

2020 Conference on Auditing and Capital Markets

Academic Presenters

Biographies

1. **Aobdia, Daniel**



Daniel Aobdia, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the Accounting Information and Management Department at the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, where he most recently taught the core financial accounting course to MBA students. He was also, between September 2014 and September 2016, a senior economic research fellow in the Center for Economic Analysis at the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB). Aobdia's research interests span empirical accounting and economics. His primary focus is using auditing as a setting to answer broad economic questions, such as the impact of regulation, the role of information spillovers, and the influence of labor and non-labor inputs in organizations, including the role of high-skilled immigration, culture and tools. Another focus is studying the effects of disclosure on the functioning of capital and product markets.

2. **Barber, Russell**



Russell Barber is an assistant professor at the University of Colorado Denver. He has a Ph.D. in Accounting from Louisiana State University, and MBA and BS degrees from California State University San Bernardino. Professor Barber's research interests include financial reporting quality and market reactions to financial reporting disclosures. Prior to earning his Ph.D., he worked several years as a CPA in California.

3. **Burnett, Brian M.**



Brian Burnett is an assistant professor of accounting in the Turner School of Accountancy in the Belk College of Business at UNC Charlotte. Dr. Burnett's research primarily focuses on two areas. His research investigates how laws and regulations affect financial reporting and disclosure decisions. He also explores how audit quality affects firms' financial reporting and business decisions as well as determinants of audit quality. His research is published in *The Accounting Review*, *Journal of Accounting, Auditing, & Finance*, *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*, and *Journal of International Accounting Research*. Prior to earning his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado at Boulder, Dr. Burnett worked in public accounting as an auditor for Arthur Andersen, KPMG, and a boutique firm in Newport Beach, CA.

4. **Choudhary, Preeti**



Preeti Choudhary, Ph.D., is an associate professor of accounting at the Eller College of Management, University of Arizona. Previously, between June 2015 and December 2016, she was a senior economic research fellow in the Office of Economic Risk and Analysis at the PCAOB, and prior to June 2015 she was an assistant professor in the accounting department at the McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University. Her professional experience includes roles at Deloitte and Touche LLP in enterprise risk services and at The Washington Post Company (now known as Graham Holdings Company) in internal audit.

Among Choudhary's research interests include capital market effects of financial reporting, including debt and equity investor valuation assessments, and how auditing impacts financial reporting with a specific interest in financial reporting reliability. She is an expert on materiality and financial reporting for employee stock options, leases, and taxes. Her work has been presented at, or published in, many leading accounting conferences and journals.

Choudhary earned her B.S. in commerce and M.S. in accounting from the University of Virginia and her Ph.D. from Duke University.

5. **Drake, Katharine**



Katharine Drake is an Associate Professor at the Dhaliwal-Reidy School of Accountancy at the University of Arizona. She joined the faculty in 2012 after graduating with her PhD from Arizona State University. Her primary research interest is accounting and tax, with some overlap with compensation and auditing regulation. Her research has appeared in *The Journal of Accounting and Economics*, *The Accounting Review*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, *Journal of the American Taxation Association*, *Journal of Management Accounting Research*, the *Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance*. Beyond academic journals, Katharine's research has been cited in several news outlets including the *Washington Post* and the *Phoenix Business Journal*. In 2019 Katharine received the Arizona Society of CPA's Excellence in Teaching Award and was named the School of Accountancy's Graduate Programs Most Valuable Faculty Member.

6. **Hope, Ole-Kristian**



Ole-Kristian Hope is the Deloitte Professor at Rotman. He teaches Commerce, MBA, and PhD courses in accounting. He has broad research interests in financial disclosure, financial reporting quality, corporate governance, analysts, valuation, auditing, private firms, corporate finance, and international business issues. He has published extensively in *The Accounting Review*, *Journal of Accounting Research*, *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, *Accounting, Organizations, and Society*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, *Review of Accounting Studies*, *Management Science*, and several other journals including *JIBS*, *JAPP*, *JBFA*, *JAAF*, *AH*, etc. He has been awarded the Haim Falk Award for Distinguished Contribution to Accounting Thought, the American Accounting Association Best Dissertation Supervision Award (twice), the American Accounting Association Outstanding International Educator Award, the American Accounting Association Best Paper Award, and the American Accounting Association Outstanding International Dissertation Award, as well as several other awards. He has supervised a number of PhD students who are now teaching at top business schools. He is founder and organizer of the annual

Scandinavian Accounting Research Conference and Doctoral Consortium. Hope's research findings are regularly cited by leading media outlets (e.g., The Economist, Financial Times, and Wall Street Journal) and he regularly presents his research at workshops, conferences, and consortia around the world.

7. **KE, Bin**



Dr. Bin KE is a Professor of Accounting and Provost's Chair at the NUS Business School. He was a faculty member for more than ten years at Pennsylvania State University and five years at Nanyang Technological University. He was the President of the Chinese Accounting Professors Association of North America (www.capana.net), a leading academic organization that promotes high-quality accounting research on China, the Asia Pacific region, and other emerging market economies. He has served on the editorial board of multiple global academic journals, including the Journal of American Taxation Association, The Accounting Review, The International Journal of Accounting. He was an advisor to the Accounting Research in China published by China Accounting Society and an editor for The Accounting Review. He is the consulting editor of China Journal of Accounting Research and a senior editor of China Accounting and Finance Review. Dr. Ke's primary research interests focus on the production and use of accounting information in business decisions. He is interested in using interdisciplinary approaches to tackle today's complex business problems. His recent research focuses on financial reporting, investor protection and digital transformation in emerging markets with a particular focus on China.

