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**Employment**

Associate Professor in Accounting, University of Connecticut, 2016 – present

Assistant Professor in Accounting, University of Connecticut, 2012 – 2016

Assistant Professor in Accounting, University of Texas at Austin, 2006 – 2012

Financial Analyst and Accountant, IBM China Company Limited, Accounting Dept.,

Finance & Planning Dept., 1999 – 2001

**Education**

PhD in Accounting, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2006

Master of Accounting, Tsinghua University, China, 1999

Bachelor of Finance, Tsinghua University, China, 1997

**Research**

**Publications**

The debt-equity choice when regulatory thresholds are based on equity values:

Evidence from SOX 404. Dave Weber and Yanhua Sunny Yang, 2020. *The Accounting Review* 95 (2), 339–364.

On the Nonlinear Relation between Product Market Competition and Earnings Quality, Boochun Jung, Ying Guo, and Yanhua Sunny Yang, 2019. *Accounting and Business Research* 49(7): 818-846.

The Impact of Dividend Covenants on Investment and Operating Performance. Boochun Jung, Woo-Jong Lee, and Yanhua Sunny Yang, 2016. *Journal of Business, Finance, and Accounting* 43 (3) & (4), 414-447.

Issuer Operating Performance and IPO Price Formation. Michael Willenborg, Biyu Wu, and Yanhua Sunny Yang, 2015. *Journal of Accounting Research* 53(5): 1109-1149.

Earnings Smoothing Activities of Firms to Manage Credit Ratings. Boochun Jung, Naomi Soderstrom, and Yanhua Sunny Yang, 2013. *Contemporary Accounting Research* 30 (2): 645-676.

Do Financial Analysts’ Long-term Growth Forecasts Matter? Evidence from Stock Recommendations and Career Outcomes. Boochun Jung, Philip Shane, and Yanhua Sunny Yang, 2012. *Journal of Accounting and Economics* 53 (1-2): 55–76.

Do Financial Analysts Add Value by Facilitating More Effective Monitoring of Firms' Activities? Boochun Jung, Kevin Sun, and Yanhua Sunny Yang, 2012. *Journal of Accounting, Auditing, and Finance* 27 (1): 61-99.

Horizon-Dependent Underreaction in Financial Analysts' Earnings Forecasts. Philip Shane, Jana Smith Raedy, and Yanhua Sunny Yang, 2006. *Contemporary Accounting Research* 23 (1): 291-322.

**Working papers**

Do Connections with Buy-Side Analysts Inform Sell-Side Analyst Research? With Gjergji Cici and Phil Shane.

Presented at Monash University, University of Queensland, College of William and Mary,

2018 Financial Accounting and Reporting Section Midyear meeting, 2018 AAA annual meetings, Villanova University, and 2020 Hawaii Accounting Research Conference.

Under review.

IPO Price Formation and Analyst Coverage. With Joseph Weber, Michael Willenborg, and Biyu Wu.

Formerly titled “IPO Price Formation and the Origin of Analyst Coverage.” Presented at University of Pennsylvania, Northeastern University, University of Connecticut, Tilburg University, Suffolk University, Arizona State University, and University of North Carolina.

Under review.

Do Analysts Distribute Negative Opinions Earlier? With Chris Yung.

Presented at University of Connecticut, University of Virginia, and Florida State University.

Under review.

Labor Skill and Dividend Policy. With Boochun Jung and Tilda Nguyen.

Presented at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

Do Dividend Increases Convey Information about Future Earnings Changes? Evidence for Firms with Weak Credit Ratings. With Boochun Jung and Ross Jennings.

Presented at AAA Annual Meeting, University of Texas.

The Interpretive Information Content of Credit Rating Changes for Stock Investors. With Michael Clement and Boochun Jung.

Presented at University of Connecticut, Drexel University, Florida State University,

Georgia State University, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of

Kentucky, Louisiana State University, University of Mississippi, University of

North Carolina, University of Southern California, and University of Texas.

**Teaching**

Accounting and Capital Market for PhDs, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021.

