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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada
Associate Professor of Accounting — 2022 – Present
Assistant Professor of Accounting — 2015 – 2022

EDUCATION

City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
PhD, Accounting — 2010 – 2015

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong
BBA (Hons), Accounting and Finance — 2006 – 2010

RESEARCH INTEREST

Capital markets
Textual analysis of corporate disclosure
Stakeholder relations

PUBLICATIONS

"Asset securitizations and stock price crash risk: Evidence from nonfinancial firms" with Yifan Jia, Jeong-Bon Kim, Ying Mao, and Zheng Wang, *Accounting Horizons*, 2026, 40(1), 49–70.

"Bogging down investors: An unintended consequence of litigation risk" with Siwen Fu, Liandong Zhang, and Liu Zheng, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, 2025, 42(2), 1045–1078 (featured in Alberta School of Business Research News).

"Do family firms issue more readable annual reports? Evidence from the United States" with Qunfeng Liao and Bin Srinidhi, *Journal of Accounting, Auditing, and Finance*, 2025, 40(3), 832–862.

"Stakeholder orientation and accounting conservatism: Evidence from state-level constituency statutes" with Suresh Radhakrishnan and Zheng Wang, *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*, 2025, 51, 107295 (featured in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance).

"How do investors perceive corporate general counsel? The role of monitoring and advising demand" with Zhihong Chen and Yun Ke, *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*, 2024, 43, 107175.

"Short-sale constraints and firm investment efficiency: Evidence from a natural experiment" with Zhihong Chen and Siwen Fu, *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*, 2023, 42(6), 107149.

"Is the tone of risk disclosures in MD&As relevant to debt markets? Evidence from the pricing of credit default swaps" (solo-authored), *Contemporary Accounting Research*, 2021, 38(2), 1465–1501 (featured in Alberta School of Business "Speaking of Research" Audio Podcast Series).

"Why do banks favor employee-friendly firms? A stakeholder–screening perspective" with Cuili Qian, Donal Crilly, and Zheng Wang, *Organization Science*, 2021, 32(3), 605–624.

"Readability of 10-K reports and stock price crash risk" with Chansog (Francis) Kim and Liandong Zhang, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, 2019, 36(2), 1184–1216 (featured in Folio - the University of Alberta's brand journalism site and Phys.org - News and Articles on Science and Technology).

WORKING PAPERS

"Price of policing: The effect of extraterritorial FCPA enforcement on US banks' foreign lending" with Bingyi Qin, Zheng Wang, and Christopher D. Williams
"Partisanship in loan loss provisioning" with Bingyi Qin, Zheng Wang, and Christopher D. Williams
"Shine in your spotlight: Firms' strategic disclosure response to corporate tax incidents among their peers" with Ying Mao, Zheng Wang, and Yaping Zheng
"Navigating reputational risk: Strategic carbon disclosure in response to peer firms' carbon incidents" with Ying Mao, Lingmin Xie, and Yaping Zheng
"Do better local governments make cleaner environment? Evidence from fiscal monitoring policies" with Zhenjiang Gu, Yangxin Yu, and Baoying Zhao
"Free speech protection and local government stewardship: Evidence from the state anti-SLAPP laws" with Stephanie F. Cheng, Minjia Li, and Liandong Zhang
"To tell or not to tell? Corporate tax aggressiveness and management voluntary effective tax rate forecasts" with Yifan Jia and Ying Mao
"Overwhelmed by large numbers: Managerial health risk sentiment and initial COVID-related MD&A disclosure" with Michael Ettredge, Md Enayet Hossain, and Lili Sun
"Labor unemployment risk, downward resource adjustment, and sticky cost behavior" with Mark Anderson and Jeong-Bon Kim

EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS

SSHRC Insight Development Grant, 2026 – 2028, principal investigator, C$64,667 (2026)
SSHRC Insight Grant, 2024 – 2028, principal investigator, C$85,821 (2024)
General Research Fund of Hong Kong Research Grants Council, 2024 – 2026, co-investigator, HK$431,292 (2023)
General Research Fund of Hong Kong Research Grants Council, 2023 – 2025, co-investigator, HK$290,663 (2022)
General Research Fund of Hong Kong Research Grants Council, 2021 – 2023, co-investigator, HK$242,000 (2020)
SSHRC Insight Development Grant, 2019 – 2021, principal investigator, C$54,670 (2019)
Early Career Scheme of Hong Kong Research Grants Council, 2019 – 2021, collaborator, HK$318,518 (2018)
CAAA Research Grant, 2018 – 2019, principal investigator, C$6,667 (2017)

FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS

Canadian Utilities Faculty Fellowship, 2024 – 2025
The Edmonton Journal Fellowship, 2022 – 2023
Canadian Utilities Faculty Fellowship, 2019 – 2020

TEACHING

University of Alberta

- ACCTG 322/222 Introduction to Accounting for Management Decision Making
  - Course coordinator (July 2020 – June 2025; July 2026 – Present)

City University of Hong Kong

- CB2100 Introduction to Financial Accounting (f/k/a CB2100 Accounting I)
- CB2101 Introduction to Managerial Accounting (f/k/a AC2101 Accounting II)

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2027: Georgia State University (scheduled); Toronto Metropolitan University (scheduled)†
2026: Dongbei University of Finance and Economics†
2025: Beijing Jiaotong University; Chongqing University; Lingnan University; Peking University; Yunnan University of Finance and Economics
2024: City University of Hong Kong; Hong Kong Baptist University

2023: University of Science and Technology of China
2022: Harbin Institute of Technology (Shenzhen)†; Jinan University†
2019: Beijing International Studies University; Brock University; City University of Hong Kong; Syracuse University
2018: Central University of Finance and Economics; University of Waterloo
2017: Deakin University (twice); University of Calgary; Wilfrid Laurier University
2015: Hong Kong Baptist University; University of Alberta
2014: City University of Hong Kong (twice)

(† denotes virtual workshop presentation)

Conference Presentations

2025 CAAA Annual Conference, Toronto, ON
2025 AAA FARS Midyear Meeting, Atlanta, GA
2024 University of Manitoba Accounting Research Conference, Winnipeg, MB
2019 CAAA Annual Conference, Ottawa, ON
2018 AAA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
2018 CAAA Annual Conference, Calgary, AB
2017 University of Alberta Accounting Research Conference, Banff, AB
2015 AAA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
2015 CAAA Annual Conference, Toronto, ON
2014 Accounting PhD Rookie Recruiting and Research Camp, Miami, FL
2014 AAA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (two papers)
2014 AFAANZ Annual Conference, Auckland, New Zealand
2014 CAAA Annual Conference, Edmonton, AB (two papers)

Conference Discussions

2026 CPA Manitoba–Asper School of Business Accounting Conference, Winnipeg, MB
2026 Haskell and White Conference, Fullerton, CA
2025 CAAA Annual Conference, Toronto, ON
2025 *Managerial Auditing Journal* International Conference, Nanchang, China
2024 CPA Manitoba–Asper School of Business Accounting Conference, Winnipeg, MB
2023 *Managerial Auditing Journal* International Conference, Nanjing, China
2023 CAAA Annual Conference, Quebec City, QC
2023 McGill Accounting Research Conference, Montreal, QC
2022 Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting, Atlanta, GA
2020 AAA FARS Midyear Meeting, Nashville, TN
2019 AAA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
2019 MIT Asia Conference in Accounting, Hong Kong SAR
2019 Dragon-Horse Accounting and Finance International Symposium, Beijing, China
2019 CAAA Annual Conference, Ottawa, ON
2018 MIT Asia Conference in Accounting, Hong Kong SAR
2018 CAAA Annual Conference, Calgary, AB
2016 AAA Annual Meeting, New York, NY
2015 AAA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
2014 AFAANZ Annual Conference, Auckland, New Zealand
2014 CAAA Annual Conference, Edmonton, AB (two papers)

