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EDUCATION

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| Emory University, Goizueta Business School | Atlanta, GA |
| Ph.D., Accounting | May 2017 |
| Cornell University | Ithaca, NY |
| Master in Statistics | |
| The Ohio State University | Columbus, OH |
| Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Honors) | <i>Cum Laude</i> |
| Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Science | <i>Cum Laude</i> |

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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| University of British Columbia, Sauder School of Business | Vancouver, BC |
| Assistant Professor, September 2017 – Present | |
| Medical leave (continuous) from March 2019 to June 2019 | |
| Medical leave (intermittent) from July 2019 to present | |

RESEARCH

Research Interests: I investigate how regulation and regulatory oversight affect institutions' financial disclosure choice, capital market outcomes, and audit quality. Within this broad area of research, I have undertaken several studies that use the setting of both public and private enforcement actions, which provide insights into how the political process could affect these enforcement actions and capital market outcomes.

Research Keywords: Regulation; SEC Enforcement; Securities Litigation; Political Economy; Auditing; Financial Reporting; Fraud.

Refereed Publications:

[1] Rajgopal, S., S. Srinivasan and X. Zheng. 2021. Measuring Audit Quality. *Review of Accounting Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11142-020-09570-9>.

[2] Zheng, X. (2021). A Tale of Two Enforcement Venues: Determinants and Consequences of the SEC's Choice of Enforcement Venue After the Dodd-Frank Act. *The Accounting Review*, forthcoming.

-- Featured in Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog (link [here](#)) and LexBlog (link [here](#)).

Working Papers:

"The Volatility of Investor Returns" with Ilia Dichev

-- Featured in Wall Street Journal (link [here](#))

"Regulatory Transparency and the Alignment of Private and Public Enforcement?" with Amy Hutton and Susan Shu

"Predicting Litigation Risk via Machine Learning" with Gene Moo Lee, Jim Naughton, and Dexin Zhou

-- Feature in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance (link [here](#))

-- Featured in doctoral reading list at Rice University

"Why do Companies Meet with the SEC Chair?" with James Naughton and Rafael Rogo

"Drug Abuse and Fraud" with Melanie Millar and Roger White

INVITED WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021: FARS
- 2020: FARS (Discussant), University of British Columbia (brownbag)
- 2019: University of Utah, National University of Singapore, UBCOW, Hawaii Accounting Research Conference (Presenter and Discussant), Conference on the Convergence of Financial and Managerial Accounting Research, MIT Asia (Discussant)
- 2018: University of Rochester, Hawaii Accounting Research Conference, MIT Asia Conference, UBCOW
- 2017: University of British Columbia, Boston College, McGill University, AAA Annual Meeting (Presenter and Discussant), Southeast Regional Meeting,
- 2016: AAA Auditing Section Midyear Meeting, AAA Annual Meeting (Discussant)
- 2015: Southeast Summer Accounting Research Conference, Graduate Research in Accounting Conference

COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANTS

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| • Sauder Exploratory Grant (sole applicant) | 2019 – 2020 |
| • SSHRC Insight Development Grant (co-applicant) | 2019 – 2021 |
| • SSHRC Insight Development Grant (sole applicant) | 2018 – 2020 |
| • UBC Hampton Fund Research Grant (sole applicant) | 2017 – 2019 |

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- *Ad Hoc* Journal Reviewer: *The Accounting Review*, *Review of Accounting Studies*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, *Journal of Management Accounting Research*, *Accounting Horizon*, *European Accounting Review*
- Grant Reviewer: SSHRC Insight Grant (2019 - Present)

- Conference Reviewer: AAA Annual Meeting (2014-2020), FARS Midyear Meeting (2016-2020), Management Midyear Meeting (2018), CAPANA (2018), Hawaii Accounting Research Conference (2018-2020), CAAA (2019)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Interests: Financial Reporting

- UBC Financial Accounting (COMM 293 Undergraduate Level) 2017 – Present
- UBC PhD Seminar – Capital Markets (invited lecture) 2017
- MBA Financial Statement Analysis (Dr. Ilia Dichev) Fall 2015
- MBA Introduction to Financial Reporting (Dr. Greg Waymire) Summer 2014
- PhD Seminar: Introduction to SAS and Simulation Winter 2013

CONFERENCE ATTENDED (by invitation)

- Tulane Accounting Research Conference 2020
- *Review of Accounting Studies* Conference 2017, 2021
- UBC Winter Finance Conference 2018
- MIT Asia Conference 2018, 2019
- Hawaii Accounting Research Conference 2018, 2019
- UBCOW Conference 2017 – 2019
- Financial Accounting and Reporting Section 2015, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Financial Accounting and Reporting Section Doctoral Consortium 2015
- AAA Annual Meeting 2014, 2016, 2017, 2020
- mEmory Conference 2019
- Conference on the Convergence of Financial and Managerial Accounting Research 2019
- Brazilian Accounting Research Conference 2018
- EAA Annual Congress 2018
- CAPANA 2018
- Auditing Section Midyear Meeting 2016
- Audit Doctoral Consortium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2016
- Symposium on Auditing Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2016
- Southeast Summer Accounting Research Conference (SESARC) 2013 – 2016
- Southeast Regional Meeting 2017
- Graduate Research in Accounting Conference 2015, 2016

STUDENT SUPERVISION (UBC)

- Nathan Yip, Commerce Scholars Program (undergraduate) 2018 – 2020
-- Undergraduate thesis entitled “The Moderating Effect of Litigation Risk and Time Budget Pressure on Audit Quality”
- Alexander Kinnaird, Commerce Scholars Program (undergraduate) 2019 – Present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Goldman Sachs
- Key Bank
- Office of Legal Affairs at Ohio State University
- Progressive Insurance

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Financial Accounting Reporting Section Outstanding Discussant Award 2020
- MIT Asia Accounting Conference Best Discussant Award 2019
- Financial Accounting Reporting Section Excellence in Reviewing Award 2018
- Sheth Foundation Fellow, Emory University 2015
- Doctoral Fellowship, Goizueta Business School, Emory University 2012 – present
- Dean’s list at The Ohio State University 2009 – 2011
- Best Performing Student Award by U.S. Congressional District (3rd Ohio) 2009 – 2011
- Math SHARP Scholarship 2010 – 2011
- William B. Jencks Scholarship 2010 – 2011
- Fisher College of Business Scholarship 2009 – 2011
- Master’s Thesis Award - First Runner-up 2012

CERTIFICATION

- SAS Base Programming Certification (99th percentile) November 2011

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Sauder Research Advisory Committee 2018 – 2020
- UBC Accounting Rookie Hiring Committee 2017 – Present
- Prospective PhD Student Coordinator and Ambassador, Emory University 2013 – 2016
- PhD Student Mentor, Emory University 2014 – 2016
- Beta Alpha Psi, Board Member 2009 – 2011

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

- Brazilian Accounting Research Conference 2018

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Hip-hop dancing, painting, metal art, yoga, traveling, photography, snowboarding, and surfing.