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## **Academic Experience**

### **University of Alberta**

Associate Professor of Accounting, 2017–present.

Adjunct Professor, Department of Economics, 2025–present.

### **Carnegie Mellon University**

Assistant Professor of Accounting, 2011–2017.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Accounting, 2008–2011.

### **Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration (NHH)**

Assistant Professor of Accounting, 2005–2008.

## **Education**

### **Ph.D. in Business Administration, Accounting concentration,**

University of Minnesota. Advisor: John Dickhaut. Chair: John Kareken.

## **Professional Activities**

### **Editorial Positions**

*Theory and Decision*, Coordinating Editor 2019–present.

*Advances in Accounting*, Editorial Board, 2019–present; Associate Editor, 2022–present

### **Academic Advisory Committee Member**

Accounting Standards Board (Canada), 2019–present.

**Other** Over ten years of industry experience

## **Grants Received**

University of Alberta, Endowment Fund for the Future/Support for the Advancement of Scholarship (EFF-SAS) award: C\$2,900 (with David Kelsey, University of Nottingham Business School), August, 2025.

University of Nottingham International Research Collaboration Fund: £2150 (with David Kelsey, University of Nottingham Business School), April, 2025.

University of Alberta, Endowment Fund for the Future/Support for the Advancement of Scholarship (EFF-SAS) award: C\$8,000 (with Karim Jamal, Michael Maier, and Li Xiao). September, 2019.

Carnegie Mellon University, Berkman Faculty Development Grant: US\$3,500 (with Linda H. Moya, Carnegie Mellon University), April, 2013.

FDIC, Center for Financial Research: US\$10,000 (with Jonathan Glover and John O'Brien, Carnegie Mellon University), June, 2009.

## Refereed Publications

### Journals

1. Do Generalizations of Expected Utility Explain More than the Zero Effect? *Applied Economics Letters*, Forthcoming, 2025 (with Elif Incekara-Hafalir and Eungsik Kim).
2. Bayes and Hurwicz without Bernoulli. *Journal of Economic Theory*, 199:Article number 105027, 2022 (with Simon Grant and Patricia Rich).
3. Is the Allais Paradox Due to Appeal of Certainty or Aversion to Zero? *Experimental Economics*, 24(3):751–771, 2021 (with Elif Incekara-Hafalir and Eungsik Kim).
4. Objective and Subjective Rationality and Decisions with the Best- and Worst-Case in Mind. *Theory and Decision*, 90(3–4):309–320, 2021 (with Simon Grant and Patricia Rich).
5. Discretionary aggregation. *The Accounting Review*, 92(1):73–91, 2017 (with Michael Ebert and Dirk Simons).
6. Using Brouwer's continuity principle to pick stocks. *Annals of Operations Research*, 225(1):161–171, 2015 (with Mark van Atten).
7. Hail, Procrustes! Harmonized accounting standards as a Procrustean bed. *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*, 31(3):341–355, 2012 (with Jeroen Suijs).
8. Generating ambiguity in the laboratory. *Management Science*, 57(4):705–712, 2011 (with John Dickhaut and Timothy Shields).
9. Decision making and trade without probabilities. *Economic Theory*, 48(2–3): 275–288, 2011 (with John Dickhaut, Radhika Lunawat, and Kira Pronin).
10. Competitive equilibrium with intuitionistic agents. *Synthese*, 181(Supplement 1): 49–63, 2011.
11. Existence of approximate social welfare. *Social Choice and Welfare*, 30(1):43–56, 2008.

12. A critical discussion of the characteristic properties of list PR and FPTP systems. *Analyse & Kritik*, 29(2):382–391, 2007 (with Elicora van der Hout and Harrie de Swart).

### Book Chapters and Proceedings

13. Allais paradox, certainty effect, and zero effect (with Elif Incekara-Hafalir), in S. H. Chuah, R. Hoffmann, and A. Neelim, editors, *Edward Elgar Encyclopedia of Behavioural and Experimental Economics*, Cheltenham, 2025.
14. A pattern in Cris Calude’s work (with Arthur Paul Pedersen), in C. Câmpeanu, M.J. Dineen, and K. Svozil, editors, *Liber Amicorum Cristian S. Calude 70:70–72*, Centre for Discrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science, Auckland, 2022.
15. Subjective information in decision making and communication, in M. Abdellaoui and J. D. Hey, editors, *Advances in Decision Making under Risk and Uncertainty*, Theory and Decision Library C 42:47–60, 2008.
16. The choice of standards for a reporting language (with Michał Walicki and Uwe Wolter), in Sergey Goncharov, Rod Downey, and Hiroakira Ono, editors, *Mathematical Logic i Asia: Proceedings of the Ninth Asian Logic Conference:277–287*, 2006.
17. Decisions under subjective information, in Ron van der Meyden, editor, *Proceedings of the 10th Conference on Theoretical Aspects of Rationality and Knowledge:150–157*, 2005.

