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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

MIT Sloan School of Management

Visiting Associate Professor

Cambridge, MA

2025 – 2026

Boston College, Carroll School of Management

Associate Professor (with tenure)

Clark Family Faculty Fellow

Assistant Professor

Chestnut Hill, MA

2024 – Present

2024 – Present

2017 – 2024

EDUCATION

MIT Sloan School of Management

Ph.D., Accounting

Cambridge, MA

2012 – 2017

University of Virginia

M.S. in Accounting, Tax Concentration

B.A., Economics

Charlottesville, VA

2006 – 2007

2001 – 2005

RESEARCH

Publications & Accepted Manuscripts

- [8] “Internalizing Peer Firm Product Market Concerns: Supply Chain Relations and M&A Activity” *Journal of Accounting Research*, Vol. 63, No 2 (2025): 599-647.
 - with Farzana Afrin, Jinhwan Kim, and Sugata Roychowdhury
- [7] “Litigation Risk and Strategic M&A Valuations” *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, Vol. 78, No. 1 (2024): 101671.
 - with Claudia Imperatore, Gabriel Pündrich, and Rodrigo Verdi
- [6] “Do Tax-Based Proprietary Costs Discourage Public Listing?” *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, Vol. 75, No. 2-3 (2023): 101553.
 - Solo-authored
- [5] “Does Tax Enforcement Deter Managers’ Self-Dealing?” *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, Vol. 74, No. 1 (2022): 101512.
 - with Susan Shu
- [4] “CEO Tax Effects on Acquisition Structure and Value” *The Accounting Review*, Vol. 96, No. 2 (2021): 333-363.
 - with Michelle Hanlon and Rodrigo Verdi
- [3] “Do Firms Strategically Internalize Disclosure Spillovers? Evidence from Cash-Financed M&As” *Journal of Accounting Research*, Vol. 58, No. 5 (2020): 1249-1297.
 - with Jinhwan Kim and Rodrigo Verdi

- [2] “Locked-in: The Effect of CEOs’ Capital Gains Taxes on Corporate Risk-Taking” *The Accounting Review*, Vol. 93, No. 5 (2018): 325-358.
- Solo-authored
 - Received 2018 Competitive Manuscript Award from the American Accounting Association
 - Received 2018 ATA/PwC Outstanding Tax Dissertation Award
- [1] “When Does the Peer Information Environment Matter?” *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, Vol. 64, No. 2-3 (2017): 183-214.
- with Nemit Shroff and Rodrigo Verdi
 - 2016 Journal of Accounting and Economics Conference Paper

Working Papers

- [9] “Generative AI Use by Capital Market Information Intermediaries: Evidence from Seeking Alpha”
- with Mark Bradshaw, Chenyang Ma, and Yuan Zou
 - Minor revision requested at *Journal of Accounting Research*
 - 2025 Ray Ball Journal of Accounting Research Conference Paper
- [10] “Corner-Cutters: Personally Tax Aggressive Executives and Corporate Regulatory Violations”
- with Enshuai Yu
 - R&R *Journal of Accounting and Economics*
- [11] “Firm Visibility and Acquisition Likelihood: Evidence from Seeking Alpha Coverage”
- with Pu Gu and Yuan Zou
 - R&R *Journal of Accounting and Economics*
- [12] “Capital Gains Taxes and IPOs: The Value of Stock as Acquisition Currency”
- with Rachel Yoon and Enshuai Yu
 - R&R *Journal of Accounting and Economics*
- [13] “CEO Taxes and Share Pledging”
- with Jon Underwood
 - R&R *The Accounting Review*
- [14] “Treading Lightly: Peer Firms’ Strategic Nondisclosure during Merger Antitrust Reviews”
- with Farzana Afrin, Natalie Berfeld, Mark Piorkowski, and Lauren Vollon
 - R&R *The Accounting Review*
- [15] “The Tax Efficiency of ETFs and the Dividend Disincentive”
- with Ki-Soon Choi, Xintong Li, and Yuan Zou
 - Invited for presentation at the 2026 AFA Annual Meeting
- [16] “The Tax Authority as Social Media Influencer”
- with Susan Shu, Kunpeng Sun, Xing Xiao, and Fan Yang

