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### ACADEMIC **EXPERIENCE**

### Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA

2015 - Present

The Williams School of Commerce, Economics and Politics

Assistant Professor of Accounting

Affiliate Faculty, Africana Studies Advisory Committee

### Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

2014-2015

**Robinson College of Business** Visiting Assistant Professor

### University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

2009-2014

Kenan-Flagler Business School

Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant and Instructor

#### **EDUCATION**

### University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

Kenan-Flagler Business School

Ph.D. in Business Administration, May 2014

Area: Accounting

#### Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

College of Business

Master of Accounting, 2005

#### Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL

School of Business and Industry

Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Magna Cum Laude, 1999

### RESEARCH **INTERESTS**

Financial statement disclosure; reporting for financial instruments; hedge accounting; standard setting issues; manipulation of financial reporting outcomes; financial and regulatory reporting for financial institutions

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Boyer, M. M., E. P. Cowins and W. D. Reddic, 2019. Portfolio Rebalancing Behavior with Operating Losses and Investment Regulation. *International* Review of Economics and Finance, 63: 313-328.

Boyer, M. M., E. P. Cowins and W. D. Reddic, 2020. Operational Risk Management and Regulatory Investment Constraints on Portfolio Allocation: Evidence from Property and Casualty Insurers. *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, 57: 20-52.

# ACCEPTED PAPER

"Managing and Disclosing Environmental Risks: A Tale of Two Utilities", with Megan Hess and Julie Youngman, (Forthcoming, *Issues in Accounting Education*).

### WORKING PAPERS

"Executive Compensation and Hedge Accounting: An Investigation of Reporting and Risk Incentives Associated with Corporate Use of Derivatives", with M. Boyer and W. Reddic, (under revision).

"Does Hedge Accounting Reflect Firms' Risk Management Activities?" (preparing for submission, *Journal of Financial Reporting*).

"An Investigation of the Relative Costs and Benefits of Accounting Hedge Designation", co-authored with W. Reddic, (preparing for submission).

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Does Net Reporting of Derivative Assets and Liabilities Result in a Loss of Information?"

"Effects of the Asymmetric Treatment of Hedge Ineffectiveness from Cash Flow vs. Fair Value Hedges", co-authored with W. Reddic

"Regulatory Conservatism and Investment Efficiency", co-authored with M. Alford, M. Boyer, and W. Reddic

"Hedge Accounting as Voluntary Disclosure", co-authored with W. Reddic

"Investment Risk in a Regulated Environment", co-authored with W. Reddic

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

AFAA Brown Bag Workshop, 2020 (Virtual)

HEC Montreal, 2018

Diversity Section Midyear Meeting, Atlanta, 2015

AAA Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2015 Northern Kentucky University, 2014 Washington and Lee University, 2014

University of South Carolina – Upstate, 2014

University of Louisville, 2014 University of Connecticut, 2014 Florida State University, 2014 University of Nebraska, 2014

University of North Carolina, 2013, 2014

# CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

AAA Annual Meeting, 2020 (Virtual)

PwC Accounting and Tax Symposium, 2020 (Virtual) Accounting Faculty Alumni Association, 2020 (Virtual) FASB Financial Reporting Issues Conference, Norwalk, 2020

Duke/University of North Carolina Fall Accounting Camp, Durham, 2019

PWC Analytics and Automation for Faculty, Charlotte, 2019 FASB Financial Reporting Issues Conference, Norwalk, 2019

Blockchain Technology: An Emerging Issues Forum, San Francisco, 2018

FASB Financial Reporting Issues Conference, Norwalk, 2018

AAA Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2017

PhD Project, Accounting Faculty Alumni Association Meeting, San Diego, 2017

FASB Financial Reporting Issues Conference, Norwalk, 2017

Diversity Section Midyear Meeting, Coral Gables, 2016

Duke/University of North Carolina Fall Accounting Camp, Durham, 2016 Strategies for Success in the College Classroom, Bentley University, 2016

New Faculty Consortium, 2016

Diversity Section Midyear Meeting, Atlanta, 2015

AAA Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2015

Diversity Section Midyear Meeting, Atlanta, 2014

AAA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2014

Southeastern Summer Accounting Research Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2014 Journal of Accounting and Economics Conference, Rochester, NY, 2012

