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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Arkansas, Sam M. Walton College of Business Fayetteville, Arkansas Associate Professor of Accounting 2024 – Present

Assistant Professor of Accounting

University of Colorado Boulder, Leeds School of Business

Instructor and Graduate Assistant

2018 - 2024

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Boulder, Colorado 2013 - 2018

EDUCATION

University of Colorado Boulder, Leeds School of Business

Ph.D. in Business Administration—Accounting

Boulder, Colorado

2018

Colorado Christian University

B.S. in Accounting and Business Administration

Lakewood, Colorado

2013

PUBLICATIONS

- "Promotional Press Releases and Investor Processing Costs" with Brady Twedt and Jessica Watkins. Forthcoming at *Management Science*.
- "No News is Bad News: Local News Intensity and Firms' Information Environments" with Kris Allee and Ryan Cating. Forthcoming at *Review of Accounting Studies*.
- "The Power of Not Trading: Evidence from index fund ownership" with Stephen Rowe. Review of Accounting Studies, (2024) Vol. 29, pp. 388-422.
- "Geographic Connections to China and Insider Trading at the Start of the COVID-19 Pandemic" with Erin Henry and George Plesko. Review of Accounting Studies, (2024) Vol. 29, pp. 354-387.
- "Managers' Strategic Use of Concurrent Disclosure: Evidence from 8-K Filings and Press **Releases**" with Brady Twedt and Jessica Watkins. *The Accounting Review*, (2023) Vol. 98 (4), pp. 345-371.
- "Manager Perception and Proprietary Investment Disclosure." Review of Accounting Studies, (2022) Vol. 27, pp. 1493-1525.

"Bridging the Gap: Evidence from externally hired CEOs" with Yonca Ertimur, Jonathan Rogers, and Sarah Zechman. *Journal of Accounting Research*, (2018) Vol. 56 (2), pp. 521-579.

WORKING PAPERS

"Do Audit Firms Care about Media Coverage? An Investigation of Audit Firm Response to News Coverage" with Elizabeth Cowle (Colorado State University) and Stephen Rowe (University of Arkansas)

Revise and resubmit at Review of Accounting Studies

- "Industry Information and Qualitative Disclosure: Evidence from Conference Calls" with Kris Allee (University of Arkansas) and Joe López-Vilaró (University of Cincinnati)
 Revise and resubmit at Contemporary Accounting Research
- "Interest Rate Sensitivity as Motivation for Acquisitions: Evidence from Bank Holding Companies" with Joe López-Vilaró (University of Cincinnati) and Stephen Rowe (University of Arkansas)
- "Financial Human Capital and Firm Investment Efficiency" with Lance Burkholder (University of Arkansas) and Erin Henry (University of Arkansas)

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- 2024: Haskayne and Fox Accounting Conference, Lake Louise, CA AAA MAS Midyear Meeting, Orlando, FL*
- 2023: University of North Texas Accounting Research Conference, Denton, TX* University of Technology Sydney, Sydney, AU* University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR*
- 2022: Brazil Accounting Research Conference, Trancoso, BR*
 Music City Accounting Research Conference, Nashville, TN
 Haskayne and Fox Accounting Conference, Whistler, CA
 Hawaii Accounting Research Conference (x2), Honolulu, HI
 Notre Dame Accounting Research Conference, South Bend, IN*
 Columbia University, New York, NY*
 Singapore Management University, Virtual*
 University of St. Gallen, St. Gallen, CH*
 Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL*
 University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
- 2021: AAA Auditing Midyear Meeting, Virtual*
 AAA FARS Midyear Meeting (x2), Virtual

Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting, Bloomington, IN* Hawaii Accounting Research Conference (x2), Virtual* Oklahoma State University PhD Alumni Research Conference, Virtual The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Virtual* University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR* University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS*

2020: AAA FARS Midyear Meeting, Nashville, TN

The Ohio State University, Virtual*

University of Arizona, Virtual*

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

University of Connecticut, Virtual

2019: EAA Annual Meeting, Paphos, CY

University of Arkansas Accounting Research Conference, Fayetteville, AR

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

2018: AAA Annual Meeting, National Harbor, MD

University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

2017: Journal of Accounting Research Conference, Chicago, IL*

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR*

2016: University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

"Managers' Strategic Use of Concurrent Disclosure"

• 2024 Wolfe Research QES Webcast on Event-Driven Investment Strategies, Virtual

"The Use of News Articles in Accounting Research"

- 2020 Association of College and Research Libraries, Virtual
- 2020 ProQuest Global Meeting, San Antonio, TX
- 2019 University of Arkansas Library Faculty Roundtable, Fayetteville, AR

