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EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D. (Accounting), University of Alabama
2011 Masters (Accounting), Auburn University
2010 B.S.B.A. (Accounting), *Summa Cum Laude*, Auburn University

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2018 – Present Georgia State University
Robinson College of Business
Assistant Professor

2016 – 2018 Georgetown University
McDonough School of Business
Visiting Affiliate

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Government & Nonprofit Accounting, Reporting, Disclosure, and Capital Markets

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Academic Publications

“Accounting Standardization and Separation in the Municipal Debt Market: Evidence from GASB 34” (with William Baber and Allison Koester) (Forthcoming, *The Accounting Review*, July 2024)

“Strategic Reporting by Nonprofit Hospitals: An Examination of Bad Debt and Charity Care” (with Collin Gilstrap, Jordan Rippy, and Brian Vansant): *Review of Accounting Studies* (2021), 26(3): 933-970.

- Presented at the 2020 *Review of Accounting Studies* conference

“Opportunistic Financial Reporting Around Municipal Bond Issues” (sole authored): *Review of Accounting Studies* (2018), 23(3): 785-826.

- “Best Paper” award, 2017 *Review of Accounting Studies* Conference
- Recipient of the AAA Government and Nonprofit Section Dissertation Research Grant.

“Are Audit-Related Factors Associated with Financial Reporting Quality in Nonprofit Organizations?” (with Sarah Garven and Linda Parsons). *Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory* (2018), 37(1): 49-68.

“Why Municipalities Fail: Implications for Uncertainty Disclosures” (with Mary Stone). *Research in Accounting Regulation* (2017), 29(1): 1-9.

- Based on the results of a study funded by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Working Papers

“Do Donors Value Volunteer Commitment in Assessing Nonprofit Effectiveness?” (with Sarah Garven and Michelle Yetman) (Preparing for 3rd round review at *Contemporary Accounting Research*)

- Recipient of GSU Center for Economic Analysis and Risk Research Grant

“Nonprofit Crisis Response: Evidence from COVID-19” (with Erica Harris and Dan Neely) (Preparing for 2nd round review at *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*)

“Conditional Investor Responses to Municipal Bond Ratings” (with Linda Parsons and Trevor Sorensen)

“A Streetcar Undesired: Overinvestment by Local Governments” (with Angela Gore and Kevin Rich)

“State Government Trifectas and Municipal Bond Pricing” (with Riddha Basu, Angela Gore, and Kevin Rich)

“Surplus Avoidance and Bureaucratic Incentives in the Government Sector” (with Xi Chen and Gilles Hilary)

“Forecasting Municipal Financial Distress” (with Ryan Polk and Mary Stone)

- Based on the results of a study funded by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board

“Information Processing Costs in Donor Decision Making: Evidence from the Field” (with Christine Cuny and Sara Malik)

- Selected for the IRS Statistics of Income Statistical Research Program (2023) based on the proposal, “The Impact of the CARES Act on Charitable Giving”.

Selected Research in Progress (Data analysis stage)

- *Hospital M&A and captive insurance* (with Collin Gilstrap and Paul Wong)
- *Political incentives and tone in state government financial reports* (with Matt DeAngelis, Jason Moon and Ventsislav Stamenov)
- *Balance sheet constraints on governmental opportunistic reporting* (with Ryan Polk and Mary Stone)

Practitioner Publication

“Why Do Governments Go out of Business?” (with Mary Stone). July 2017. *Journal of Governmental Financial Management*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgia State University

- ACCT 4750: *Technology and Values in the Accounting Profession (Data Analytics)*
- ACCT 4610: *Assurance Services (Audit)*
- ACCT 9100: *Critical Thinking Seminar (PhD Students)*
- MBA 8025: *Financial Statement Analysis*
- Exec. Edu. (Young School of Policy Studies): *Government Financial Statements*
- Exec. Edu. (Young School of Policy Studies): *Debt Reporting*
- Cairo University, Faculty of Commerce program: *Introduction to Assurance Services*

Kennesaw State University

- Accounting PhD Seminar (guest leader)

