## **Three New Academic Staff Joined the AC Family in August 2021**

Dr Jin Kyung Choi, Assistant Professor



Hello, my name is Jin Kyung Choi and I am excited to join CityU as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Accountancy.

I was born and raised in Seoul, South Korea. I graduated with Bachelor's degrees in Business and Economics from Seoul National University in 2014 and an M.S. in Accounting from Seoul National University in 2016. After completing my Master's programme, I moved to the United States to pursue my PhD I

graduated with a PhD in Accounting from the University of Maryland in 2021.

My research focuses on various types of disclosures and their impacts. In my job market paper, I examined how capital market participants use non-financial information, such as information about a firm's supply chain. Another working paper of mine examines whether firm-specific disclosures can facilitate quicker resolution of the stock price uncertainty surrounding Federal Open Market Committee announcements.

I am very happy to begin my career at CityU and look forward to working on many interesting research projects with great colleagues here. I am also very excited to teach students at CityU starting this Fall semester, and I hope to improve students' understanding of accounting principles and help students get excited about accounting as a discipline that is essential for the successful running of any business.

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## Dr Jing Wen, Assistant Professor



Hi, I am Jing Wen, and I am excited to be joining the Department of Accountancy at CityU as an Assistant Professor. I received my PhD in Accounting from Columbia University and completed my undergraduate studies in Financial Engineering at Renmin University of China.

My primary research interest is examining whether and how accounting-based regulations affect corporate decisions, such as disclosure, risk-taking, mergers and acquisitions, and tunneling, primarily in the setting of financial institutions. The setting of financial institutions provides a unique opportunity to tackle research questions due to its rich data and regulatory interventions.

I will be teaching Corporate Accounting I to undergraduate students in the Fall semester. In teaching, my goal is to motivate students to grasp the language of accounting, to teach them the fundamental roles of

accounting in facilitating efficient resource allocation, and to help them make informed business decisions based on accounting information in their future careers. Looking back, I am forever indebted to many great professors in my undergraduate and doctoral studies for my professional and personal achievements. To pass on the torch, I am determined to share my knowledge with the next generation and to provide my continuous support for their success.

Besides research and teaching, I enjoy exercising in my spare time. I am very happy to be here and look forward to my new journey with the CityU family.

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Hello. My name is Kelvin Yeung (楊國誠), and I am thrilled to be joining the Department of Accountancy at CityU. I was born in Edmonton, Alberta to Paul Yeung (楊家才) and Sue Yeung (楊雪玲), immigrants from Hong Kong. I pursued my undergraduate studies in my hometown, and received a B.Com. (Hons.) in Accounting from the University of Alberta in 2016. Shortly thereafter, I moved to Ithaca, NY, where I pursued my doctoral studies at Cornell University.

I received an M.S. and a PhD in Accounting from Cornell University in 2020 and 2021, respectively. Below, you will find a graduation photo with my mentor (and friend), Professor Luo Zuo (right).

My research explores two broad topics. First, my research examines the effects that corporate disclosures have on real firm behavior. In a solo-authored piece, I study a disclosure mandate requiring that firms disclose the ratio of total CEO compensation



to the median employee compensation. This disclosure mandate led to a decrease in employment and an increase in IT investment, suggesting that firms responded to the mandate by changing their production function. Second, my research examines the role that individual decision-makers play in the capital markets. In a working paper with Antoinette Scholar (MIT) and Luo Zuo (Cornell University), we report that individual managers explain a large amount of variation in their firm's systematic risk exposures, incremental to firm-, industry-, and market-level factors. In a second working paper with Michelle Hanlon (MIT) and Luo Zuo (Cornell University), we develop a framework and review the blossoming literature that uses insights from behavioral economics to help us better explain and predict accounting phenomena.

In the upcoming academic year, I will be teaching Corporate Accounting I (AC3202). My goal is to enrich students' understanding of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and to help them prepare for their future careers in accounting. To do so, I plan to leverage my past teaching experience at Cornell University.

I am excited for what the future holds in Hong Kong and I look forward to collaborating and growing with my new family at CityU! (3)