



## **2016 Lifetime Contribution to Management Accounting Award Winner Susan Haka**

Susan F. Haka is the EY Endowed Professor of Accounting in the Accounting and Information Systems Department in the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University. Sue received her PhD from the University of Kansas; her MS in Accounting from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; her MA in Mathematics from Sangamon State University (now the University of Illinois at Springfield); and her BS in Mathematics from Western Illinois University. Before embarking on a career in higher education, Sue was a seventh grade math teacher in the Springfield, Illinois Public School District.

Sue's research focuses on the role of accounting systems in business processes. She is perhaps most famous for her work on the effect of accounting methods such as activity-based costing and variations in accounting information on negotiations, trust, team outcomes, and capital budgeting choices, and for creatively using Lego tasks to test her research questions. Sue published over 25 research studies (many with her PhD students), coauthored two textbooks, and made more than 60 presentations at academic and professional conferences.

Sue's research impact goes far beyond her own publications. She has constructively and graciously fostered the research of others in her roles as editor of *Behavioral Research in Accounting*; as co-editor of *The International Journal of Accounting*; as an associate editor for five journals; and on the editorial boards of nine journals. In addition, she served as chair or committee member for more than 25 PhD students, many of whom have become accomplished members of the academy themselves.

Sue has taught courses at the undergraduate, masters, and PhD levels. While some of these were at the University of Kansas, the University of Glasgow, and the University of Technology Sydney, Michigan State University is her long-time home, having started on the faculty there in 1982. Sue served as Chair of the Department of Accounting and Information Systems and as a Senior Associate Dean of the Broad College of Business.

Sue's contributions to the evolution and vibrancy of the American Accounting Association and to the Management Accounting Section are almost too numerous to count. Sue served as President of the American Accounting Association, and served the Management Accounting Section in the roles of President, Secretary-Treasurer, Chair of the Publications Committee, Program Chair for the Midyear Meeting and for the Annual Meeting, and Chair of the Notable Contribution to Management Accounting Literature Award Committee. In all, Sue served in over 30 roles in the AAA during her career. In addition, she assisted in numerous AACSB accreditations.

Sue has received several prestigious awards, including the Michigan State University Distinguished Faculty Award; the Michigan State University Teacher-Scholar Award; the American Accounting Association Outstanding Educator Award; the Gender Issues in Accounting Mentoring Award from the AAA and KPMG; and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Western Illinois University.

The AAA Management Accounting Section is pleased to add the Lifetime Contribution to Management Accounting Award to this list. Sue's acceptance speech can be found in Volume 28, Issue 3 (2016) of the *Journal of Management Accounting Research*. In that speech, Sue said the following that sums up the energy and enthusiasm that drives her research, her teaching, and her service to others in the academy:

*I cannot know what is in your hearts or minds, but I am totally enamored of accounting in general and management accounting in particular. The historical and ongoing impact of management accounting on society is no less than astounding. I think of accounting as analogous to glue, where glue is used as a verb and defined as in the Merriam-Webster's and Oxford dictionaries: something that binds or makes something adhere to something else. By accounting, I mean all various forms of accounting, e.g., audit, financial, tax, and managerial.*

*I firmly believe that accounting is the glue that holds all economies together.*