Georgetown University

- ACCT 101: *Introduction to Financial Accounting*

University of Alabama

- AC 210: *Introduction to Financial Accounting*
- AC 432: *Introduction to Corporate Risk Governance Assessment (Audit)*
- AC 456: *Government and Non-Profit Accounting*

INVITED/ACCEPTED PRESENTATIONS OF RESEARCH

2024: Hawaii Accounting Research Conference; University of Alabama Symposium

2023: HEC Montreal; University of Alabama Symposium; AAA GNP Midyear Meeting (Denver, CO); Yale School of Management Municipal Research Conference; *Journal of Accounting, Auditing, and Finance* Conference (Helsinki, Finland); AAA Annual Meeting (Denver, CO); Southeast Summer Accounting Research Conference (Atlanta, GA)

2022: University of Alabama Accounting Symposium (virtual); University of Arkansas; University of Florida
2021 (all virtual): AAA GNP Midyear Meeting; University of Notre Dame Municipal Finance Workshop Series; Rutgers University

2020: AAA FARS Midyear Meeting (Nashville, TN); University of Alabama Accounting Symposium; AAA GNP Midyear Meeting (Houston, TX); *Review of Accounting Studies* Conference (virtual)

2019: Georgetown University; College of William & Mary; University of Chicago; North Carolina State University

2018: University of Alabama Accounting Symposium; UC Davis Accounting Research Conference; University of Notre Dame; George Mason University; University of South Florida; Georgia State University

2017: *Review of Accounting Studies* Conference (Barcelona, Spain); George Mason University; AAA Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA); AAA Management Accounting Midyear Meeting (San Juan, PR)

2016: AAA Annual Meeting (NYC, NY); AAA GNP Midyear Meeting (Arlington, VA); AAA Southeast Region Meeting (Atlanta, GA); University of Illinois at Chicago; Southeast Summer Accounting Research Conference (Atlanta, GA)

2015: Rutgers University (New Brunswick, NJ); AAA GNP Midyear Meeting (Detroit, MI); AAA Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE (other than conference presentations above)

- 2024: Stanford Accounting Summer Camp (Discussant; scheduled); AAA Annual Meeting (Panelist – “The Municipal Bond Market and State Government Financial Behavior”; scheduled) Hawaii Accounting Research Conference (Reviewer, Discussant); AAA FARS Midyear Meeting (Discussant) (Discussant)
- 2023: AAA FARS Midyear Meeting (Phoenix, AZ; Reviewer, Discussant); AAA GNP Midyear Meeting (Denver, CO; Reviewer, Discussant);
- 2022: AAA ATA Midyear Meeting (St. Louis, MO); AAA GNP Midyear Meeting (Washington, DC); Pennsylvania State University Accounting Research Conference; AAA Annual Meeting (San Diego); *Contemporary Accounting Research* conference; Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting (Atlanta, GA) (session organizer)
- 2021 (all virtual): University of Alabama Accounting PhD Alumni Research Conference; AAA GNP Midyear Meeting (Reviewer, Discussant); *Review of Accounting Studies* Conference; University of Illinois Young Scholars Research Symposium
- 2020: AAA GNP Midyear Meeting (Houston, TX; Reviewer, Discussant); Review of Financial Studies Current Research in FinTech Conference (Atlanta, GA; Reviewer); AAA Annual Meeting (virtual; Reviewer); Center for Economic Analysis and Risk Accounting Conference (Atlanta, GA; Reviewer, Discussant)
- 2019: AAA Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA); AAA FARS Midyear Meeting (Seattle, WA); University of Alabama Accounting PhD Alumni Research Conference (Tuscaloosa, AL);
- 2018: Southeast Summer Accounting Research Conference (Atlanta, GA); AAA Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)
- 2017: Cherry Blossom Conference at George Washington University (Washington, DC); Brookings Institute Municipal Finance Conference (Washington, DC); Southeast Summer Accounting Research Conference (Atlanta, GA); AAA Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA; Discussant, Presenter)
- 2016: AAA Annual Meeting (New York City, NY; Reviewer); Southeast Summer Accounting Research Conference (Atlanta, GA); AAA GNP Midyear Meeting (Arlington, VA; Reviewer); AAA Southeast Region Meeting (Atlanta, GA; Reviewer); AAA FARS Midyear Meeting (Newport, CA; UA Doctoral Consortium Representative)
- 2015: AAA Deloitte J.M. Cook Doctoral Consortium (Westlake, TX; U. of Alabama Representative); AAFANZ Doctoral Consortium (Hobart, Tasmania, AU; AAA Doctoral Student Representative); AAA Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL; Reviewer, Discussant); AAA GNP Midyear Meeting (Detroit, MI; Reviewer, Discussant); Graduate Research in Accounting Conference at Emory (Atlanta, GA)
- 2014: AAA Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA; Discussant); AAA GNP Midyear Meeting (Norwalk, CT; Round Table Session)

