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EDUCATION

Erasmus University Rotterdam PhD in Accounting and Control (Cum Laude) Supervisors: Erik Peek and Marcel van Rinsum Committee: Anna Gold, Jessen Hobson, Victor Maas, Mark Peecher, Evelien Reusen, Erik Roelofsen	Sept. 2016 – Aug. 2021
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Visiting Scholar (invited by Jessen Hobson)	Aug. 2018 - Dec. 2018
Humboldt University of Berlin and UCSB Economics and Management Studies (M.Sc.)	Sept. 2013 - July 2016
European School of Business, Reutlingen (Germany) and ICADE Madrid Studies in International Management (B.Sc. double-degree program)	Sept. 2009 - June 2013

RESEARCH

Research Interests

Experimental Financial Accounting, Voluntary Accounting Disclosure and Communication, Audit and Assurance Services, Behavioral Economics, Investor Judgment and Decision Making

Publications

Peecher, M., C. Pietsch, S. Stirnkorb, and I. Yamoah (2025). Coping With Changing Skill Requirements: Does Disaffirmation vs. Affirmation Affect Auditors' Reliance on AI-Supported Advice from Specialists? *Contemporary Accounting Research* (Forthcoming).

Peek, E., M. Van Rinsum and S. Stirnkorb (2025). How Investor Status Affects Judgments of Management Credibility: The Role of Company Identification and Locus of Attribution. *Contemporary Accounting Research* (Forthcoming).

Stirnkorb, S. (2024). Transaction Cost Unbundling and Investors' Reliance on Investment Research: Evidence from Experimental Asset Markets. *Accounting, Organizations and Society*, 112, June 2024, 101542.

Working Papers

Managing Earnings to Appear Truthful: The Effect of Public Scrutiny on Exactly Meeting a Threshold.
 with Jessen Hobson.
 Columbia Law School BLUE SKY article on our paper: click [here](#)

Activating Auditors' Willingness to Address Risk: Effects of Focusing Auditors on Cognitive Dissonance and Fraud.

with Jessen Hobson, Mark Peecher and Devin Williams

Investor Ethnicity and Investor Relations Responsiveness: A Field Experiment.

with Nerissa Brown, Mark Peecher and Isaac Yamoah

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS^P AND DISCUSSIONS^D

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign ^P	January 2025
Brown Bag, University of Amsterdam ^P	November 2024
Accounting, Behavior and Organizations Conference, Montreal ^D	October 2024
Swiss Winter Accounting Research Conference, Arosa ^P	August 2024
European Network for Experimental Accounting Research Conference, Rotterdam ^{P, D}	July 2024
Workshop, University of Bern ^P	April 2024
European Audit Research Network Conference, Thessaloniki ^{P, D}	September 2023
Brown Bag, University of Amsterdam ^P	June 2023
European Network for Experimental Accounting Research Conference, Sevilla ^{P, D}	July 2022
AAA FARS Midyear Meeting, Virtual Meeting ^P	January 2022
FAR Young Academic Research Seminar, Virtual Meeting ^D	September 2021
Junior Accounting Meeting, Virtual Meeting ^D	April 2021
London School of Economics ^P , Maastricht University ^P , KU Leuven ^P	January 2021
University of Amsterdam ^P , Tilburg University ^P , Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam ^P , Bocconi University ^P , Accounting Rookie Camp ^P	December 2020
EAA Talent Workshop, Virtual Conference ^P	November 2020
Accounting, Behavior and Organizations Conference, Virtual Conference ^{P, D}	October 2020
American Accounting Association, Virtual Annual Meeting ^P	August 2020
Brown Bag Series, Erasmus University ^P	October 2019
Accounting, Behavior and Organizations Conference and Doctoral Consortium ^P , Providence, RI	October 2019
European Network for Experimental Accounting Research Conference and Doctoral Consortium ^{P, D} , Maastricht	July 2019
XV Accounting Research Symposium ^P , Madrid	June 2019
7 th Journal of Law, Finance and Accounting Conference, Doctoral Consortium ^P , Padova	July 2018
Brown Bag Series RSM ^P , Erasmus University	May 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ACCY 405: Assurance and Attestation	Fall 2025
Financial Accounting 2	Spring 2024, 2025
Financial Accounting 1 for Economics	Winter 2021, 2022, 2023
Judgment and Decision Making in Accounting	Spring 2022, 2023
Master thesis supervision	2016 – 2024
Auditing and Assurance Services	Winter 2020
Bachelor thesis supervision	2017 – 2019

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Gies Grant for “Minority Advice Seeking” project	May 2025
Gies Grant for “ESG Assurance” project	May 2025
Gies Grant for “Investor Ethnicity and IR Responsiveness” project	February 2024
AAA ABO Conference Emerging Scholar Award	Sept. 2023
Limperg International Scholarship grant supporting research visit to University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	September 2018
Foundation for Auditing Research grant to investigate auditors’ fraud detection	May 2017
Funding benchmark €200,000	
Scholarships from the German National Academic Foundation and Hertie Foundation	2010 – 2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad Hoc Reviewer:	Behavioral Research in Accounting, Contemporary Accounting Research, European Accounting Review, Handbook of Experimental Finance, Journal of Management Control
Conference Reviewer:	AAA FARS Research Conference, AAA ABO Conference, AAA Annual Meeting, Hawai'i Accounting Research Conference

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Credit Suisse, Inhouse Consulting, Zurich	2012
Deutsche Bank, Equity Research (Utilities), Frankfurt	2012
IMAP Spain, Mergers and Acquisitions, Madrid	2010 - 2011