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Boston College, Carroll School of Management

Financial Accounting, avg. 5-year rating: 4.7 (out of 5.0)
Ph.D. Seminar: Empirical Topics in Accounting

Chestnut Hill, MA

Spring 2018 – 2025
Spring 2023 – 2025

MIT Sloan School of Management

Corporate Financial Accounting

Cambridge, MA

Fall 2025

INVITED WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 University of Virginia – McIntire School of Commerce (scheduled)
University of Illinois Chicago (scheduled)
University of Memphis (scheduled)
American Finance Association Annual Meeting (scheduled)
- 2025 Peking University (scheduled)
University of Toronto
NBER Economics of Executive Compensation Conference (discussant)
Bayes Business School M&A Research Centre Conference (discussant)
Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting (discussant)
Ohio State University
ATA Tax Doctoral Consortium (presenter on “Dissertation Timeline & Strategy”)
- 2024 Baruch College
Conference for Financial Economics and Accounting – University at Buffalo (discussant)
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Northwestern Kellogg Accounting Conference (presenter)
Utah Public Finance Invitational (presenter)
Virginia Tech Accounting Research Conference (presenter)
University of Chicago
- 2023 University of Connecticut
Shenzhen Audencia Financial Technology Institute (virtual)
Southern California Tax Reading Group Discussion (virtual)
NTA Annual Conference on Taxation (presenter)
Journal of the American Taxation Association Conference (discussant)
- 2022 NYU Stern School of Business
Boston College Bartunek Faculty Research Forum
Dartmouth College Tuck School of Business
University of Mannheim Business School
London Business School
MIT Alumni Conference (presenter)
WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management (virtual)
Villanova University/Lehigh University joint workshop (virtual)
- 2021 Stanford University (virtual)
University of Nebraska (virtual)
MIT Asia Conference in Accounting (presenter, virtual)
Indiana University Spring Tax Camp (presenter, virtual)
Chinese University of Hong Kong Accounting Research Conference (presenter, virtual)
University of Texas at Austin (virtual)
Cornell University (virtual)
American Taxation Association Midyear Meeting (discussant, virtual)
- 2019 National Tax Association Annual Meeting (discussant)
Boston Empirical Accounting Research Symposium (presenter)
American Taxation Association Midyear Meeting (discussant)
- 2018 American Accounting Association Annual Meeting (presenter)
MIT Asia Conference in Accounting (presenter)
Chinese Accounting Professors’ Association of North America Conference (discussant)

- 2017 University of Southern California
University of Rochester
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Boston College
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting (presenter and discussant)
- 2016 American Accounting Association Annual Meeting (presenter)
Financial Accounting and Reporting Section Midyear Meeting (presenter)
- 2015 University of Illinois Tax Doctoral Consortium (discussant)
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting (presenter)

