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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

MIT Sloan School of Management

Assistant Professor of Accounting

2025 -

EDUCATION

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Ph.D., Accounting

2025

Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame

Bachelors of Business Administration in Accountancy, Summa cum Laude

2017

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am interested in the interplay between information, incentives, and decision-making, both inside and outside the firm. I use a wide set of research methods including field experiments, surveys, and archival analyses both within a firm and in broad-sample settings.

PUBLICATIONS

Casas-Arce, Pablo, Asís Martínez-Jerez, and Joseph Moran. 2025. Motivating from the Heights: A Field Experiment on Top Managers Visiting the Front Line. *Review of Accounting Studies* 30 (2): 1099-1135. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11142-024-09847-3.

Media Coverage: Forbes, Cornell Chronicle

WORKING PAPERS

Drilldown Data Access Rates and Managerial Target Achievement. Job Market Paper.

Bout of Sales: Impact of Alignment between Leadership Style and Incentive Systems, with Pablo Casas-Arce and Asís Martínez-Jerez.

Emissions Targets and Internal Carbon Pricing Usage and Design: International Evidence, with Carolyn Deller and Shawn Kim.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Moderators of Control System Cascade Effects, with Pablo Casas-Arce, Christopher Ittner, and Asís Martínez-Jerez.

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RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

2025 AAA MAS Mid-Year Meeting

University of Notre Dame

Michigan State University

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

University of Chicago

Emory University

Arizona State University

Harvard Business School

London School of Economics and Political Science

INSEAD

Center for Operational Excellence in Retailing (COER) Conference

AAA Annual Meeting

2024 AAA MAS Mid-Year Meeting

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Wharton-INSEAD Doctoral Consortium

Management Accounting Workshop Series Rookie Camp

2023 AAA MAS Mid-Year Meeting

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

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INVITED CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS

Discussion of "The Influence of Online Reviews and Hotel Digital Responsibility on ESG Practices and Sustainability Performance", 2025 AAA Annual Meeting

Discussion of "Employer and Employee Responses to Generative AI: Early Evidence", 2025 AAA MAS Mid-Year Meeting

Discussion of "Optimal Contracting or Managerial Power: Evidence from the Role of Independent Directors in Adjusting CEO Inside Debt", 2024 AAA MAS Mid-Year Meeting

Discussion of "Upward Influencers in Teams", 2023 AAA MAS Mid-Year Meeting

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

2025	Columbia Management Accounting Conference
	Wharton Spring Accounting Conference

Four School Accounting Conference

	University of Notre Dame Fall Accounting Conference JAE Conference
2023	Four School Accounting Conference Wharton Spring Accounting Conference Center for Operational Excellence in Retailing (COER) Conference University of Notre Dame Fall Accounting Conference
2022	Wharton Empirical Operations Management Workshop
2021	JAE Conference
2020	JAE Conference RAST Conference
2018	University of Notre Dame Fall Accounting Conference

Wharton Spring Accounting Conference

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Instructor – Strategic Cost Analysis

Summer 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Chicago, IL

Senior Associate, Private Company Services Assurance

September 2017 – June 2020

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Outstanding Reviewer Award, 2024 and 2025, MAS Mid-Year Meeting; 2025, AAA Annual Meeting
- Winkelman Fellowship, 2022 2025, The Wharton School
- The Wharton School Fellowship for Doctoral Studies, 2020 2025, The Wharton School
- George James Doctoral Fellowship, 2020, The Wharton School
- Elmer Layden Award for Excellence in Accounting Studies, 2017, University of Notre Dame
- Elijah Watt Sells Award, 2017, American Institute of CPAs
- ICPAS Silver Award, 2017, Illinois CPA Society

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Member, American Accounting Association (Management Accounting Section) 2022 – Present

Member, American Institute of CPAs 2018 – 2021

Certified Public Accountant, Illinois (Inactive) 2018 – 2021

OTHER INFORMATION

External Service

Ad hoc reviewer:

AAA Annual Meeting
AAA Mid-Year Meeting, Management Accounting Section
Hawai'i Accounting Research Conference
Wharton-INSEAD Doctoral Consortium

Programming Skills

Stata, R, Python, LaTeX