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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

June 2025 – Present	Auburn University , Harbert College of Business <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Auburn, AL
Aug. 2021 – May 2025	Oklahoma State University , Spears Business School <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Stillwater, OK

EDUCATION

Jul. 2017 – Aug. 2021	Texas A&M University , Mays Business School <i>Ph.D. in Accounting, Graduated in 4 years</i>	College Station, TX
Aug. 2013 – May 2014	University of Georgia , Terry College of Business <i>M.Acc. Specialization: Auditing</i>	Athens, GA
Aug. 2009 – May 2013	University of Georgia , Terry College of Business <i>B.B.A. in Accounting – Cum Laude Honors</i>	Athens, GA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Voluntary disclosure, non-financial disclosure, capital markets, litigation and regulatory enforcement

PUBLICATIONS

1. Donelson, D., E. Tori, and C. Yust. 2022. “The Effects of Independent Director Litigation Risk.” *Contemporary Accounting Research* 39(2): 751-1508.
 - Media Mention: “Litigation Risk and the Independent Director Labor Market” (Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog on Corporations and Capital Markets, 2019)

WORKING PAPERS

2. “Private Equity Press Releases” with Rachel Flam (London Business School) and Lisa Tiplady (University of Notre Dame)
 - Revising for second round submission to *The Accounting Review*
 - Presented at Alliance Manchester Business School (Flam), Auburn University (Tori), Bayes Business School (Flam), INSEAD (Flam), London Business School (Flam), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Flam), Stanford GSB (Flam), the 2025 LBS Private Capital Symposium (Flam), the 2025 Bretton Woods Accounting and Finance Ski Conference (Tiplady), the 2025 AAA FARS Midyear Meeting (Tiplady), the 2024 Duke-UNC Fall Camp (Flam), the 2024 Fox and Haskayne Accounting Conference (Tori), the 2024 Oklahoma State Ph.D. Alumni (Tori) Conference
 - Recipient of the LBS Institute of Entrepreneurship and Private Capital Research Grant 2024
3. “Media Coverage of Employment Discrimination” with Aneesh Raghunandan (Yale) and Devin Shanthikumar (University of California – Irvine)
 - Presented at 2025 FARS Midyear Meeting (Tori), 2024 AAA Annual Meeting (Tori), 2024 University of Washington WARD Conference (Tori), 2024 Hawai‘i Accounting Research Conference (Shanthikumar), 2023 Haskayne and Fox Conference (Shanthikumar), Fordham University (Raghunandan), Aston Business School (Raghunandan), University of Bath (Raghunandan), Oklahoma State University (Tori), and the University of California, Irvine (Shanthikumar)
4. “The Product Market Incentives for Voluntary Disclosure: Evidence from Rivals’ Press Releases following a Competitor’s Bankruptcy,” Solo-authored (Dissertation)
 - Committee: Senyo Tse (Chair), Anwer Ahmed, Shane Johnson, Sarah Rice, Nathan Sharp
 - Presented at AAA Annual Meeting, Colorado State University, Georgia Southern University, North Carolina State University, Oklahoma State University, Texas A&M University

5. “Voluntary Disclosure by Firms with Negative Net Debt,” with Senyo Tse (Texas A&M), Nina Xu (University of Connecticut), and Sarah Noor (University of Indiana – Indianapolis)
 - Presented at the *Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance* Conference (*Scheduled*), Texas A&M University (Tse)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Auburn University , Auburn, Alabama	
Instructor: ACCT 5510 – Accounting Information Systems	Fall 2025-Present
Oklahoma State University , Stillwater, Oklahoma	Overall Instructor Rating: 4.76/5.00
Instructor: ACCT 4553/5840 – Ethics for Public Accountants	Fall 2021-Spring 2025
Instructor: ACCT 4911 – Practicum in Professional Accounting II	Fall 2023-Spring 2024
Co-Instructor: ACCT 6110 – Ph.D. Seminar: Special Topics in Accounting	Summer 2024
Texas A&M University , College Station, Texas	Overall Instructor Rating: 4.78/5.00
Instructor: ACCT 229 – Introductory Financial Accounting	Fall 2019

RESEARCH SERVICE

Ad hoc reviewer	<i>Review of Accounting Studies, Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance, AAA Annual Meeting, AAA FARS Midyear Meeting, Hawaii Accounting Research Conference</i>
Committees	AAA FARS Scholarship 25-26

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sep. 2014 – June 2017	Grant Thornton LLP , Senior Audit Associate <i>Ranked highest overall associate in 2016</i> <i>Primary experience in the retail industry</i>	Atlanta, Georgia
June 2013 – July 2013	Grant Thornton LLP , Audit Intern	Atlanta, Georgia
Sep. 2012 – Dec. 2012	Fire and Flavor Grilling Company , Accounting Intern	Athens, Georgia