INVITED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2026 AFA Annual Meeting (scheduled)
- 2025 Journal of Accounting and Economics Conference (Wharton)
NBER Economics of Executive Compensation Conference (Cambridge)
Stanford Accounting Summer Camp
Bayes Business School M&A Research Centre Conference (London)
Harvard Business School IMO Conference
Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference
Ray Ball Journal of Accounting Research Conference (invited paper)
Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting (Chicago)
American Taxation Association Midyear Meeting (Dallas)
- 2024 Journal of Accounting Research Registered Reports Conference (virtual)
Conference for Financial Economics and Accounting – University at Buffalo
University of Texas / University of Waterloo Taxation Research Symposium
Stanford Accounting Summer Camp
Northwestern Kellogg Accounting Conference
Bocconi Accounting Symposium
LBS Accounting Symposium
LBS Tax Bootcamp
Utah Public Finance Invitational
Virginia Tech Accounting Research Conference
UNC Tax Symposium
- 2023 Review of Accounting Studies Conference (Cambridge, virtual)
NTA Annual Conference on Taxation (Denver)
Journal of Accounting and Economics Conference (MIT)
University of Illinois Symposium on Tax Research
University of Toronto, Rotman Accounting Research Conference
LBS Accounting Symposium (invited paper)
LBS-Stanford Global Tax Conference
Harvard Business School IMO Conference (invited paper)
MIT Alumni Conference
UNC Tax Symposium
American Taxation Association Midyear Meeting (Washington, DC)
- 2022 Journal of Accounting and Economics Conference (UNC)
Contemporary Accounting Research Conference (Halifax, virtual)
MIT Alumni Conference

UNC Tax Symposium

- 2021 Review of Accounting Studies Conference (USC, virtual)
Journal of Accounting Research Registered Reports Conference (virtual)
Journal of Accounting and Economics Conference (Rochester, virtual)
University of Illinois Symposium on Tax Research (virtual)
University of Toronto, Rotman Accounting Research Conference (virtual)
Stanford Accounting Summer Camp (virtual)
MIT Asia Conference in Accounting (virtual)
The Ohio State University Tax Research Symposium (virtual)
Indiana University Spring Tax Camp (virtual)
Chinese University of Hong Kong Accounting Research Conference (virtual)
Journal of Accounting Research Conference (virtual)
UNC Tax Symposium (virtual)
American Taxation Association Midyear Meeting (virtual)
- 2020 Journal of Accounting and Economics Conference (Wharton, virtual)
UNC Tax Symposium (virtual)
- 2019 Journal of Accounting and Economics Conference (MIT)
University of Illinois Symposium on Tax Research
UNC Tax Symposium
American Taxation Association Midyear Meeting (Washington, DC)
- 2018 Wash U. of St. Louis Research Conference in honor of Professor Nick Dopuch
Notre Dame Accounting Research Conference
University of Texas / University of Waterloo Global Taxation Symposium (Austin, TX)
University of Toronto, Rotman Accounting Research Conference
Dartmouth Accounting Research Conference
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)
MIT Asia Conference in Accounting (Hong Kong)
Chinese Accounting Professors' Association of North America Conference (Nanjing, China)
UNC Tax Symposium
AAA New Faculty Consortium (Leesburg, VA)
- 2017 American Accounting Association Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA)
- 2016 Journal of Accounting and Economics Conference (invited paper, MIT)
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting (New York, NY)
Wharton Spring Accounting Conference
American Taxation Association Midyear Meeting (Orlando, FL)
Financial Accounting and Reporting Section Midyear Meeting (Newport Beach, CA)
- 2015 Wash U. of St. Louis Research Conference in honor of Professor Nick Dopuch
Journal of Accounting and Economics Conference (Rochester)
University of Illinois Symposium on Tax Research
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)
AAA/Deloitte Foundation/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium (Dallas, TX)
American Taxation Association Midyear Meeting (Washington, DC)
- 2014 University of Texas / University of Waterloo Global Taxation Symposium (Austin, TX)
UNC Tax Doctoral Seminar
- 2013 Journal of Accounting and Economics Conference (MIT)

HONORS, AWARDS, AND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Clark Family Faculty Fellowship	2024 – Present
Teaching Star Award, BC Carroll School of Management	2018, 2019, 2021, 2025
JATA Conference Edmund Outslay Best Discussant Award	2023
PwC INQUIRES Grant (with Miao Liu and Natalie Berfeld)	2021
Kelley Research Grant (with Vishal Baloria)	2019
ATA/PwC Outstanding Tax Dissertation Award	2018
Competitive Manuscript Award from the American Accounting Association	2018