### Working Papers and Work in Progress

#### Completed Working Papers

18. A Principle of Classification (with Matjaž Konlikova and Mark Penno, under review).
19. Information Design with Risk-Dominant Equilibrium Selection (with Michael Ebert, Joseph B. Kadane, and Dirk Simons, in preparation for submission).
20. Disclosure Volume (with Ke Feng, in preparation for submission).
21. Decisions under Ambiguity via Intermediate Microeconomics (with Simon Grant and Patricia Rich, in preparation for submission).
22. Model-based Fair Values Make Markets Illiquid (with Radhika Lunawat, Kira Pronin, and Gaoqing Zhang).
23. Do Justice, Love Mercy (with John H. Kareken).

#### Technical Report

24. A Category for Studying the Standardization of Reporting Languages (with Michał Walicki and Uwe Wolter.). University of Bergen Report in Informatics 314, 2006.

### **Other Papers and Work in Progress**

25. Explaining ultimatum bargaining as bilateral bargaining (with Todd R. Kaplan).
26. Task Familiarity, payoff salience, and the description-experience gap (with Linda H. Moya).
27. The benefits of pass/fail grading in paying experiment participants (with Kira Pronin and Timothy Shields).

### **Teaching Experience**

**University of Alberta:** Financial statement analysis (undergraduate and MBA); Financial reporting for managers and analysts (MBA); Intermediate financial accounting I (undergraduate); Theoretical research in accounting (undergraduate); Introduction to accounting research (Ph.D.); Information economics and accounting research (Ph.D.); Analytical research in accounting (Ph.D.).

**Carnegie Mellon University:** Corporate financial reporting; Managerial accounting; Financial and managerial accounting I and II (MBA core); Accounting and information economics I and II; MS in Robotic System Design: Introduction to financial accounting; Advanced topics: decision theory and accounting; Advanced topics: unconventional approaches to information and uncertainty.

**Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration:** Corporate financial reporting; Managerial accounting; Capital markets; Information economics and incentive mechanisms.

**University of Mannheim:** Two intensive Ph.D. courses: Accounting and information economics; Computer-assisted theorem proving.

**Bilkent University:** Mini-course on information economics.

**University of Calgary:** Guest lecturer for two Ph.D. sessions on analytical research in accounting.

### **Doctoral Student Committees (Initial Placement)**

#### **University of Alberta**

Ke Feng, supervisor, 2025

Leixing Jiang, supervisor (in progress)

Nancy Wang, supervisor (in progress)

Yulong Zhang, supervisor (in progress)  
Tong Liu, co-supervisor (economics; in progress)  
Ranu Castaneda Medina, committee member (mathematics, in progress)  
Dasha Smirnov, arms-length examiner, 2020 (Lancaster University).

### **Carnegie Mellon University**

Nam Ho, co-supervisor, 2019. (Brock)  
Camilo Botia Chaparro, committee member (finance), 2017. (Deloitte & Touche)  
Lily Morse, committee member (organizational behavior and theory), 2016. (Post-doctoral researcher, Notre Dame)  
Artem Neklyudov, committee member (finance), 2013. (HEC Lausanne and Swiss Finance Institute)  
Min Cao, committee member, 2011. (Rutgers)  
Hong Qu, committee member, 2010. (Penn State)  
Edwige Cheynel, committee member, 2009. (Columbia)

### **University of Pittsburgh**

Ling (Lily) Yang, committee member (economics), 2016. (University of Sydney)

### **University of Mannheim**

Qi Gao Fritz, external examiner, 2023 (SKEMA Business School)

### **Vienna University of Economics and Business**

Katrin Weiskirchner-Mertin, external examiner, 2015. (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

### **University of Helsinki**

Raul Hakli, external pre-examiner (philosophy), 2010. (Post-doctoral researcher, University of Helsinki)

### **Masters Student Supervision**

Natalia Isakova, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, 2009.

### **Undergraduate Student Supervision**

Haley Kostyshen, University of Alberta, 2018.  
Garrett Rokosh, University of Alberta, 2018.  
Siddharth Arora, Carnegie Mellon, 2010.  
Yulian Fedulov, Carnegie Mellon, 2009.

