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## EXPERIENCE

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Emory University, Goizueta Business School  
Assistant Professor of Accounting 2015-Present

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Los Angeles, CA  
Transaction Services: Financial Due Diligence  
Assurance Services: Consumer and Industrial Products and Service

## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

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University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business 2015  
Doctor of Philosophy, Business Administration Accounting

University of Southern California, Leventhal School of Accounting 2003  
Bachelor of Science, *magna cum laude*, Accounting

University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business 2003  
Bachelor of Science, *magna cum laude*, Business Administration Finance

Certified Public Accountant, State of California (Active #92755) 2005-Present

## RESEARCH

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### Interests

- Financial reporting, auditing, regulation, mergers and acquisitions

### Publications

- “The effect of acquirer net operating losses on acquisition premiums and acquirer abnormal returns” with Merle Erickson and Shiing-wu Wang, *The Journal of the American Taxation Association*, 2019, forthcoming.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Emory University, Goizueta Business School  
*Instructor*: Financial Accounting  
Average Instructor Rating: 4.76 out of 5 (3 sections) Fall 2018  
Average Instructor Rating: 4.70 out of 5 (3 sections) Fall 2017

Average Instructor Rating: 4.47 out of 5 (2 sections) Fall 2016  
Average Instructor Rating: 4.33 out of 5 (3 sections) Fall 2015

Academy of Finance  
*Instructor:* Foundations of Corporate Finance Fall 2013

University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business  
*Instructor:* Core Concepts of Accounting Information – Managerial Accounting  
Average Instructor Rating: 4.73 out of 5 (1 section) Spring 2011

University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business  
*Teaching Assistant:* Accounting Control Systems Summer 2011  
*Teaching Assistant:* Core Concepts of Accounting Information–Financial Accounting Fall 2010  
*Teaching Assistant:* Business Communication for Accountants 2002-2003

## **SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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Emory University: Hightower Workshop Coordinator (2018-2019)  
AAA Annual Meeting Auditing Section Co-Chair (2018-2019)  
Emory College Honors Thesis Committee: Wenhui (Jessie) Zhao (2019)  
mEmory Accounting Research Conference Planning Committee (2018-2019)  
Emory University: Archival Brownbag Coordinator (2015-2018)  
Emory New Faculty Mentor (2016-2018)  
AAA Annual Meeting Auditing Section Vice Chair (2017-2018)  
Emory PhD Student Recruiting Committee (2017, 2018)  
Emory Qualifying Exam Committee: Matias Sokolowski (2017)  
Emory PhD Dissertation Committees: Weishi Jia (placed at Cleveland State University, 2017),  
Matias Sokolowski (expected 2019)  
AAA National Meeting FARS Section Editor (2016)  
Ad hoc Reviewer:  
The Accounting Review  
Review of Accounting Studies  
Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory  
AAA Annual Meeting  
AAA Audit Midyear Meeting  
AAA FARS Midyear Meeting  
AAA Western Region Meeting  
Southeast Summer Accounting Research Conference (2016)  
Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting (2012)  
Everest College Program Advisory Committee, West Los Angeles (2009)  
Junior Achievement – *Instructor* (2005-2008)  
Asian Pacific American Career Mentoring Program – *Mentor* (2008-2009)  
American Woman’s Society of CPAs – *Vice President of Member Services* (2005-2008)  
USC Accounting Society – *President* (2002)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Goizueta Business School Ad-hoc Research Grant (2016, 2019)  
AAA / Deloitte Foundation / J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium Fellow (2014)  
Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) Fellowship (2012)  
Mary Pickford Foundation Doctoral Student Excellence Teaching Award (2012)  
California Society of CPAs Accounting Doctoral Scholarship (2008-2010)  
PricewaterhouseCoopers Campus Recruiting Champion (2008)  
PricewaterhouseCoopers Recognition Award (2005)  
Ronald J. Kuhn Fellowship (2002)  
University of Southern California Leadership Scholarship (1999-2003)  
Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society (2002)  
Golden Key International Honor Society (2001)