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editorial Board Member:	
<i>Journal of the American Taxation Association</i>	2024 – Present
Reviewer Service for Academic Journals:	
<i>Contemporary Accounting Research</i>	
<i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i>	
<i>Journal of Accounting and Public Policy</i>	
<i>Journal of Accounting Research</i>	
<i>Journal of Banking and Finance</i>	
<i>Journal of Business Finance & Accounting</i>	
<i>Journal of Financial Reporting</i>	
<i>Journal of the American Taxation Association</i>	
<i>Management Science</i>	
<i>Review of Accounting Studies</i>	
<i>The Accounting Review</i>	
Committee Service for Academic Conferences:	
ATA Research Resources and Methodologies Committee (2025-26), Chair	
ATA Research Resources and Methodologies Committee (2024-25), Vice-Chair	
AAA Annual Meeting Editorial Committee (2024)	
FARS Midyear Meeting Editorial Committee (2023-24)	
Doctoral Committee Service:	
Enshuai Yu (co-chair) – 2026 (expected)	
Pu Gu (member) – 2026 (initial placement: University of British Columbia)	
Jon Underwood (member) – 2024 (initial placement: University of Iowa)	
Boston College Service:	
Mentor for David Kim	2025 – Present
Mentor for DJ Stockbridge	2024 – Present
ACCT 1021 Core Course Coordinator	2020 – Present
CSOM Assurance of Learning (AoL) Committee	2020 – Present
Undergraduate Academic Advisor	2023 – Present
Accounting Department Faculty Recruiting Committee	2018 – 2020, 2025
Accounting Department Research Seminar Coordinator	2019 – 2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATIONS

Ernst & Young, LLP	McLean, VA
Senior, Tax Services	2010 – 2012
Staff, Tax Services	2008 – 2010
Veris Consulting, LLC	Reston, VA
Staff, Accounting and Tax Services	2007 – 2008
Certified Public Accountant, Virginia	2008 – 2012

PRESS MENTIONS AND NOTABLE CITATIONS

- Harvard Business School Working Knowledge (Oct. 10, 2025): [AI Can Churn Out Financial Advice, But Does It Help Investors?](#)
- Boston College Carroll Capital (Jun. 3, 2025): [Keep Your Friends Close and Your Customers Closer](#)
- Seeking Alpha (Apr. 10, 2025): [Study Finds that Coverage by Seeking Alpha Raises Small-Cap Companies' Likelihood of being Acquired](#)
- MSN (Apr. 10, 2025): [Study Finds Seeking Alpha's Small-Cap Coverage Increases their Acquisition Likelihood](#)
- Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog (Feb. 20, 2025): [How CEO Taxes Drive Share Pledging](#)
- Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance (Aug. 1, 2024): [Litigation Risk and Strategic M&A Valuations](#)
- The FinReg Blog: Duke Financial Economics Center (May 31, 2023): [Corner-Cutters: Personally Tax Aggressive Executives and Corporate Regulatory Violations](#)
- Ideas Made to Matter: MIT Sloan School of Management (Aug. 30, 2021): [3 Hidden Forces Driving the M&A Market](#)
- The FinReg Blog: Duke Financial Economics Center (Aug. 12, 2021): [The Strategic Choice of Peers in M&A Valuations](#)
- Stanford Business Insights (Mar. 23, 2021): [Info Games: How Corporations Wield Disclosures as a Merger Tool](#)
- Boston College Carroll School News (Feb. 26, 2019): [In Whose Interests?](#)
- Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation (Sep. 5, 2018): [Insider Tax Effects on Acquisition Structure and Value](#)
- TaxProf Blog (Jul. 26, 2018): [Insider Tax Effects on Acquisition Structure and Value](#)
- Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog (May 18, 2018): [The Feedback Effect of Disclosure Externalities](#)
- Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog (Apr. 28, 2016): [Intertemporal Variation in the Externalities of Peer-Firm Disclosures](#)