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Academic Positions

University of Pennsylvania (Wharton), Visiting Assistant Professor, 2008-2009
The Ohio State University, Assistant Professor, 2004-present
Georgetown University, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2003-2004

Education

PhD (Accounting), MA, University of Pennsylvania (Wharton), 2004
MBA, University of Western Ontario, Canada, 1998
Chartered Accountant (CA), Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, 1988
Bachelor of Commerce, University of Toronto, Canada, 1987

Publications

Sell-side Debt Analysts. (With S. Markov, University of Texas at Dallas and Sundaresh Ramnath, University of Miami). *Journal of Accounting and Economics* March 2009

Accounting Discretion: Use or Abuse? An Analysis of Restructuring Charges Surrounding Regulator Action. (With D. Bens, University of Arizona). *Contemporary Accounting Research*, Vol. 26 No. 3 (Fall 2009) pp.1-30

Working Papers

Analyst Stock Ownership and Reporting Behavior.

Operating Leases and Credit Assessments. (With S. Pandit, UIC, J. Altamuro, and H. Zhang – OSU).

Sell-side debt analysts and market efficiency (with S. Markov & U. Gurun – UT Dallas)

Securities and Exchange Commission Comment Letters: Enforcing Accounting Quality and Disclosure (with Reining Chen – MIT)

14-Week Quarters (with Andrew Leone, Sundaresh Ramnath and Ya-wen Yang - Miami)

Work in Progress

Information: Supply or Demand (with Anthony Meder – OSU and Andrew VanBuskirk – U. Chicago)

Cases (Ivey Business School)

Hutchison Whampoa (with Andrew Karolyi)
Four Seasons Hotel and Leisure Resorts (with Robert White)

Academic Presentations

2003

Northwestern
University of Toronto
MIT
Emory
University of Southern California
Rice
Boston University
University of Utah
Baruch College, CUNY
Georgetown
Southern Methodist

2004

George Washington University
University of Illinois, Chicago
University of Texas, Dallas
The Ohio State University

2005

FEA Conference (Discussant)

2006

Midwest Accounting Conference

2007

Purdue University
JAE Conference

2008

AAA Annual Meeting (Discussant)
Wharton, U. Pennsylvania

2009

University of Technology Sydney
McMaster University
National University, Singapore
AAA Annual Meeting (Discussant)

Teaching Experience

The Ohio State University

PhD empirical seminar
Financial Reporting & Analysis, Core MBAs, 2004-2007
Financial Statement Analysis, MBA/MACC Elective, 2005-present
Introductory Accounting, Undergraduates, 2005
Independent Study – PhD (R. Chen), 2006; (Park, Sustersic), 2008, MBA 2008

Georgetown University

Introductory Accounting, Undergraduates
Advanced Cost & Managerial Accounting, Undergraduates

University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School

Introductory Accounting, MBA
Introductory Accounting, Undergraduates

Ontario Institute of Chartered Accountant's School of Accounting

Advanced Topics & Integration, 1991-1998

Service

Ad hoc reviewer

Journal of Accounting and Economics, The Accounting Review, Annals of Finance and The American Accounting Association's Annual Meeting

Accounting Department

Recruiting Committee, 2004-present

MBA Curriculum Committee, 2005-present

Colloquium coordinator, 2005-2007

Faculty Advisor – Winning Team PWC PhD XFAC Contest, 2007

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

Jiewei (Jeff) Yu

R. Chen

Professional Experience

LPL Financial Services, California, VP and Controller, 1993 to 1996

Ernst & Young, Canada and California, Audit Staff and Litigation Support Manager, 1987 to 1993

Honors and Achievements

2007 AAA-FASB Conference Invitee

2007 PWC XFac National Winners – Faculty Advisor

2000 AAA Doctoral Consortium Fellow

1997 & 1998 Dean's List, Ivey Scholar – Ivey Business School

1997 Citibank Award – First in Class – Ivey Business School

1988 Ontario Honour Role – 16th in Ontario on CA Uniform Final Exam

1986 Society of Management Accountant's Award of Merit for combined performance in Financial and Managerial Accounting (U. of Toronto)