Accounting, Behavioral and Organizations Section (ABO)
Candidates for the 2020-2021 ABO Section Election

Candidates for ABO President Elect – Kathy Rupar and Chad Simon

Kathy Rupar is an Assistant Professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology’s Scheller College of Business. She received her PhD from Cornell University. Kathy’s research focuses on judgment and decision-making in financial accounting contexts and has been published in *The Accounting Review* and *Contemporary Accounting Research*. She has experience teaching both undergraduate and graduate level financial accounting courses and has won two teaching awards. Kathy has been active in her support of the ABO section. She is the ABO section representative for the AAA Council and has served as reviewer and discussant for the ABO section conferences throughout her academic career.

Chad Simon is an Associate Professor at Utah State University. His research has focused on auditor judgment and decision making, including fraud-related judgments, as well as other topics. He received his PhD from the University of Georgia in 2008 and his research has been published in or accepted for publication in leading accounting journals such as *The Accounting Review*, *Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory*, and *Review of Accounting Studies*. He has taught auditing courses at the graduate and
undergraduate levels, as well as an introductory financial accounting course. He previously served as the AAA ABO Section Annual Meeting Co-Liaison (2014 (Assistant) and 2015), as the Membership and Regional Coordinators Committee Chair, AAA Auditing Section (2014-2015), and is currently serving as the Vice Chair of the Auditing Section Education Committee (2019-2020).

Candidates for ABO Council Representative – Alisa Brink and Jordan Lowe

Alisa G. Brink is the KPMG Teaching Excellence Professor in the Department of Accounting at Virginia Commonwealth University. She has been actively involved in the Accounting Behavior and Organizations (ABO) Section of the AAA for over a decade. Prior ABO roles include serving as ABO President in 2017-2018 and as Chair of the 2015 ABO Research Conference. Alisa’s research topics of interest include creativity, incentive framing, participative budgeting, whistleblowing, and accounting education. Amongst others, her publications include research articles in *Journal of Management Accounting Research, Behavioral Research in Accounting, Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory, Journal of Accounting Literature, Journal of Information Systems, Issues in Accounting Education,* and the *Journal of Business Ethics.* She is an Editor for *Issues in Accounting Education.* Alisa teaches undergraduate courses in financial accounting and the behavioral/experimental accounting research Ph.D. seminar.

Jordan Lowe is a professor of Accountancy at Arizona State University. He received his bachelors and master’s degrees from Brigham Young University, and his Ph.D. from Arizona State University. He has served the ABO section as the chair of the Award Committee, the Notable Contribution to Accounting Literature Selection Committee, the Dissertation Award Committee, and has served as a member of the Nominations
Committee. His research focuses on auditor decision making and legal liability issues. He has published in such journals as the *Accounting Review, Accounting Organizations and Society, Contemporary Research in Accounting, Decision Sciences, Journal of Accounting and Public Policy, Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory, Behavioral Research in Accounting, Accounting Horizons*, as well as other publications. Jordan teaches undergraduate auditing and a doctoral experimental seminar.

**Candidates for ABO Vice-President (Regions) – Brian Goodson and Yibo (James) Zhang**

Brian Goodson is currently an Assistant Professor in the School of Accountancy at Clemson University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi in 2015, and his undergraduate and master's degrees from Troy University. Brian has been an active member of the ABO section for eight years. His research primarily focuses on judgment and decision making within auditing and financial accounting contexts and has been published in *Behavioral Research in Accounting*. He currently teaches financial statement analysis in Clemson's Master of Professional Accountancy program, and intermediate financial accounting at the undergraduate level.

Yibo (James) Zhang is an Assistant Professor in the department of Accountancy at Miami University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of South Florida in 2018. He is a CPA (Texas), CMA, and SAP Certified Associate. James is an active member of the ABO section since 2015. James researches primarily in the area of the intersection of accounting information systems and behavioral accounting. He has published in various
academic journals including *Journal of Information Systems* and *Journal of Intellectual Capital*. James currently teaches Modeling Business Processes in Accounting Information Systems to undergraduate students.