Conference Participation

CAAA Annual Conference, 2014 – 2023, 2025, 2026
University of Alberta Accounting Research Conference, 2015 – 2019, 2023 – 2026
Haskell and White Conference, 2025, 2026
CPA Manitoba–Asper School of Business Accounting Research Conference 2024, 2026
Tsinghua Artificial Intelligence and Capital Market Research Conference, 2025
Chinese University of Hong Kong Accounting Research Conference, 2025
HKUST Accounting Research Symposium, 2013, 2025
Singapore Accounting Symposium, 2025

Hong Kong Polytechnic University Accounting Research Conference, 2025
Yale Municipal Research Conference, 2025
Contemporary Accounting Research Conference, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2020 – 2025
CAPANA Annual Research Conference, 2013, 2014, 2016 – 2019, 2021 – 2023, 2025
Managerial Auditing Journal International Conference, 2023, 2025
NYU Shanghai and NYU Stern Joint Accounting Research Conference, 2025
Minnesota Empirical Accounting Conference, 2024, 2025
UC Irvine Accounting Mini-Conference, 2025
University of Houston Accounting Research Symposium, 2025
AAA FARS Midyear Meeting, 2016, 2018 – 2020, 2025
Rotman Accounting Research Conference, 2023, 2024
Haskayne and Fox Accounting Conference, 2024
McGill Accounting Research Conference, 2021, 2023
Tulane University Mini-Accounting Research Conference, 2023
MIT Asia Conference in Accounting, 2014, 2016 – 2019, 2021 – 2023
Accounting PhD Rookie Recruiting and Research Camp, 2014, 2017, 2020, 2022, 2023
Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting, 2022
Review of Accounting Studies Conference, 2021
Singapore Management University Accounting Symposium, 2013, 2020
Political Economy of Finance Conference, 2020
AAA Annual Meeting, 2014 – 2016, 2018, 2019
Dragon-Horse Accounting and Finance International Symposium, 2019
AFAANZ Annual Conference, 2014
International Conference of *Journal of International Accounting Research*, 2014
Journal of Contemporary Accounting and Economics Annual Symposium, 2011

Doctoral Student Mentoring

University of Alberta

- Supervisor
  - Ming Gao (2025 – Present; current PhD student)
  - Zhaoyang Qin (2025 – Present; current PhD student)
  - Xin Yang (2023 – Present; current PhD student)
  - Qi An (2022 – Present; current PhD student)
  - Liang Yin (2024 – 2025; visiting PhD student from Chongqing University)

- Supervisory committee member (year of graduation; area)
  - Janice Yan (current PhD student; Finance)
  - Weisu Yu (2025; Finance)
  - Dan Gong (2019; Accounting)

- Thesis examiner (year of thesis defense; area)
  - Ailin Chen (2025; Finance)
  - Chong Meng (2020; Finance)

- Proposal defense committee member (year of proposal defense; area)
  - Kieran Taylor-Neu (2025; Accounting)
  - Ailin Chen (2023; Finance)
  - Yusuke Tsujimoto (2020; Finance)
  - Sarin John (2019; Accounting)
  - Chong Meng (2017; Finance)

- Proposal defense committee chair (year of proposal defense; area)
  - Linfeng Tian (2024; Finance)

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

University of Alberta

- Financial data tapes committee (2018 – Present)
- Graduate scholarship committee (2024 – 2027)
- Accounting research workshop coordinator (2019 – 2025)
- Accounting faculty recruiting committee (2017/18, 2022/23, 2023/24)
- Finance faculty recruiting committee (2023/24)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND AFFILIATIONS

Associate Editor

- *Managerial Auditing Journal* (since December 2022)

Screening Editor

- *Corporate Governance: An International Review* (since December 2025)