AAA Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., 2012

PhD Project Accounting Doctoral Student Association Conference, Washington D.C., 2012

AAA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2010

PhD Project Accounting Doctoral Student Association Conference, San Francisco, 2010

Global Issues in Accounting Conference, Chapel Hill, 2010-2011

Journal of Business Finance and Accounting Conference, Chapel Hill, 2010 University of North Carolina Tax Symposium, Chapel Hill, 2010-2012

Duke/University of North Carolina Fall Accounting Camp, Chapel Hill, 2009-2013

AAA Annual Meeting, New York, 2009

PhD Project Accounting Doctoral Student Association Conference, New York, 2009

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Financial Statement Analysis (ACCT 311) Intermediate Accounting II (ACCT 321)

Managerial Accounting (ACCT 202)

Cost Accounting (graduate and undergraduate levels)

Financial Accounting (ACCT 201) Amateurism and the NCAA (BUS 135) Introduction to Accounting (ACCT 100)

General Success (FYE 100)

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Goldleaf Financial Solutions**, Norcross, GA

Accounting Manager

Infor Global Solutions, Alpharetta, GA

2005-2008

2008-2009

Senior Accountant

The Printing House, Tallahassee, FL

1999-2005

Senior Accountant (2002-2005) Staff Accountant (1999-2001)

# HONORS & AWARDS

Royster Society of Fellows, Chancellor's Fellowship, 2009-2014

AICPA Doctoral Fellowship for Minority Accounting Students, 2009-2014 KPMG Foundation Minority Accounting Doctoral Scholar, 2009-2014

Florida A&M University Presidential Scholar, 1995-1999

CERTIFICATION & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Certified Public Accountant (inactive), Illinois Advanced Certification, QuickBooks Online

American Accounting Association

PhD Project Faculty Alumni Association

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

SERVICE

Search Committee – Director of the Delaney Center, 2022

Advisory Board Member - The Walker Program, 2021 - Present

Search Committee - Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting, 2021

Search Committee - Associate Provost of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, 2021

Ad hoc Committee on Teaching Evaluation, 2020 - Present Ad hoc Faculty Anti-Racist Plan Committee, 2020 - Present

CARPE Advisory Board, 2019-Present

Search Committee - OIE Assistant Directors of Inclusion and Engagement, 2020

Ad hoc Reviewer, North American Actuarial Journal

Ad hoc Reviewer, *The Accounting Review* OIE Diversity Trainer, 2018-Present

Guest Lecturer, W&L Law Business Immersion, 2018 and 2019

Event Planner, OIE Spectrum Series: Black Representation in Comics, 2018

Facilitator and Participant, Women's Leadership Summit, 2018

University Committee on Inclusiveness and Campus Climate, 2017-2020

Williams School Strategic Planning Task Force, 2017-2018

Teaching Evaluation Committee, 2017-2018

Johnson Scholarship Selection Committee, 2017 - 2020

Faculty Participant, The Diversity and Inclusion Visit Experience, 2016 - Present

Facilitator, First Year Community Discussion, 2016 - 2018 and 2020 Strategic Planning Committee, The New Williams School Core, 2016-2017 Southeast Regional Coordinator - AAA Diversity Section, 2016 - Present

Faculty Athletics Mentor, Women's Volleyball, 2016 - Present Faculty Participant, SophoMORE Program, 2016 - 2019

Planning Committee, PhD Project Faculty Alumni Association, 2016

Topinka Scholarship Committee, 2016 - 2021

Steering Committee, PhD Project Faculty Alumni Association, 2015 UNC representative, PhD Project Annual Conference, Chicago, 2011

Reviewer, AAA Annual Meeting, 2011, 2015

Aided in initiation of Royster Society of Fellows-Carolina Covenant partnership *Conversations* (2010-2011) – Panel discussions directed toward Covenant scholars interested in graduate study.

*Mentorship* (2011-2012) – Companion to "Conversations" for those Covenant scholars who desire mentorship