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ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut August 2019 – Present
Assistant Professor

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas August 2014 – July 2019
Graduate Research Assistant

Deloitte & Touche, LLP, Houston, Texas June 2004 – June 2014
Manager, Audit & Advisory Services
Senior Consultant, Enterprise Risk Services
Consultant, Enterprise Risk Services

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
Mays Business School
Ph.D. Business Administration – Accounting August 2019
Master of Science – Management Information Systems May 2004
Bachelor of Science – Accounting May 2004

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

Dissertation

Vakil, Tara L. *Can disaggregation in the financial statements enhance the credibility and informativeness of Non-GAAP disclosures?*

(Status: Preparing for Journal Submission)

Dissertation Committee: Anwer S. Ahmed (Chair), Lynn L. Rees, Sarah C. Rice, and Dudley L. Poston

- I investigate how disaggregated information in the financial statements interacts with firm disclosure policy. Motivated by recent FASB interest in whether disaggregation will improve the decision-usefulness of financial information, I find that disaggregation can both increase the informativeness and enhance the credibility of voluntarily disclosed non-GAAP earnings.

Working Papers

Ahmed, Anwer S., Rice, Sarah C. and Tara L. Vakil. *The Role of Employee Stock Ownership in a Firm's Ability to Produce High Quality Financial Reporting*

(Status: Preparing for Journal Submission)

- We examine the role of incentive alignment among the firm's rank-and-file employee base in the production of high quality financial reporting. Our findings suggest that employee ownership incrementally improves financial reporting quality above other broad-based and executive incentive compensation plans.

McMartin, Andrew S., and Tara L. Vakil. *Should Accounting Standards Compete? Small Sample Evidence from Germany*

(Status: Revising for Conference Submission)

- We revisit the theoretical arguments that firms might be better off if they can choose amongst high-quality reporting standards in a setting where firms were allowed to choose between local GAAP, IFRS, and U.S. GAAP reporting standards. Unique to the IFRS literature, we find that mandatory adoption of IFRS by U.S. GAAP firms resulted in negative capital market consequences.

Works in Progress

Kolev, Kalin, Lerman, Alina and Tara L. Vakil. *Other-Than-Temporary Impairments of Investment Securities by Non-Financial Firms*

(Status: Data Collection)

Kim, Youree, Kravet, Todd and Tara L. Vakil. *The Role of Innovation and Technology in the Delivery of Audit Services*
(Status: Data Collection)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut

Instructor: ACCT 4243 – Assurance Services

- 97 undergraduate students – three sections (Rating: 4.5/5.0) Spring 2020

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

Instructor: ACCT 229 – Introductory Financial Accounting

- 32 undergraduate students – one section (Rating: 4.9/5.0) Fall 2016
- Instructor: Seminar on Effective Teaching Strategies for incoming Mays Ph.D. students Fall 2017

PRESENTATIONS

“Can disaggregation in the financial statements enhance the credibility and informativeness of Non-GAAP disclosures?”

- University of Connecticut – Storrs, CT
- Florida State University – Tallahassee, FL
- University of Illinois–Chicago – Chicago, IL
- Loyola Marymount University – Los Angeles, CA
- University of Georgia – Athens, GA
- University of Kansas – Lawrence, KS
- George Mason University – Fairfax, VA

“The Role of Employee Stock Ownership in a Firm’s Ability to Produce High Quality Financial Reporting”

- Lone Star Accounting Research Conference, Texas Christian University – Fort Worth, TX

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Ad-Hoc Referee for Scholarly Journals

Accounting Horizons 2017 – Present

Reviewer for Academic Conferences

AAA Annual Meeting 2017, 2018, 2020

University of Connecticut

Accounting Information Systems Curriculum Committee 2019 – Present

Data Analytics Curriculum Committee 2019 – Present

Deloitte Audit Innovation Case Competition Faculty Advisor 2019 – Present

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

New Faculty Consortium – Leesburg, Virginia (**Invited Attendee**) February 2020

AAA FARS Section Midyear Meeting – Nashville, TN (**Discussant**) January 2020

PCAOB/AAA Annual Meeting – Washington, D.C. (**Invited Attendee**) April 2019

AAA FARS Section Midyear Meeting – Seattle, WA January 2019

AAA Annual Meeting – Washington, D.C. (**Discussant**) August 2018

PCAOB/AAA Annual Meeting – Washington, D.C. (**Invited Attendee**) April 2018

AAA FARS Section Midyear Meeting – Austin, TX January 2018

Lone Star Accounting Research Conference – Fort Worth, TX (**Presenter**) January 2018

AAA Annual Meeting – San Diego, CA (**Discussant**) August 2017

Deloitte Foundation/FSA Faculty Consortium – Dallas, TX (**Invited Attendee**) May 2017

PCAOB/AAA Annual Meeting – Washington, D.C. (**Invited Attendee**) April 2017

Lone Star Accounting Research Conference – Arlington, TX	February 2017
AAA FARS Section Midyear Meeting – Charlotte, NC	January 2017
AAA Annual Meeting – New York, NY	August 2016
FASB Doctoral Student Program – Norwalk, CT (Invited Attendee)	June 2016
AAA FARS Section Midyear Meeting – Costa Mesa, CA	January 2016
Texas A&M Former Doctoral Students Research Conference – College Station, TX	October 2015

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Mays Business School Dean’s Award for Outstanding Teaching	2016 – 2017
Texas A&M University Diversity Fellowship	2014 – 2017
Texas A&M Department of Accounting Fellowship	2014 – 2019
Mays Business School Ph.D. Enhancement Fellowship	2014 – 2019

MEMBERSHIPS & CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)	2006 – Present
American Accounting Association (AAA)	2014 – Present
AAA Financial Accounting and Reporting Section (FARS)	2014 – Present
AAA Auditing Section	2014 – Present