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Academic Appointments

Rice University Jones Graduate School of Business
Associate Professor (2020-)
Assistant Professor (2012-2020)
William S. Mackey, Jr. and Verne F. Simons Term Distinguished Assistant
Professor (2018-2019)

Universidad EAFIT (Medellín, Colombia)
Visiting Professor (Fall 2024)

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *Ph.D.* in Management (2012)
Lubbock Christian University, *M.A.* in Biblical Interpretation (2008)
Rice University, *M.B.A.* in Finance (2006)
University of Texas at Austin, *B.S.* in Mathematics (1997)

Research Interests

Fixed income markets, credit rating agencies, financial contracting, banking, financial reporting quality, market competition, corruption.

Publications

“Blocking Block-Formation: Evidence from Private Loan Contracts” with David De Angelis and Rustam Zufarov. *Management Science*, forthcoming.

“CEO Short-Term Incentives and the Agency Cost of Debt” with Jonathan Bitting, David De Angelis, and Maclean Gaulin. *Contemporary Accounting Research* 42(2), (2025): 1388-1422.

“Debt Contracting on Management” with David De Angelis and Maclean Gaulin. *The Journal of Finance* 75(4), (2020): 2095-2137.

“Financial Reporting Quality and Uncertainty about Credit Risk among the Ratings Agencies” *The Accounting Review* 93(4), (2018): 1-22.

“Corruption in Bank Lending: The Role of Timely Loan Loss Recognition” with Yiwei Dou and Jeff Ng. *Journal of Accounting and Economics* 63(2-3), (2017): 454-478.

“Bank Competition and Financial Stability: Evidence from the Financial Crisis” with Lynn Li, Jeff Ng, and Tjomme Rusticus. *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis* 51(1), (2016): 1-28.

“Investor Competition over Information and the Pricing of Information Asymmetry” with Jeff Ng and Rodrigo Verdi. *The Accounting Review* 87(1), (2012): 35-58.

Permanent Working Papers

“The Changing Nature of Firm Age and Accrual Measures” with Andrew Jackson and Brian Rountree.

Teaching Experience

- Rice University - Instructor ratings (scale from 7.0 to 1.0)
 - Financial Statement Analysis
 - MBA – 1.16 (2022), 1.07 (2023)
 - Undergraduate – 1.15 (2022)
 - Global Field Experience
 - Full Time MBA - 1.51 (2022, Madrid), 1.28 (2023, Medellin), 1.10 (2024, Buenos Aires), 1.35 (2025, Lima)
 - Contemporary Accounting Research Topics, PhD Course (2023, 2024)
 - Accounting and Auditing Regulation
 - Master of Accounting – 1.00 (2022)
 - Financial Accounting for MBA Core (Full Time, Executive, Weekend Professional, and Evening Professional programs) - 1.26 (2012), 1.36 (2013), 1.37 (2014), 1.24 (2015), 1.51 (2016), 1.21 (2017), 1.36 (2018), 1.60 (2019), 1.29 (2020), 1.48 (2021)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Instructor for Preterm Accounting Course
 - Instructor ratings: N/A (2009), 4.8/5.0 (2010), 4.8/5.0 (2011)
- Rice University, Teaching Assistant for Finance and Applied Finance (2005-2006)

Awards and Honors

- Award for Excellence in Teaching at Rice University Jones Graduate School of Business
 - Alumni Award in 2025
 - FMBA Full Time Class of 2023
 - Alumni Award in 2021
 - FMBA Full Time Class of 2020
 - MBAP Evening Class of 2017
 - FMBA Full Time Class of 2015
 - MBAP Evening Class of 2014
- Rice Business Career Hero (2023)
- MIT Sloan School of Management Doctoral Fellowship (2007-2012)
- Deloitte Foundation Doctoral Fellowship in Accounting (2009-2010)
- Jones Scholar Award for academic achievement, Rice University (2006)
- Rice University Jones Graduate School of Business Academic Scholarship (2004-2006)
- Houston Society of Financial Analysts Scholarship (2005)

- Selected as top fund analyst group in M. A. Wright Fund at Rice University (2005)

Conferences Attended

- Lone Star Accounting Conference (2014-2015, 2017, 2020-2024), presented (2015)
- Rice Accounting PhD Alumni Conference (2024)
- CARE Conference (Washington, D.C.) (2018)
- Anderson Accounting Conference (University of California Los Angeles) (2017)
- Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference (2016), presented (2016)
- University of Minnesota Empirical Conference (2014)
- American Accounting Association FARS Mid-Year Meeting, San Diego (2010), Chicago (2012), San Diego (2013), Houston (2014), presented (2012)
- Journal of Accounting and Economics, MIT (2009), Wharton (2011)
- Financial Economics and Accounting, Rutgers, presented (2009)
- Information, Markets, and Organizations Conference, Harvard (2008)

Professional Activities

Ad Hoc Reviewer - *Journal of Accounting and Economics, Journal of Accounting Research, The Accounting Review, The Journal of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, Review of Accounting Studies, Contemporary Accounting Research, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Management Science, European Accounting Review, Journal of Business Finance & Accounting, Journal of Accounting and Public Policy, Journal of Accounting, Auditing & Finance, Accounting & Finance*

Presentations

- 2024 – Tilburg University, University of Amsterdam, Universidad EAFIT (Medellín)
- 2020 – University of Iowa
- 2019 – University of Houston
- 2018 – University of California San Diego, University of Colorado, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2017 – London Business School
- 2016 – Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference, The Ohio State University
- 2015 – Lone Star Accounting Conference, Texas A&M University
- 2014 – Washington University in St. Louis
- 2013 – Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 2012 – American Accounting Association FARS Mid-Year Meeting, MIT, The Ohio State University, Rice University, Southern Methodist University, University of Connecticut, University of Houston, University of Minnesota, University of Oklahoma, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2009 – Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting

Dissertation Committees

- Rustam Zufarov (Accounting, 2020)
 - “Revealed Proprietary Information Disclosure”
 - First appointment – University of Illinois at Chicago
- Cody Martin (Chemistry, 2019)

- Maclean Gaulin (Accounting, 2017)
 - “Risk Fact or Fiction: The Information Content of Risk Factor Disclosures”
 - First appointment – University of Utah
- Matthew Ginley (Statistics, 2017)
 - “Gaussian Process Models for Probability of Corporate Default”
 - First appointment – Self-employed as a statistical consultant

Service

- Faculty Council (2025-)
- Faculty Senate (2020-2024)
 - Executive Committee (2021-2023)
 - Nominations and Elections Committee (2020-2021)
- Accounting Faculty Recruiting Committee (2012-2014, 2017-2021, 2022-2023)
 - Chair (2020-2021)
- Master of Accounting Program Committee (2022-2023)
- Undergraduate Business Steering Committee (2022-2023)
- Academic Standards Committee (2016-2017, 2018-2021)
- Curriculum Committee (2017-2018)

Other Experience

- Minister (1997-2004)