MEDIA COVERAGE

1. Promotional Press Releases Increase Investor Attention, Study Finds. *University of Arkansas*. July 2024.

^{* =} Presentation by Coauthor

- 2. Passive Compliance: How Index Fund Ownership Affects Financial Reporting. <u>Walton Insights</u>. September 2023.
- 3. Rawson Discusses Role of Public Information and Strategic Communication in Stock Trades. *Short Talks From the Hill.* September 2023.
- 4. Business News Crucial, Study Finds. Arkansas Business. July 2023.
- 5. UA study looks at business coverage. *Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette*. June 2023.
- 6. Local News Improves Information About Public Companies. <u>Magnolia Banner News.</u> June 2023.
- 7. Local Newspaper Coverage Improves Information About Public Companies. *University of Arkansas News.* June 2023.
- 8. Burying bad 8-K news raises red flags. *CFO Dive.* May 2023.
- 9. Companies distract from bad news with unrelated news. Accounting Today. May 2023.
- 10. Companies hide negative news by issuing unrelated press releases alongside SEC filings, study shows. *University of Notre Dame*. May 2023.
- 11. New Research Examines How Managers Hide Negative News. *Forbes*. April 2023.
- 12. How Geographic Company Connections Shielded Executives from Stock Market Losses during COVID. *Walton Insights*. March 2023.
- 13. How Companies Distract Investors When Disclosing Bad News. <u>Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog.</u> November 2022.
- 14. Companies Push Positive News When SEC Disclosures Are Negative. <u>Accounting Today.</u> October 2022.
- 15. Companies Issue Unrelated News When SEC 8-K Disclosure Has Bad News. *CPA Practice Advisor.* October 2022.
- 16. Distract Me Not. *Bloomberg*. October 2022.
- 17. Firms Issue Unrelated News When SEC Disclosure Is Bad News. *University of Arkansas*. October 2022.
- 18. Alert U.S. Executives Sold Stock Before COVID-Induced Price Plunge. *University of Connecticut*. April 2022.
- 19. U.S. Insiders to China News Sold Stock Before Pandemic. Magnolia Banner News. April 2022.
- 20. UA Study Finds US Insiders to China News Sold Stock Ahead of Pandemic. *Arkansas Money & Politics*. April 2022.
- 21. Study Finds U.S. Insiders to China News Sold Stock in Early Stages of Pandemic. *University of Arkansas News*. April 2022.
- 22. The Impact of Media Coverage; Tracking Auditing Firms' Response to Negative News. <u>KUAF</u> <u>Radio.</u> March 2021.
- 23. Research Shows How Big 4 Accounting Firms Respond to Negative News Coverage. *CPA Practice Advisor.* December 2020.
- 24. Study Finds 'Big 4' Auditing Firms Respond to Negative News Coverage. *University of Arkansas News.* December 2020.
- 25. News Media Provides Important Oversight of Big Four, Study Says. Accounting Today.

November 2020.

26. Insider Trading and Geographic Proximity: Evidence from Covid-19. <u>Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog.</u> September 2020.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2024: Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference#

Haskayne and Fox Accounting Conference (presenter, discussant)#

Notre Dame Accounting Research Conference#

AAA FARS Midyear Meeting

2023: Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference#

Music City Accounting Research Conference#

Notre Dame Accounting Research Conference[#]

University of North Texas Accounting Research Conference

AAA FARS Midyear Meeting

2022: Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference[#]

Haskayne and Fox Accounting Conference (presenter, discussant)#

Music City Accounting Research Conference (presenter)#

Notre Dame Accounting Research Conference#

Oklahoma State University PhD Alumni Research Conference#

Hawaii Accounting Research Conference (presenter (x2))

AAA FARS Midyear Meeting

2021: Contemporary Accounting Research Annual Conference#

Review of Accounting Studies Annual Conference[#]

Oklahoma State University PhD Alumni Research Conference (presenter)#

Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting

Hawaii Accounting Research Conference

AAA FARS Midyear Meeting (presenter)

2020: AAA FARS Midyear Meeting (presenter, discussant)

2019: Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference#

University of Arkansas Accounting Research Conference (presenter)#

Notre Dame Accounting Research Conference#

AAA Annual Meeting (discussant (x2))

AAA FARS Midyear Meeting

AAA New Faculty Consortium

EAA Annual Meeting (presenter, discussant)

2018: Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference[#]

University of Arkansas Accounting Research Conference[#] AAA Annual Meeting (presenter, discussant (x2))

2017: Journal of Accounting Research Annual Conference[#]
Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference[#]
AAA Deloitte J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium[#]
AAA Annual Meeting
AAA FARS Midyear Meeting

2016: Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference#

2015: Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference[#] Colorado Accounting Research Symposium

2014: Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference[#] Colorado Accounting Research Symposium

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Principles of Accounting, University of Arkansas
Intermediate Accounting II, University of Arkansas
Corporate Financial Reporting II, University of Colorado Boulder

2023 - Present 2018 - 2021 2015

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Journal Reviewer:

Accounting Horizons

Accounting, Organizations and Society

The Accounting Review

Contemporary Accounting Research

Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance

Journal of Accounting and Public Policy

Journal of Banking and Finance

Journal of Financial Reporting

Journal of Management Accounting Research

Management Science

Review of Accounting Studies

Conference Reviewer:

AAA Annual Meeting

AAA FARS Midyear Meeting

AAA MAS Midyear Meeting

^{# =} Invited Participation

AAA Western Region Meeting Hawaii Accounting Research Conference University of North Texas Accounting Research Conference

University of Arkansas Department of Accounting:

Curriculum Committee (2020 – Present)

Awards and Elections Committee (2020 – 2022)

Assurance of Learning Committee (2019 – 2020)

Dissertation Committee Member (Graduation, Initial Placement):

Joe López-Vilaró (2023, University of Cincinnati)

Doctoral Student Summer Paper Advising:

Lance Burkholder (2023)

Joe López-Vilaró (2020, 2021)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & CERTIFICATIONS

White River Capital Advisors, Founder and Chief Investment Officer

2020 - Present

CFA Institute, CFA Charterholder

FINRA, Series 65 Exam Qualified (Uniform Investment Advisor Law)

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

TFSC Not-So-New Faculty Commendation for Teaching Development – 2023

Walton College Rising Scholar Excellence in Research Award – 2023

Outstanding Reviewer AAA MAS Midyear Meeting – 2021

University of Colorado 3-Minute Thesis Competition Finalist – 2018

Outstanding Accounting PhD Student Fellowship – 2016, 2017

Gerald Hart Doctoral Research Fellowship – 2015

Leeds School of Business University Fellowship – 2014, 2015

Colorado Christian University Commencement Speaker – 2013

Colorado Christian University School of Business Outstanding Senior – 2013

Civil Air Patrol Eaker Award – 2012