8. **Kitto, Andrew**



Andrew Kitto is an Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Professor Kitto was an economic research fellow in the PCAOB'S Office of Economic and Risk Analysis from 2018-2019. His research focuses on the industrial organization of the public accounting profession, including issues such as audit firm mergers, barriers to entry, and the implications of market structure and competition among audit firms. Prior to joining the faculty at the University

of Massachusetts, Professor Kitto taught at the University of Washington. He earned a Ph.D. in accounting from the University of Florida, and a B.S. and M.S. from Boston College.

9. Krishnan, Gopal



Gopal Krishnan is a Trustee Professor of Accountancy and the coordinator of the Ph.D. program in Accounting at Bentley University. Before joining Bentley, he was the Chair of the Accounting Department at the Kogod School of Business, American University, Washington, D.C. He has also taught at Lehigh University and George Mason University. He is a Chartered Accountant, Certified Public Accountant, and a Certified Management Accountant. Professor Krishnan is cited in Who's Who Among America's Teachers for his teaching excellence. His research addresses issues concerning auditor independence and audit quality, corporate governance and earnings management. He has published seventy articles in accounting and finance journals, including Contemporary Accounting Research, The Accounting Review, Review of Accounting Studies, Journal of Banking & Finance, Journal of the American Taxation Association, Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory, Journal of Accounting and Public Policy, Accounting Horizons, Journal of Management Accounting Research, and Journal of Business Ethics. His work has been featured in Bloomberg Businessweek, Accounting Today, CNBC.com, Reuters, CFOWorld, and CFO.com. His coauthored article on a synthesis of audit quality literature was awarded the 2016 Best Paper Award by the Auditing Section of the American Accounting Association. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of North Texas and currently serves as a Senior Editor of Accounting Horizons.

10. Malsch, Bertrand



Bertrand Malsch is Associate Professor of Accounting at the Smith School of Business at Queens University since 2013. He holds a PhD in accounting from Laval University and is a member of the Quebec Bar. He is the author of numerous leading articles in international academic journals on the subject of auditing, accounting regulation and governance. His work has been presented in many scholarly and professional conferences around the world. He is associate editor of the Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory, Behavioral Review of Accounting, Accounting

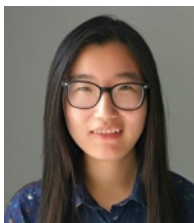
Horizons, and Accounting and Business Research. He also serves on the editorial board of Accounting, Organizations and Society, and Contemporary Accounting Research. His current work funded by SSHRC and Smith research grants focuses on the role of accounting firms in tax avoidance mechanisms and the financial reporting processes of Indigenous communities. He regularly contributes to public policy discussions by publishing editorials reflecting the content of his research. Bertrand is an active member of the Extended External Reporting Advisory Group set by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board in Canada in 2020 to discuss the future of auditing practice.

11. Oehler, Christopher



Christopher Oehler is currently a PhD student at Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany. His research interests are in the fields of auditing, financial reporting enforcement, corporate news dissemination, and fraud prediction, and his work has been presented at several conferences including the McCombs School of Business Symposium on Financial Market Policy Development and Research and the European Accounting Association Annual Congress. He earned his Master's and Bachelor's degree in business from University of Münster, Germany, and gained work experience in Financial Accounting, Management Accounting, and Consulting

12. Pei, Duo (Selina)



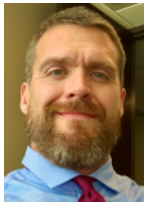
Selina Pei is a PhD Candidate in Accounting at Rutgers University with expected graduation May 2021. Her research interests include textual analysis, corporate disclosure, audit disclosure, shareholder activism, and social media. She has published in several peer-reviewed journals in accounting and finance, including Journal of Investing and International Journal of Accounting Information Systems. She has experience working in the financial services and consulting industry at QMA and Advantage Group International. She received her Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting from the University of Toronto.

13. Shen, Michael



Dr. Michael Shen is an Assistant Professor of Accounting in NUS Business School at National University of Singapore. He received his Ph.D. in accounting from Michigan State University and M.A. and B.S. in accounting from Renmin University of China. His research focuses on 1) consequences of financial reporting on manager’s labor market outcomes; 2) determinants and consequences of new technology implemented by corporate firms and audit firms; and 3) information content in public disclosure using textual analysis

14. Strawser, William



William Strawser graduated with a bachelor’s of arts in Economics from the University of Texas, Austin before obtaining a master’s and Ph.D in Accounting from Texas A&M University. He has served as an assistant professor of accounting at the University of Colorado Denver and Sam Houston State University in Texas teaching courses in financial reporting. His research interests include the financial reporting and disclosures of financial instruments and institutions, value relevance and international accounting.

15. Sulcaj, Valbona



Valbona Sulcaj is a Ph.D. candidate in Accounting at the University of Kentucky. Her research interests lie in auditing, financial accounting, and corporate governance, with particular focus on reporting and disclosure. Her previous work examines the audit quality implications when audit committees voluntarily report their audit oversight activities. Valbona holds an MBA from Drexel

University and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Pisa, Italy. She is a Certified Public Accountant in Albania and has professional experience as accountant, internal auditor, and general manager. Valbona has taught financial accounting at the University of Vlora, Albania, and the University of Kentucky.

16. Wang, Qian



Qian Wang is an associate professor at Iowa State University. She received her Ph.D. degree from the University of Kansas. Qian's research interests are in the areas of financial accounting and auditing, including causes and consequences of management discretionary disclosure, segment reporting, the economic impact of audit quality. Her research has been published in *Review of Accounting Studies*, *Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory*, *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy* and *European Accounting Review*. She has presented her work and served as a discussant at various national and regional meetings.