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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Accounting, 2015, *Southern Illinois University Carbondale*, Carbondale, IL

M.B.A, Management, 2006, *University of Missouri- Columbia*, Columbia, MO

B. S., Accounting, 2004, *Southern Illinois University Carbondale*, Carbondale, IL

RESEARCH INTEREST

Judgment and Decision Making, Auditing, Auditor Behavior, Internal Controls, Data Analytics, Behavioral Experiments

RESEARCH

Submissions and Resubmissions

“What’s My Motivation: The Effect of Motivated Reasoning and Accountability on the Determination of Internal Control Effectiveness.” Submission process

“A Judgment-Framing Explanation for Halo Effects during Auditor Evaluation of Internal Controls” Revising for resubmission. Co-Author: Ed O’Donnell.

Working Papers

“An Experiment in the Use of Data Analytics in Audits: Are CAATs better at Improving Audit Judgments?”

“Embracing the Challenges of Accepting Data Analytics as Evidence: A Need for a Paradigm Shift in Auditing Methods”

Projects In-Process

“Exploring the Expectation Gap: Should Audit Firms Be Responsible for Attestation Over Cybersecurity?”

“Leveraging data analytics to give small firms an advantage”

“Wells Fargo as an internal control teaching tool: A case study”

“Examining the Organizational Impact of Adopting Data Analytics as a Methodology Across the Audit Firm”

“Survey of Auditors: Exploring the Cognitive Barriers to a Paradigm Shift in Audit Methodology”

“Exploratory analysis: Can analytics be used as evidence of internal control effectiveness?”

Ad-hoc Reviewer

American Accounting Association

Behavioral Research in Accounting

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND PRESENTATIONS

Moderator and Discussant – Accounting, Behavior and Organizations Meeting, Kansas, KS, 2011

Reviewer and Moderator – AAA Auditing Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2013

Presentation - “*A Judgment-Framing Explanation for Halo Effects during Auditor Evaluation of Internal Controls*”, Breakfast Forum, Accounting, Behavior and Organizations Meeting, October 2012

Presentation - “*A Judgment-Framing Explanation for Halo Effects during Auditor Evaluation of Internal Controls*”, Breakfast Forum, Auditing Meeting, January 2013

PhD Project Recruiting Conference Representative, November 2010 – 2014

SIUC College of Business Doctoral Planning Committee, 2014 - 2015

Reviewer, Discussant and Moderator – AAA Auditing Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2015

Panelist – National Academy Foundation & KPMG Future Ready Lab, July 2017

Reviewer, Panelist and Presenter – AAA Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, August 2017

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

American Accounting Association National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2010

American Accounting Association National Meeting, Denver, CO, August 2011

Accounting, Behavior and Organizations Meeting, Kansas, KS, October 2011

American Accounting Association National Meeting, Washington, DC, August 2012

Accounting, Behavior and Organizations Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 2012

American Accounting Association Auditing Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2013

American Accounting Association National Meeting, Anaheim, CA, August 2013

American Accounting Association National Meeting, Atlanta, GA, August 2014

American Accounting Association National Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2015

American Accounting Association National Meeting, New York, NY, August 2016

American Accounting Association Auditing Mid-year Meeting, Orlando, FL, January 2017

American Accounting Association Auditing National Meeting, San Diego, CA, August 2017

WORKSHOPS AND CONSORTIUMS ATTENDED - RESEARCH RELATED

The Ph.D. Project Accounting Doctoral Students Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, August 2010. Sponsored by KPMG Foundation.

The Ph.D. Project Accounting Doctoral Students Association Conference, Denver, CO, August 2011. Sponsored by KPMG Foundation.

Accounting, Behavior and Organizations Doctoral Consortium, Kansas, KS, October 2011

The Ph.D. Project Accounting Doctoral Students Association Conference, Washington, DC, August 2012. Sponsored by KPMG Foundation

Accounting, Behavior and Organizations Doctoral Consortium, Atlanta, GA, October 2012
Auditing Doctoral Consortium and Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2013
The Ph.D. Project Accounting Doctoral Students Association Conference, Anaheim, CA August 2013.
Sponsored by KPMG Foundation.
Early Career Professional Development Workshop, St. Louis, MO, June 2014.
1st University of Illinois Symposium on Auditing Research and the 1st Illinois Audit Doctoral Consortium, Champaign, IL, September 2014.
Accounting, Behavior and Organizations Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, October 2014
The Ph.D. Project Accounting Doctoral Students Association Conference, Chicago, IL, August 2015. Sponsored by KPMG Foundation
The Ph.D. Project Accounting Doctoral Students Association Conference, New York, NY, August 2016. Sponsored by KPMG Foundation
New Faculty Consortium, Leesburg, VA, February 2017. Sponsored by Ernst & Young
Robert M. Trueblood Seminar, Westlake, TX, March 2017. Sponsored by Deloitte

HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS

AICPA, Member 2010- present
American Accounting Association, Member 2010 - present
KPMG Accounting Doctoral Student Association, Member 2010 – 2015, President 2013 – 2014
KPMG Doctoral Fellowship, 2010-2015
KPMG Accounting Doctoral Faculty Association, Planning Committee & Member 2015 – present

TEACHING INTEREST

Auditing, Internal Audit, Accounting Information Systems

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Auditing 430, Fall 2017
Auditing 430, Fall 2016
Auditing 420, Fall 2015

Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL, August 2009 – 2015

Introduction to Financial Accounting ACCT 220

Fall 2010 - 4.6 / 5.0

Auditing ACCT 460

Fall 2011
Spring 2012
Fall 2012
Spring 2013

Statistics ACCT 208 (Introduction to Statistics)

Fall of 2013,
Spring 2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Stone Carlie, St. Louis, MO

Auditor

2007 - 2009

Performed benefit plan, financial statement and information systems audits. Lead teams in fieldwork, reviewed audit work and compiled audited financial statements.

Nestle, St. Louis, MO

Advanced Internal Auditor

2006 - 2007

Performed internal audits of Trade Spend for Nestle USA, received audit training in Vevey, Switzerland, lead team in audit of Accounts Payable in Bangalore, India.

Compile reports, including statistical and inventory trends to manage supply chain logistics. Audited information systems, product quality, inventory, human resource compliance and production.

PriceWaterhouseCoopers, St. Louis, MO

Auditor

2002 - 2005