INVITED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

AAA FARS Midyear Meeting, January 2025	Atlanta, GA
Fox and Haskayne Accounting Conference, August 2024	Philadelphia, PA
AAA Annual Meeting, August 2024	Washington, DC
Oklahoma State University Ph.D. Alumni Research Conference, April 2024	Stillwater, OK
North Carolina State University Workshop, April 2022	Raleigh, NC
AAA Annual Meeting, August 2021	Virtual
Oklahoma State University Workshop, January 2021	Virtual
Georgia Southern University Workshop, January 2021	Virtual
Colorado State University Workshop, December 2020	Virtual
Lone Star Accounting Research Conference, January 2020	Houston, TX
AAA FARS Midyear Meeting, January 2020	Nashville, TN

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

2025	Texas A&M Accounting Research Conference (Invited Attendee)	College Station, TX
	Notre Dame Accounting Research Conference (Invited Attendee)	South Bend, IN
	North Carolina State Enterprise Risk Management Conference	Raleigh, NC
	Oklahoma State University Ph.D. Alumni Research Conference	Tulsa, OK
	Bretton Woods Accounting and Finance Ski Conference (Invited Attendee)	Bretton Woods, NH
	AAA FARS Midyear Meeting (Discussant, Presenter)	Atlanta, GA
2024	Notre Dame Accounting Research Conference (Invited Attendee)	South Bend, IN
	Fox and Haskayne Accounting Conference (Discussant, Presenter)	Philadelphia, PA
	AAA Annual Meeting (Moderator, Discussant, Presenter)	Washington, DC
	University of Washington WARD Conference	Seattle, WA

	Oklahoma State University Ph.D. Alumni Research Conference (Presenter)	Stillwater, OK
	AAA FARS Midyear Meeting	Denver, CO
2023	Contemporary Accounting Research Conference (Invited Attendee)	Virtual
	AAA Annual Meeting (Discussant)	Denver, CO
	North Carolina State Enterprise Risk Management Conference	Raleigh, NC
	Oklahoma State University Ph.D. Alumni Research Conference	Stillwater, OK
	AAA FARS Midyear Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
2022	AAA Annual Meeting	San Diego, CA
	Oklahoma State University Ph.D. Alumni Research Conference	Stillwater, OK
	AAA FARS Midyear Meeting	Virtual
2021	Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting	Bloomington, IN
	AAA Annual Meeting (Presenter)	Virtual
	Oklahoma State University Ph.D. Alumni Research Conference	Virtual
2020	FASB Doctoral Student Summer Program (Invited Attendee)	Virtual
	University of Texas, Salem Center for Policy Ph.D. Student Symposium	Virtual
	AAA Annual Meeting (Moderator, Discussant)	Virtual
	Lone Star Accounting Research Conference (Presenter)	Houston, TX
	AAA FARS Midyear Meeting (Presenter)	Nashville, TN
	AAA FARS Doctoral Consortium	Nashville, TN
2019	AAA Annual Meeting (Moderator, Discussant)	San Francisco, CA
	Lone Star Accounting Research Conference	Austin, TX
	AAA FARS Midyear Meeting	Seattle, WA
2018	Texas A&M AFDS Conference	College Station, TX
	AAA Annual Meeting (Moderator, Discussant)	Washington, D.C.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Student Center for Public Trust – Being a Difference Award, 2025	Oklahoma State University
Judy Johnson Fellowship, 2023-Present	Oklahoma State University
Richard W. Poole Research Excellence Award, 2022	Oklahoma State University
FARS Excellence in Reviewing Award, 2020, 2021	American Accounting Association
Outstanding Ph.D. Student Teaching Award, 2020	Texas A&M University
Graduate Merit Fellowship, 2017-2019	Texas A&M University
Department of Accounting Fellowship, 2017-2021	Texas A&M University
Zell Miller Merit Scholarship, 2009-2013	University of Georgia

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Research Committee, 2025-Present	
Spears Business School Outstanding Senior Award Committee, 2023	Oklahoma State University
Faculty Search Committee, 2022	Oklahoma State University
Research & Ph.D. Program Committee, 2021-2025	Oklahoma State University
Chair of Workshop Scheduling, 2023-2025	
Co-Chair of Workshop Scheduling, 2018-2021	Texas A&M University
Committee for Onboarding New Ph.D. Students, 2018-2021	Texas A&M University
Co-Chair of Ph.D. Student Recruiting, 2019-2020	Texas A&M University

MEMBERSHIPS & CERTIFICATIONS

2015 – Present	American Accounting Association (AAA)
2014 – 2017	American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Programs: SAS, Stata, python
Experience with textual analysis using deep learning artificial intelligence models (i.e., BERT, Google Natural Language models)