### **Seminar and Conference Presentations (2015 and later)**

### **Invited Presentations at Conferences/Symposia**

- 2023** Risk, Insurance, and Savings Laboratory (RISL $\alpha\beta$ ) Workshop on Cognitive Economics, Ghent, Belgium
- 2022** University of Alberta Institute for Public Economics; Risk, Insurance, and Savings Laboratory (RISL $\alpha\beta$ ) Africa Workshop, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Rabat; Credit Institute of Canada Biannual meeting, Banff, AB
- 2017** University of Exeter Conference on Banking and Macroeconomics, Exeter, UK
- 2016** Tel Aviv Accounting Conference; Wharton Accounting Conference
- 2015** Penn State University Economic Theory Conference

### Conference Presentations after Peer Review (since 2017)

- 2025** Accounting Research Workshop; Mediterranean Accounting Conference; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory
- 2024** Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory; RISL $\alpha\beta$  Workshop in Honor of Peter Wakker
- 2023** Hawaii Accounting Research Conference; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory
- 2022** Hawaii Accounting Research Conference; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory
- 2021** 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the Game Theory Society; Hawaii Accounting Research Conference; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory
- 2020** 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the Econometric Society; Foundations of Utility and Risk FUR 2020\*; Conference on Mechanism and Institution Design (CMID20)
- 2019** Hawaii Accounting Research Conference; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory
- 2018** Hawaii Accounting Research Conference; Foundations of Utility and Risk; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory
- 2017** Accounting Research Workshop; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory

### Seminars at Academic Institutions (since 2020)

- 2025** University of Windsor
- 2024** University of Alabama; Chapman University—Accounting; Chapman University—Economic Sciences Institute; Claremont Graduate University
- 2021** University of Alberta; University of Nottingham; Vienna University of Economics and Business
- 2020** University of Graz; Tel Aviv University; University of Haifa

### **Appointments in Research Organizations**

Applied and Theoretical Economics (ATE) Network: Frontiers in Decision Theory Representative (2012–present)

Risk, Insurance, and Savings Laboratory (RISL $\alpha\beta$ R) Network (2023–present)

### **Service**

#### **Referee:**

*Journals:* Accounting, Economics, and Law; The Accounting Review, Advances in Accounting; Applied Mathematics Letters, Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory; Contemporary Accounting Research; The Economic Journal; Economic Theory; Economics Bulletin; European Accounting Review; Experimental Economics; Fundamenta Inforaticae; Global Finance Journal; International Economic Review; International Journal of Auditing; International Journal of Operations Research; Journal of Accounting and Economics; Journal of Accounting and Public Policy; Journal of Accounting Research; Journal of Banking and Finance; Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control; Journal of Experimental Psychology: General; Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition; Journal of Financial Reporting; Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics; Journal of Management Accounting Research; Management Science; New Zealand Economic Papers; OR Spectrum, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance; Review of Accounting Studies; Review of Finance; Royal Society Open Science; Springer Nature Business and Economics.

*Conferences:* AAA Managerial Accounting Section; AAA Annual Meeting; AAA Financial Accounting and Reporting Section; AAA International Accounting Section Meeting; CAAA Annual Meeting; European Accounting Association Annual Meeting; Hawaii Accounting Research Conference; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory Annual Meeting

*Grant Proposals:* Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (UK); British Academy; Israeli Science Foundation; Nuffield Foundation Social Science Small Grants Scheme.

#### **University Service, University of Alberta**

Faculty of Agricultural, Life, & Environmental Sciences Council, July 2019–present.

Institute for Public Economics Executive Committee, November 2018–present.

Research Ethics Board, August 2017–present.

Undergraduate Advisory Committee, July 2017–June 2020.

PhD Program Committee Accounting Specialization Representative, July 2020–present.

#### **University Service, Carnegie Mellon University**

Ph.D. Area Head, Accounting (May 2011–May 2015).

Management Game Committee (June 2014–June 2017).

Organizer, Accounting Seminar Series (June 2013–June 2014).

Institutional Review Board, Scientific Committee Member (May 2013–June 2017).

**University Service, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration**

Recruiting (Accounting, 2007; Finance, 2006)

Seminar coordinator (2006–2008).

**Conference Scientific Committee**

Session Organizer, Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (2012–present).

European Accounting Association Scientific Committee (2010–2013, 2017, 2019–present).

Theory Track Chair, Hawaiian Accounting Research Conference (2020–present).

Organizing Committee, Hawaiian Accounting Research Conference (2021–present).

Program Committee, Advances in Accounting Annual Conference (2021–2023).