Editorial board member

- *Corporate Governance: An International Review* (February 2021–November 2025)
- *Managerial Auditing Journal* (April 2021–November 2022; de-facto Associate Editor)

Ad hoc referee

- Journals:
  - *Abacus*
  - *Accounting Perspectives*
  - *Asia-Pacific Journal of Accounting and Economics*
  - *Asia-Pacific Journal of Financial Studies*
  - *Asian Review of Accounting*
  - *Australian Accounting Review*
  - *British Accounting Review*
  - *China Finance Review International*
  - *Contemporary Accounting Research*
  - *Corporate Governance: An International Review*
  - *Economic Modelling*
  - *Economics and Business Letters*
  - *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*
  - *European Accounting Review*
  - *European Financial Management*
  - *European Journal of Finance*
  - *Finance Research Letters*
  - *Financial Review*
  - *Global Finance Journal*
  - *International Journal of Accounting*
  - *International Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Performance Evaluation*
  - *International Review of Finance*
  - *International Review of Financial Analysis*
  - *Investment Analysts Journal*
  - *Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance*
  - *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*
  - *Journal of Banking and Finance*
  - *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance*
  - *Journal of Business Ethics*
  - *Journal of Business Finance and Accounting*
  - *Journal of Business Research*
  - *Journal of Contemporary Accounting and Economics*
  - *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*
  - *Journal of Financial Research*
  - *Journal of International Financial Management and Accounting*

- *Managerial Auditing Journal*
- *North American Journal of Economics and Finance*
- *Production and Operations Management*
- *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*
- *The Accounting Review*

・Conferences:
- AAA Global Connect / Annual Meeting (2014 – 2019, 2023, 2024, 2026)
- Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting (2026)
- FARS Midyear Meeting (2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2025)
- CAAA Annual Conference (2014, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2023, 2025)
- Hawaii Accounting Research Conference (2021, 2025)

・Grants:
- CPA Canada–CAAA Grant (2025)
- SSHRC Insight Grant (2020, 2021, 2023, 2024)
- CAAA Research Grant (2020)

External reviewer for reappointment, tenure, or promotion
・2026: University of Colorado Colorado Springs
・2023: University of Colorado Denver; University of North Florida

Conference co-chair
・2026 CAAA Annual Conference

Conference program committee member
・2025 CAPANA Annual Research Conference (Taipei)
・2020 CAAA Annual Conference (virtual conference)

External award committee member
・2025 Lazaridis Award for CAAA Annual Conference

Conference session moderator
・2023 *Managerial Auditing Journal* International Conference, Nanjing, China
・2023 CAAA Annual Conference, Quebec City, QC
・2021 CAAA Annual Conference (virtual conference)
・2020 AAA FARS Midyear Meeting, Nashville, TN
・2019 AAA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (two sessions)
・2015 AAA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

Membership
・American Accounting Association (AAA)
・Canadian Academic Accounting Association (CAAA)
・Chinese Accounting Professors' Association of North America (CAPANA)
・Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) (Affiliate)

AWARDS AND HONORS

CAAA Outstanding Service Award (2026)
Corporate Governance: An International Review Best Reviewer Award (2024)
AAA FARS Excellence in Reviewing Award (2019)
College of Business PhD Student Teaching Excellence Award, City University of Hong Kong (2015)
Postgraduate Studentship, City University of Hong Kong (2010 – 2014)
Top Affiliate Award, ACCA Hong Kong (2013)
Top Score Winner in Paper P5 (*Advanced Performance Management*), ACCA Hong Kong

(2013)
Research Tuition Scholarship, City University of Hong Kong (2012)
ACCA Scholarship (2009, 2010)
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, School of Accounting and Finance, Hong Kong Polytechnic University (2009, 2010)
Hong Kong Government Scholarship (2009)
Hong Kong Securities Institute Scholarship (2009)
Scholarship in Economics, Hong Kong Polytechnic University (2008)