Undergraduate, Financial Accounting, University of Waterloo, 2012. (4.5/5.0).
6. Postgraduate, Professional Practice, CPA Canada, 2011-2014. (4.5/5.0).

HONORS AND AWARDS

1. Dean's Ackerman Scholar, University of Connecticut, 2026-2028.
2. Wealth Management Conference Best Paper Award, 2025.
3. Roger S. Smith Professor of Business, University of Alberta, 2022.
4. CPA Education Foundation Teaching Award, University of Alberta, 2021.
5. Outstanding Service Award, Financial Accounting & Reporting Section, 2020.
6. Teaching All-Star Award, Boston College, 2017-2019.
7. Excellence in Reviewing Award, Financial Accounting & Reporting Section, 2016, 2018.
8. Best Paper Award, Corporate Reporting & Governance Conference, 2014.
9. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship, 2013-2014.
10. President's Graduate Scholarship, University of Waterloo, 2011-2014.
11. Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2011-2013.
12. CPA Ontario Doctoral Support Program Award, 2010-2013.
13. Honors List, University of Toronto, 2008.
14. CPA Ontario Cash Competition Award, 2007.
115. Queen Elizabeth Aiming for the Top Scholarship, University of Toronto, 2005-2007.

MEDIA COVERAGE

1. Researchers link IRS staffing cuts, reporting gaps to weaker compliance, Reuters, 2026.
2. Class Aims to Make Financial Literacy Accessible to Everyone, UConn Today, 2026.
3. Credit Cards Reward Survey, Wallet Hub, 2024.
4. Global Corporate Tax Rate Highlights, St. Albert Gazette, 2021.
5. Uncommon Knowledge, Anything For a Tax Cut, Boston Globe, 2017.
6. Democrat Leaning Firms Delayed Negative Announcements, Forbes, 2017.
7. Disclosure on Corporate Political Spending Is Not Enough, New York Times, 2012

INVITED WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

1. ADF Forum, University of Chicago, 2027	United States
2. Nanyang Technological University, 2026.	Singapore
3. University of Rhode Island, 2026.	United States
4. Yale University, 2026.	United States
5. ESMT Berlin/Humboldt University Joint Workshop, 2026	Germany
6. Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Udaipur, 2026	India
7. University of Cincinnati, 2026.	United States
8. Virginia Tech University, 2026.	United States
9. University of Bologna, 2026	Italy
10. WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management, 2026.	Germany
11. Korea University-KAIST, 2026.	South Korea
12. Peking University, 2026.	China
13. Tsinghua University, 2026.	China
14. Kobe University, 2026.	Japan
15. HEC Paris, 2026.	France
16. Cardiff University, 2026.	United Kingdon

17. ESSEC Business School, 2025. France
18. Fordham University, 2025. United States
19. Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2024, 2019. Hong Kong
20. City University of Hong Kong, 2026, 2024, 2019. Hong Kong
21. Wilfred Laurier University, 2024. Canada
22. McGill University, 2024, 2019. Canada
23. HEC Montreal, 2024. Canada
24. Concordia University, 2024, 2023. Canada
25. Simon Fraser University, 2023. Canada
26. University of Louisville, 2023. United States
27. University of New South Whales (UNSW), 2023. Australia
28. University of New England (UNE), 2023. Australia
29. University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), 2023. Australia
30. York University, 2022. Canada
31. University of Akron, 2021. United States
32. American University, 2019. United States
33. Bentley University, 2019. United States
34. George Mason University, 2019. United States
35. Michigan State University, 2026, 2019. United States
36. Rutgers University, 2019. United States
37. University of Houston, 2019. United States
38. University of Iowa, 2019. United States
39. University of Missouri, 2019. United States
40. University of New Hampshire, 2019. United States
41. University of Washington, 2019. United States
42. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), 2018. United States
43. National Taiwan University, 2017. Taiwan
44. University of Ottawa, 2017. Canada
45. University of Tennessee, 2017. United States
46. Boston University, 2016. United States
47. London Business School (LBS), 2016. United Kingdom
48. University of Central Florida, 2019, 2018, 2015. United States
49. University of Massachusetts, 2015. United States
50. Boston College, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014. United States
51. London School of Economics (LSE), 2014. United Kingdom
52. Northwestern University, 2014. United States
53. University of Alberta, 2019, 2014. Canada
54. University of Connecticut, 2025, 2023, 2022, 2014. United States
55. University of Illinois at Chicago, 2019, 2014. United States
56. University of Pittsburgh, 2014. United States
57. University of Rochester, 2014. United States
58. University of Toronto, 2014. Canada
59. University of Waterloo, 2019, 2014, 2013, 2012. Canada

INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

60. Accounting Research Symposium, McMaster University, 2027.

61. Singapore Accounting Symposium, Singapore Management University, 2026.
62. Mannheim Taxation Conference, 2026.
63. Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance Conference, 2026.
64. **International Journal of Accounting** Symposium, University of Illinois, 2026.
65. IRS-TPC Joint Research Conference on Tax Administration, 2026.
66. Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Accounting & Finance Conference, 2026.
67. Kansas State University Accounting Public Interest Symposium, 2026.
68. Workshop on Corporate Finance & Accounting, University of Liverpool, 2026.
69. ZEW Mannheim Public Finance Conference, 2026.
70. National Tax Association Spring Symposium, Georgetown University, 2026.
71. Geospatial Business Analytics Conference, Saint Louis University, 2026.
72. Egyptian Online Seminar in Business, Accounting, and Economics, 2025.
73. Boca Finance and Real Estate Conference, Florida Atlantic University, 2025.
74. Modern Finance Conference, University of Warsaw, 2025.
75. Fraud, Misconduct, and Market Manipulation Conference, Lancaster University, 2025.
76. MRS Conference, Suffolk University, University of Hawaii, 2026, 2025.
77. Japan Accounting Research Symposium, Kobe University, 2025.
78. The Mediterranean Accounting Conference, Tel Aviv University, 2025.
79. Corporate Governance Workshop, Northeastern University, 2026, 2025.
80. Wealth Management Conference, Loyola University, 2025.
81. AAA Current Issues in Sustainability Conference, 2025.
82. Swiss Accounting Research Alpine Camp, 2025.
83. Hawaii Accounting Research Conference, University of Hawaii, 2025, 2024.
84. Annual Conference for Management Accounting Research, 2026, 2025.
85. AAA Management Accounting Section Midyear Meeting, 2027-2024, 2019, 2015.
86. **Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance** Conference, IIM, 2025.
87. Research Symposium, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST), 2024.
88. Emerging Markets Conference, Vanderbilt University, 2024.
89. Accounting Research Conference, Indian School of Business (ISB), 2024, 2016.
90. India Management Conference, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), 2024.
91. India Finance Conference, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), 2024.
92. Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Emory University, Northwestern University and University of Chicago, 2026, 2024, 2023.
93. Law & Economics Association Annual Conference, University of Toronto, 2026, 2024.
94. Symposium on Auditing Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2024.
95. PCAOB Conference on Auditing and Capital Markets, 2024.
96. Northern Finance Association Annual Meeting, 2024.
97. International Symposium on Audit Research, University of Massachusetts, 2024.
98. Haskayne and Fox Accounting Research Conference, 2024, 2019, 2015.
99. Canadian Academic Accounting Association Annual Meeting, 2026-2024, 2019-2012.
100. AAA Spark Meeting, 2026, 2024, 2017.
101. AAA Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum Section Midyear Meeting, 2024.
102. Management Accounting Research Group Conference, 2025, 2023.
103. Finance for the Common Good Conference, 2024.
104. Annual Research Workshop, University of Sydney, 2023.
105. Empirical Conference on Standardization, Northwestern University, 2023.
106. Certified Financial Planner (CFP) Academic Research Colloquium, 2023.

107. Center for Corporate Reporting & Governance Conference, 2023, 2014.
108. Academy of Behavioral Finance & Economics Annual Meeting, 2023.
109. AAA Financial Accounting & Reporting Section Midyear Meeting, 2026, 2023, 2022, 2020, 2019, 2015, 2013, 2012.
110. American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, 2026, 2022, 2019-2013.
111. Accounting Research Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, 2019.
112. Accounting Research Conference, Dartmouth College, 2018.
113. Conference on Investor Protection, Corporate Governance, and Fraud Prevention, George Mason University, 2018.
114. Conference on Capital Markets Accounting Research, University of Munster, 2016.
115. Conference on Financial Economics & Accounting, 2026, 2018, 2016, 2015.
116. **Journal of Business Ethics** Symposium, University of Waterloo, 2018, 2015.
117. National Tax Association Annual Conference, 2026, 2025, 2018, 2016, 2015.
118. European Accounting Association Annual Congress, 2019, 2016, 2015.
119. AAA American Taxation Midyear Meeting, 2015, 2014.
120. Accounting Research Conference, Temple University, 2016, 2014.
121. SOAR Accounting Symposium, Singapore Management University, 2014.
122. AAA Accounting PhD Recruiting and Research Camp, University of Miami, 2013.
123. Deloitte Tax Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2012.

INVITED CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

124. Professional Accounting Conference, University of Toronto, 2027.
125. University of Texas at Austin Tax Theory Seminar, 2026.
126. Annual Conference on Financial Market Regulation, SEC, 2026.
127. UConn PhD Alumni Conference, 2025.
128. UTD-SMU Accounting Research Conference, University of Texas-Dallas, 2025.
129. Law Institute for Economics Professors, George Mason University, 2025.
130. Summer Accounting Research Conference, Yale University, 2026, 2025, 2024, 2022.
131. Four School Conference, Fordham, Baruch, Rutgers, and UConn, 2026, 2025, 2024.
132. Arkansas Accounting Conference, University of Arkansas, 2025.
133. Accounting Theory Conference, Hong Kong University, 2024.
134. Kellogg Accounting Conference, Northwestern University, 2024.
135. EYARC Colloquium, 2024.
136. New England Area Research Symposium, Bentley University, 2024.
124. Accounting Research Conference, University of Toronto, 2023, 2016.
125. Annual Accounting Research Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, 2022.
126. BEACON Conference, Boston College and Boston University, 2019, 2018, 2015.
127. Young Scholars Research Symposium, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, 2019
128. **Journal of Accounting and Public Policy Conference,** LSE, 2019.
129. CARE Conference, University of Notre Dame, 2018.
130. Global Taxation Symposium, University of Texas and Waterloo, 2026, 2018, 2016, 2013.
131. Information, Markets, and Organizations Conference, Harvard University, 2016.
132. AAA New Faculty Consortium, 2015.
133. Symposium on Tax Research, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2015.
134. Tax Symposium, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2026, 2014.
135. Accounting Research Symposium, McMaster University, 2012-2014.

136. Accounting Research Conference, University of Alberta 2014-2019.
137. FARS Doctoral Consortium, 2012.
138. **Contemporary Accounting Research** Conference, 2012-2026.