AD HOC REVIEWER (other than conference reviews listed above)

Journals: *The Accounting Review*; *Contemporary Accounting Research*; *Review of Accounting Studies*; *Management Science*; *Accounting Horizons*; *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*; *Journal of Accounting, Auditing, and Finance*; *Journal of Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting*; *Journal of Public Budgeting and Finance*; *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, and Financial Management*; *Municipal Finance Journal*

Other: Hawaii Accounting Research Conference (2018-2023); Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting (2019)

PRESS MENTIONS

The New York Times, July 15, 2022: “It’s Been a Poor Year So Far for Municipal Bonds” (by Tim Gray)

The Jackson Sun, May 7, 2020: “Investigation: How Jackson Generals Got Tax Money for in-Kind Trades”
(by Adam Friedman)

GRANTS & AWARDS

Internal Revenue Service Joint Statistical Research Program	2023
FARS Excellence in Reviewing Award	2020, 2023
GASB Gil Crain Research Grant (\$20K)	2020
Center for Economic Analysis and Risk (GSU) Research Grant	2018
“Best Paper” – <i>Review of Accounting Studies</i> Conference	2017
AAA Representative – Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand Annual Meeting (Hobart, Australia)	2015
AAA Deloitte J.M. Cook Doctoral Consortium Fellow	2015
GASB Gil Crain Research Grant (\$10K)	2015
AAA GNP Dissertation Research Grant	2015
AAA GNP Mid-year Travel Grant	2015
Culverhouse C&BA Summer Excellence in Research Funding Award	2014 - 2015
Three-Minute Thesis, Campus-wide Finalist	2014
Auburn University College of Business Graduation Marshal	2010
Alabama Society of CPAs Accounting Achievement Award	2010

OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Present	GSU SOA PhD Committee (since 2023)
	Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Government and Nonprofit Accounting</i> (since 2022)
	GASB Task Force: Going Concern Uncertainties and Severe Financial Distress (since 2022)
	GSU SOA Workshop Co-coordinator (since 2021)
	AAA Government & Nonprofit section doctoral student liaison (since 2020)
Past	GSU SOA Nontenure-Track Recruiting Committee (2022-2023)
	GSU SOA Director Search Committee (2021-2022)
	AAA Government & Nonprofit section Southeast Region liaison (2019-2021)
	GSU SOA Tenure-Track Recruiting Committee (2019-2020)
	GSU Center for Economic Analysis and Risk Conference Planning Committee (2018-19)
	GSU Undergraduate Research Conference Board (2018-2021)

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Present	Jason Moon (committee member)
2021	Danya Mi (committee member)
	Tina Wilson (DBA) (committee member)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Present	Audit Committee, City of Atlanta (2018-2022)
	Volunteer Coordinator, Virginia Highland Tour of Homes (since 2019)
	Board of Directors, Virginia Highland District Association (2021-22)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011 – 2012 Cadence Bank (Birmingham, AL): *Loan Portfolio Data Analyst and Reporting Specialist*
2010 PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP (Atlanta, GA): *Audit Intern*

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Certified Public Accountant, State of Alabama (Inactive)