## **WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

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Emory University (2015)  
University of British Columbia (2015)  
University of California Los Angeles (2015)  
University of Connecticut (2015)  
University of Georgia (2019)  
University of Illinois at Chicago (2015)  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2015)  
University of Massachusetts at Amherst (2015)  
University of Southern California (2014)  
University of Oregon (2015)  
Temple University (2015)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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2019 AAA Annual Meeting (discussant)  
2019 Southeast Summer Accounting Research Conference (presenter)  
2019 AAA Audit Midyear Meeting (discussant)  
2018 AAA Annual Meeting (discussant)  
2017 AAA Annual Meeting (discussant)  
2017 AAA Audit Midyear Meeting (discussant)  
2016 AAA Southeast Region Meeting (presenter, discussant)  
2015 AAA Annual Meeting (discussant)  
2015 AAA Western Region Meeting (presenter)  
2014 Accounting Rookie Camp (presenter)  
2013 AAA Annual Meeting (discussant)  
2012 Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting: *Global Financial Reporting Session* (discussant)  
2012 AAA FARS Midyear Meeting: *International Accounting Session* (discussant)  
2011 AAA Western Region Meeting (discussant)

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

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AAA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (2019)  
International Symposium on Audit Research, Boston, MA (2019)  
Michigan Kapnick Conference, Ann Arbor, MI (2019)  
Georgia State University CEAR Conference, Atlanta, GA (2019)  
mEmory Accounting Research Conference, Atlanta, GA (2019)  
AAA Auditing Midyear Meeting, Nashville, TN (2019)  
AAA Financial Accounting and Reporting Midyear Meeting, Seattle, WA (2019)  
Accounting Rookie Camp, Miami, FL (2018)  
University of Illinois Audit Symposium, Champaign, IL (2018)  
AAA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (2018)  
International Symposium on Audit Research, Maastricht, Netherlands (2018)  
AAA Financial Accounting and Reporting Midyear Meeting, Austin, TX (2018)  
AAA Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (2017)  
INSEAD Accounting Symposium, Fontainebleau (2017)  
AAA Auditing Midyear Meeting, Orlando, FL (2017)  
Southeast Summer Accounting Research Conference, Atlanta, GA (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)  
AAA Southeast Region Meeting and Doctoral Interchange, Atlanta, GA (2016)  
PCAOB & JAR Conference on Auditing and Capital Markets, Washington, DC (2015, 2016, 2017)  
AAA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (2015)  
AAA Western Region Meeting and Doctoral Interchange, Coronado, CA (2015)  
Journal of Accounting and Economics Conference, Philadelphia, PA (2014)  
AAA / Deloitte Foundation / J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium, Westlake, TX (2014)  
PricewaterhouseCoopers SoCal M&A Summit, Marina Del Rey, CA (2014, 2015)  
AAA Auditing Midyear Conference and Doctoral Consortium, San Antonio, TX (2014)  
AAA Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA (2013)  
SEC and Financial Reporting Institute Conference, Pasadena, CA (2010, 2011, 2013)  
AAA International Accounting Midyear Meeting and Doctoral Consortium, Savannah, GA (2013)  
AAA Financial Accounting and Reporting Midyear Meeting, San Diego, CA (2013)  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting, Los Angeles, CA (2012)  
AAA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (2012)  
USC Corporate Governance Summit, Los Angeles, CA (2011, 2012)  
AAA Financial Accounting and Reporting Meeting and Doctoral Consortium, Chicago, IL (2012)  
AAA Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (2011)  
AAA Western Region Meeting, Newport Beach, CA (2011)  
Behavioral Foundations of Game Theory Conference, Los Angeles, CA (2011)  
AAA Auditing Midyear Conference and Doctoral Consortium, San Diego, CA (2010)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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American Accounting Association

Financial Accounting and Reporting, Auditing, Taxation  
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)  
California Society of CPAs (CalCPA)