Advanced Financial Accounting, 2012 − present.

Intermediate Financial Accounting (equivalent to I and II), 2006 − 2012.

Introductory Financial Reporting, 2004 − 2005.

Invited Presentations

2020 Shanghai University of Finance and Economics

2020 Hawaii Accounting Research Conference

2018 AAA Financial Accounting and Reporting Section Midyear Meeting

AAA Annual Meeting

Tilburg University

2017 The Chinese Accounting Professors’ Association of North America

MIT-Asian conference

2015 Journal of Business, Finance, and Accounting annual conference

2014 AAA Northeast Region Meeting

Hong Kong Polytechnic University

2013 AAA Annual Meeting

2012 Drexel University

Florida State University

University of Connecticut

University of Illinois at Chicago

University of Kentucky

2011 AAA Annual Meeting

2009 AAA Annual Meeting

The Second Chinese Accounting Professors’ Association of North America

The 20th Annual Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting at Rutgers

University

The 4th Annual Lone Star Accounting Research Conference

2008 AAA Annual Meeting

The 19th Annual Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting

University of Arizona

2007 University of Texas at Austin Accounting–Finance Mini Conference

2006 The 17th Annual Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting at Georgia

State University

Arizona State University

Baruch College

College of William and Mary

DePaul University

McMaster University

Northeastern University

University of Oklahoma

University of Texas at Austin

Yale University

2004 AAA Financial Accounting and Reporting Section Midyear Meeting

2003 Tsinghua University

**Conference Attendance**

2022 FARS & Journal of Financial Reporting Research Settings Mini-Conference (virtual)

2021 UConn SPAC conference (virtual)

2021 the 36th Contemporary Accounting Research conference (virtual)

2021 China Accounting and Finance Review (CAFR) Annual Conference (virtual)

2021 The Chinese Accounting Professors’ Association of North America Conference (virtual)

2021 Yale School of Management Summer Accounting Conference (virtual)

2021 University of Connecticut Finance Conference (virtual)

2021 UConn and HK Polytech Seminar series: Private Equity and Entrepreneurship on both sides of the Pacific (virtual)

2020 China Accounting and Finance Review (CAFR) Virtual Annual Conference

2019 Yale School of Management Fall Accounting Conference

2017 Deloitte Trueblood Seminar

2016 PwC Accounting & Tax Symposium

AAA Annual Meeting

2016 Yale University Accounting Summer Research Conference

2015 Yale University Accounting Conference

2013 Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference

2012 Fourth Chinese Accounting Professors’ Association of North America

Colorado Summer Accounting Research Conference

2006 AAA Financial Accounting and Reporting Midyear Meeting

2005 AAA Annual Meeting

Oklahoma University School of Accounting Conference

2004 AAA-Deloitte Doctoral Consortium.

2003 PAC-10 Consortium in accounting at the University of Washington in Seattle.

2002 University of Colorado Winter Accounting Research Conference.

**Professional Affiliation And Service**

Licensed as a C.P.A. in China, 1998

Member of American Accounting Association

Ad hoc reviewer for The Accounting Review, Journal of Accounting, Auditing, and Finance, Journal of Accounting and Public Policy, Contemporary Accounting Research, Management Science, Journal of Contemporary Accounting and Economics conference, AAA annual and Financial Accounting and Reporting Section Midyear meetings, and Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, Hawaii Accounting Research Conference, Accounting and Business Research

Chair of UConn Business School research computing committee, 2017 – present

Member of University of Connecticut Business School database committee, 2012 – present.

Member of accounting department PhD committee, 2012 – present.

Member of accounting department faculty recruiting committee, 2013 – 2021.

**Other information**

Professor of the Year, voted by senior accounting students in 2018.

Ackerman Scholar, Fall 2016 to Spring 2020.

Best Paper Award, School of Business, 2020.

Best Paper Award, School of Business, 2015.

Best Paper Award, AAA Northeast Region Meeting, 2014.

Gerald Hart Doctoral Research Summer Fellowship, 2002.