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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT**

#### **Assistant Professor**

Department of Accounting, College of Business Administration, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2010 – present.

#### **Graduate Assistant/Instructor**

University of Rochester, 2003-2010.

University of Iowa, 1999-2003.

### **EDUCATION**

#### **University of Rochester, Rochester, New York**

Ph.D. in Business Administration (Major in Accounting, Minor in Finance), 2010.

#### **University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa**

Ph.D. in Economics, 2003.

M.S. in Mathematics, 2002.

#### **Graduate School of People's Bank of China, Beijing, China**

M.A. in Finance, 1998.

#### **Renmin University of China, Beijing, China**

B.A. in Accounting, 1995.

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Economic Consequences of Securities Regulation, Role of Conservatism in Contracting, Earnings-Return Relation, Earnings Management

### **COURSES**

Introduction to Managerial Accounting, University of Illinois at Chicago, Spring 2010, Spring 2012.

### **PUBLICATION**

“Unintended consequences of granting small firms exemptions from securities regulation: Evidence from the Sarbanes-Oxley Act” (with Joanna Wu and Jerold Zimmerman), *Journal of Accounting Research*, May 2009. Presented at the *Journal of Accounting Research* 2008 Conference.

“The Baland-Robinson theory of child labor efficiency: a proposed extension” (with Abu Wahid), *The American Economist*, Fall 2009.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“To comply or not to comply: Understanding the discretion in reporting public float and SEC regulations”.

“The role of accounting conservatism in debt contracts”.

“Reducing bias in reporting conservatism with asymmetric timeliness of earnings”.

“The legal approach to corporate governance and private benefits of control”, with Ivy Zhang.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

“Accounting choices for firms facing delisting”.

Progress: Data analysis stage.

“The role of information in returns and accounting earnings”.

Progress: Data analysis stage.

## **INVITED ACAMEMIC CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

### **Presentations**

- AAA Midwest Region Annual Meeting, 2011, “To comply or not to comply: Understanding the discretion in reporting public float and SEC regulations”.
- AAA Mid-Atlantic Region Annual Meeting, 2010, “The Incentives to Manage Public Float”.
- AAA Northeast Region Annual Meeting, 2006, “The Numbers Game and the Timeliness of Earnings”.

### **Reviewer**

- AAA Annual Meeting, 2011.
- AAA Annual Meeting, 2012.

### **Participant**

- *Journal of Accounting Research* Conference, University of Chicago, 2008.
- Financial Accounting and Reporting Section (FARS) Consortium, 2007.
- AAA Deloitte J. Michael Doctoral Consortium, 2006.
- *Journal of Accounting and Economics* Conference, Northwestern University, 2005.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Member, American Accounting Association.

## **HONORS**

Outstanding Doctoral Student Paper, Mid-Atlantic Region Meeting, 2010.

Fellow for AAA/Deloitte/J.Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium, 2006.

Beta Gamma Sigma (academic honor society for business education), 2000.