

## **The Glen McLaughlin (Endowed) Prize for Research in Accounting Ethics**

### ***Call for Papers***

John T. Steed School of Accounting at the University of Oklahoma is soliciting submissions for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Glen McLaughlin Prize for research in accounting ethics. The prize includes an award of **\$15,000** for the best unpublished paper (at the time of submission) on ethics in any area of accounting. The development of the ethical concepts in the paper may be rooted in ethical philosophy, but authors should feel free to draw upon ethical insights from other disciplines such as sociology, psychology, biology, economics or humanities. The paper is best viewed as an interdisciplinary work, contributing to the understanding of ethical concepts and then applying this understanding to accounting issues in an effective way. Examples of topics suitable for the prize include (but not limited to):

- Corporate disclosure practices
- Financial reporting, valuation, and performance measurement
- Management control systems
- Executive compensation structure and incentive issues
- Assurance services and litigation
- Corporate governance and internal control
- Forecasting and the role of financial analysts
- Tax reporting and disclosure

Examples of recent recipients of the prize include:

2009 “Why Do CFOs Become Involved in Material Accounting Manipulations?” M. Feng, M, University of Pittsburgh; Ge, W., University of Washington, Luo, S., University of Pittsburgh, & Shevlin, T. University of Washington

2008 (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorating Conference of the McLaughlin Prize): Bowen, R.M. A.C. Call & S. Rajgopal (all at University of Washington). “Whistle-Blowing: Target firm characteristics and economic consequences.”

2007: Abdolmohammadi, M. J. & W.J Read (both at Bentley College). “Corporate governance ratings and financial restatements”

2006: Carter, M. E. (Wharton School, University of Penn), Lynch, L.J. (Darden Graduate School, University of Virginia) & Zechman, S.L.C (Wharton School, University of Penn). “The relation between executive compensation and earnings management: changes in post-Sarbanes-Oxley era” *Review of Accounting Studies*, 2009 14(4)

2005: Fischer, P. and S. Huddart (both at Penn State University). “Optimal contracting with endogenous reporting norms” *American Economic Review* 2008, 98(4): 1459-1475.

2007 AAA Notable Contribution to Accounting Literature Award: Evans, J.H. III, R.L. Hannan, R. Krishnan, & D. Moser, 2001. "Honesty in Managerial Reporting," *The Accounting Review* 76: 537-559

Papers should be submitted by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 for consideration for the prize. The winner of the prize will be announced by February 16th, 2010. The winner is expected to present the paper at a research workshop at the University of Oklahoma campus. The award will be presented at that time. Awards will be given only if the committee agrees that a paper of sufficient quality to merit the prize has been submitted. Please email your paper (in Word or pdf format) to [dghosh@ou.edu](mailto:dghosh@ou.edu). In case of any questions, please contact:

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