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Education

PhD, University of Houston
Major: Business Administration

MS, University of Houston
Major: Accountancy

MPhil., University of Yaounde II
Major: International Relations
Supporting Areas of Emphasis: Money, Banking, and Finance

BS, University of Buea
Major: Business Administration

Employment History

Academic - Administrative Assignments

Interim Director of the School of Accountancy, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.
(September 1, 2023 – Present)
Associate Director of the School of Accountancy, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. (September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2023).

Academic - Post-Secondary

Associate Professor, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. (September 1, 2020 - Present).
Assistant Professor, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. (September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2020).
Assistant Professor, The University of Texas Pan American. (September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015).

Awards and Honors

Nominated for the Texas Society of CPAs Outstanding Accounting Educator Award, Texas Society of CPAs. (May 15, 2019).
Nominated for the UTRGV Faculty Excellence Award Teaching, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. (February 8, 2019).

Nominated for 'The University of Texas Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award, The University of Texas System. (October 23, 2018).
Best Accounting Professor, IMA-UTRGV-Edinburg. (April 28, 2017).
Doctoral Consortium Fellow, 2014, Financial Accounting and Reporting Section of the American Accounting Association. (January 1, 2014).
Doctoral Consortium Fellow, 2012, American Accounting Association. (June 2012).
Jesse Jones Dissertation Completion Grant, C.T. Bauer College of Business, University of Houston. (June 2012).
Best Doctoral Student Paper Award, Southwest Region of the American Accounting Association. (March 2012).
Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston. (August 2008).
Graduate Academic Excellence Award, Department of Accountancy and Taxation, University of Houston. (March 2008).
Best Student of the Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, University of Buea, Cameroon. (August 2003).

Professional Memberships

European Accounting Association. (November 17, 2021 - Present).
Institute of Management Accountants. (October 2019 - Present).
American Accounting Association. (August 2008 - Present).

TEACHING

Teaching Experience

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

ACCT 2302, Intro to Manag Acc, 5 courses.
ACCT 3324, Cost Acc & Mgt, 31 courses.
ACCT 6320, Acct & Fin Analysis, 4 courses.
ACCT 6341, Acct Res & Comm, 14 courses.
ACCT 8350, Acct Theory-An Info Cont Persp, 1 course.

The University of Texas Pan American

ACC 2302, Fund of Managerial Acctg, 1 course.
ACC 3320, Cost Accounting, 5 courses.

Directed Student Learning

Undergraduate Honors Thesis, "Ownership Structure and Earnings Quality: Evidence from the Transportation Industry," Accounting & Business Law (UTPA), HONR 4387, (September 2015 - June 2016)
Jorge Garcia

RESEARCH

Published Intellectual Contributions Journal Article, Academic Journal

- Sobngwi, C. K., Ater, B. D., Kilic, E. (2023). Conditional conservatism in GAAP earnings and the implications for the disclosure of non-GAAP earnings. *Advances in Accounting, In Press*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.adiac.2023.100686>
- Hossain, M. N., Rabarison, M. K., Ater, B. D., Sobngwi, C. K. (2023). CEO Marital Status and Dividend Policy. *Journal of Corporate Finance*, 78. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcorpfin.2022.102342>
- Aguir, W., Ater, B., Anabila, A., Kuate Sobngwi, C. K. The Role of Shared Auditors in Loan Contracts. *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance-Forthcoming*, 86, 87-97. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.qref.2022.05.005> <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.qref.2022.05.005>
- Sobngwi, C. K., Noland, T. R. (2019). Attracting and Retaining Core Competency: A Focus on Cost Stickiness. *Journal of Accounting & Organizational Change*, 15(4), 678-700. <https://www.emerald.com/insight/content/doi/10.1108/JAOC-04-2018-0038/full/html>
- Werner, S., Sobngwi, C. K., Noland, T. R., Francia, A. J. (2016). Using Benefits to Support Organizational Strategies: Do Pension Plans Attract Safer Drivers in the Trucking Industry. *Human Resource Management*, 55(5), 885-900. [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/\(ISSN\)1099-050X/homepage/EditorialBoard.html](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)1099-050X/homepage/EditorialBoard.html) doi: 10.1002/hrm.21688
- Sobngwi, C. K., Francia, A. J., Porter, M. C., Noland, T. R. (2013). Capital Structure Choices and Survival in a Deregulated Environment. *Academy of Accounting and Financial Studies Journal*, 17(2).
- Sobngwi, C. K., Francia, A. J., Porter, M. C. (2011). Ownership structure and financial performance in the trucking industry. *Academy of Accounting and Financial Studies Journal*, 15(Special Issue No. 1).

Presentations Given

- Hossain, M. N., Rabarison, M. K., Ater, B. D., Sobngwi, C. K., (March 4, 2022). *CEO marital status and dividend policy*, 2022 Southwest Region Meeting of the American Accounting Association American Accounting Association (AAA) in New Orleans, LA.
- Hossain, M. N., Rabarison, M. K., (October 20, 2021). *CEO marital status and dividend policy*, 2021 FMA Annual Meeting Financial Management Association International in Denver, CO.

