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Academic Positions

Department Head, Associate Professor and William S Gay Faculty Fellow –
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (2022 –)
Associate Professor and William S Gay Faculty Fellow –
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (2020 – 2021)
Assistant Professor – Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (2017 – 2020)
Visiting Assistant Professor – The University of Texas at Austin (2016 – 2017)
Assistant Professor – Georgetown University (2011 – 2016)

Education

Ph.D.	University of Chicago Booth School of Business	2011
M.B.A.	University of Chicago Booth School of Business	2011
B.Sc.	Accountancy – Wayne State University	2003

Research

Publications:

1. Who did it Matters: Executive Equity Compensation and Financial Reporting Fraud. Journal of Accounting and Economics, 2022, Volume 73, Issue 2-3. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jacceco.2021.101453>
2. The Deterrent Effect of Insider Trading Enforcement Actions, with Christo Pirinsky. The Accounting Review, 2022, Volume 97 (3): 227-247. <https://doi.org/10.2308/TAR-2020-0003>
3. Executives' Legal Records and the Deterrent Effect of Corporate Governance, with Aiyasha Dey and Abbie Smith. Contemporary Accounting Research, 2020, Volume 37 (3): 1,444-1,474. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1911-3846.12564>

4. Attitudes towards Noncompliance and the Demand for External Financing, with Christo Pirinsky. *The Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, 2019, Volume 54 (2): 967-991. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022109018000868>
5. CEO Materialism and Corporate Social Responsibility, with Aiyesha Dey and Abbie Smith. *The Accounting Review*, 2019, Volume 94 (1): 101-126. <https://doi.org/10.2308/accr-52079>
6. Bank CEO Materialism: Risk Controls, Culture and Tail Risk, with Robert Bushman, Aiyesha Dey, and Abbie Smith. *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, 2018, Volume 65, Issue 1: 191-220. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jacceco.2017.11.014>
7. CEO's "Off-the-Job" Behavior and Financial Reporting Risk, with Aiyesha Dey and Abbie Smith. *Journal of Financial Economics*, 2015, Volume 117, Issue 1: 5-28. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jfineco.2013.07.004>

Working Papers:

1. Financial Reporting Fraud and Delegated Investment (With Christo Pirinsky and Hanjiang Zhang). Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Accounting Research*.
2. Audit Partner Trust and Audit Quality (with Ling Lisic, Mike Truelson, and Karneisha Wolfe). Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Accounting and Economics*.
3. Executive Portfolio Management and Financial Misreporting (with Erlina Papakroni and Marshall Vance).
4. Management Capital Expenditures Forecast Type, Forecast Accuracy, and Future Operating Performance (with Adam Du Pon and Hari Ramasubramanian).
5. Corrupt Organizations, Corrupt Individuals, and Financial Reporting Risk (with Mark Zhang).
6. Cash Flows, Accruals and Earnings in the Pre-Fraud Period (with Jack Dorminey and Richard Riley).
7. Income Statement Fraud and Balance Sheet Fraud: Different Manipulations, Different Incentives.

Invited Presentations

- 2019: FARS Midyear Meeting – Discussant; Institute for Fraud Prevention Annual Meeting; University of Tennessee
- 2017: University of Illinois at Chicago; Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

- 2016: Ackerman Conference on Corporate Governance at Bar Ilan University; Institute of Fraud Prevention Semi Annual Meeting; University of Maryland; American University; United States Securities and Exchange Commission
- 2015: Temple University; George Mason Conference on Corporate Governance – Discussant; FARS Midyear Meeting – Discussant
- 2014: Institute of Fraud Prevention Semi-Annual Meeting
- 2013: Duke University; Virginia Accounting Research Conference
- 2012: James Madison University; George Mason Conference on Corporate Governance
- 2011: Institute of Fraud Prevention Semi-Annual Meeting; D.C. Area Accounting Conference; Trans-Atlantic Doctoral Conference; Georgetown University; The University of Texas at Dallas; Purdue University; The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Florida International University

Awards and Grants

Awards:

Best Paper Award – George Mason Conference on Corporate Governance

Competitive Research Grants:

Institute for Fraud Prevention - \$30,000

Fama-Miller Center - \$15,000

Initiative on Global Markets - \$10,000

Center for Financial Markets and Policy - \$8,000

James Ely III Fund for Research in Corporate Governance - \$15,000

Dean’s Small Grant – University of Minnesota - \$8,000

Teaching Experience

Virginia Tech:	PhD – Capital Markets PhD Seminar Master’s – Research and Analysis in Accounting; Advanced Cost Accounting
University of Texas at Austin:	MBA – Financial Statement Analysis Undergraduate – Financial Accounting
Georgetown University:	MBA – Financial Accounting; Managerial Accounting Undergraduate – Managerial Accounting
University of Chicago:	Undergraduate – Financial Accounting

Dissertation Committees

Jennifer Williams (chair)
Adam Du Pon (chair)
Mark Zhang (chair)
James Meersman (chair)
Akwasi Ampofo
Delia Valentine

Service at Pamplin School of Business

Chair – ACIS Research Committee	2018 – present
Member – ACIS PhD Committee	2019 – present
Member – ACIS Promotion and Tenure Committee	2020 – present
Conference Organizer – Virginia Tech Accounting Research Conference	2019 – present

Professional Service

Ad Hoc Reviewer for:

Journal of Accounting Research
Journal of Accounting and Economics
The Accounting Review
Review of Financial Studies
Journal of Quantitative and Financial Analysis
Contemporary Accounting Research
Management Science
Review of Accounting Studies
Journal of Corporate Finance
European Accounting Review
Journal of Management Accounting Research
Accounting Horizons
Journal of Banking and Finance
Journal of Business Ethics
Journal of Government and Nonprofit Accounting