- Kuiate Sobngwi, C. K., Aguir, W., (March 21, 2021). *Active learning strategies in technical online courses: The case of graduate level accounting courses*, Excellence in Online Learning Conference UTRGV-COLTT in Online.
- Kuiate Sobngwi, C. K., Kilic, E., Lobo, G. J., (August 10, 2020). *Concurrent Lending and Underwriting, Expected Loss Recognition Timeliness and Loan Credit Quality.*, 2020 Annual Meeting American Accounting Association American Accounting Association in Virtual.
- Anabila, A., Ater, B., Kuiate Sobngwi, C. K., (March 12, 2020). *The Role of Shared Auditors in Private Debt Contracts*, American Accounting Association SW Region UTRGV in San Antonio.
- Sobngwi, C. K., (August 14, 2019). *The Role of Shared Auditors in Private Debt Contracts*, 2019 Annual Meeting American Accounting Association in San Francisco.
- Sobngwi, C. K., Noland, T. R., (August 7, 2018). *Attracting and Retaining Core Competency: Evidence from Cost Stickiness in the Trucking Industry*, Annual Meeting American Accounting Association in Washington DC.
- Sobngwi, C. K., (August 6, 2017). *On Classification Shifting in the Absence of Special Items*, Annual Meeting American Accounting Association in San Diego, California.
- Sobngwi, C. K., (August 2014). *Risk Shifting and Fair Value Accounting in the Banking Industry*, Annual Meeting of the American Accounting Association American Accounting Association in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Sobngwi, C. K., Lobo, G., Francia, A., Kilic, E., (May 2013). *Securities Underwriting and Discretionary Financial Reporting Behavior*, 36th Annual Congress of the European Accounting Association European Accounting Association in Paris, France.
- Sobngwi, C. K., (March 2012). *Conservatism in GAAP Earnings and the Disclosure of Non-GAAP Earnings*, Southwest Region Meeting of the American Accounting Association American Accounting Association in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Sobngwi, C. K., (August 2011). *Conservatism in GAAP Earnings and the Disclosure of Non-GAAP Earnings*, Annual Meeting of the American Accounting Association American Accounting Association in Denver, Colorado.

SERVICE

Department Service

- Committee Member, Scholarship and Awards Committee. (September 1, 2021 - Present).
- Committee Co-Chair, SOA MACC Committee. (September 1, 2021 - Present).

Committee Chair, SOA Vision, Mission, and Values Committee. (September 2021 - Present).
 Committee Member, SOA Personnel Committee. (September 1, 2020 - Present).
 Faculty Advisor, Institute of Management Accountants-Student Chapter-Edinburg Campus.
 (January 15, 2018 - Present).
 Committee Member, Content Alignment Task Force: ACCT 2302 ACCT 3324. (September
 1, 2016 - Present).
 Committee Member, SOA Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. (September 1, 2021 -
 August 31, 2022).
 Committee Chair, Ph.D. Business Administration-Accounting Curriculum Committee.
 (September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2022).
 Committee Member, Recruiting committee-Administrative Assistant. (October 1, 2021 -
 November 30, 2021).
 Committee Member, Recruiting committee-Part time lecturers. (October 1, 2021 -
 November 30, 2021).
 Committee Member, School of Accountancy's Graduate Curriculum Committee. (September
 1, 2018 - August 31, 2021).
 Committee Member, Faculty Search Committee. (November 30, 2020 - March 31, 2021).
 Committee Member, Professor of Practice Search Committee. (September 30, 2020 - March
 31, 2021).
 Committee Member, School of Accountancy Director Search Committee. (September 1,
 2020 - March 31, 2021).
 Committee Member, Recruiting Committee. (September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2020).
 Coordinator, School of Accountancy Brownbag Research Series. (January 2016 - September
 1, 2019).
 Committee Member, School of Accountancy Promotion and Tenure Guidelines Committee.
 (January 15, 2017 - May 15, 2017).
 Committee Member, Recruiting Committee. (September 1, 2016 - December 15, 2016).
 Committee Member, Graduate Curriculum Review Committee. (September 1, 2015 -
 December 31, 2015).
 Committee Member, Annual Review Committee. (September 1, 2014 - October 31, 2014).

College Service

Committee Chair, Undergraduate Envisioning Committee. (January 2017 - Present).
 Committee Member, VCOBE Ph.D. Committee. (February 1, 2019 - August 31, 2022).
 Committee Member, Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Task Force. (January 27, 2020 - March 31,
 2021).
 Committee Member, Teaching Excellence Committee. (September 1, 2014 - September 1,
 2015).

University Service

Committee Member, Robert C. Vackar College of Business Dean's Search Committee.
 (December 11, 2017 - March 2018).

Professional Service

Ad-Hoc Reviewer

Reviewer, Journal Article, Journal of Capital Markets Studies. (August 9, 2022 - August 31,
 2022).

Conference-Related, American Accounting Association Annual Meeting. (February 28, 2022 - March 28, 2022).

Session Chair, American Accounting Association, San Diego, California. (August 1, 2022 - September 1, 2022).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Journal of International Accounting Auditing and Taxation. (March 24, 2022 - April 5, 2022).

Reviewer, Ad Hoc Reviewer, European Accounting Review. (December 15, 2019 - January 15, 2019).

Reviewer, Ad Hoc Reviewer, Managerial Auditing Journal. (February 26, 2019 - March 30, 2019).

Reviewer, Conference Paper, American Accounting Association Annual Meeting. (January 15, 2019 - February 11, 2019).

Reviewer, Conference Paper, American Accounting Association Annual Meeting. (January 10, 2019 - February 11, 2019).

Discussant, Washington D.C. (August 5, 2018 - August 8, 2018).

Session Chair, American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (August 6, 2018).

Discussant, American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (August 4, 2018).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Managerial Finance. (April 5, 2018 - May 5, 2018).

Reviewer, Conference Paper, American Accounting Association Annual Meeting. (February 2018 - March 2018).

Reviewer, Journal Article, European Accounting Review. (January 2018 - February 2018).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Managerial Finance. (September 2017 - October 2017).

Reviewer, Journal Article, European Accounting Review. (August 2017 - September 2017).

Reviewer, Ad Hoc Reviewer, European Accounting Review. (April 6, 2017 - May 2017).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Asian Review of Accounting. (April 2016 - May 2016).

Reviewer, Journal Article, European Accounting Review. (March 2016 - April 2016).