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Auditing and Accountability: Professional and Business Ethics
Critical, Explanatory, Oral and Visual Approaches to Acc’ting History
Critical and Ethnographic Case Studies of Accounting in Action
Accounting and Management Planning and Control
International Accounting and Globalisation

APIRA 2004 will be held at the Grand Hyatt Singapore, and its associated Emerging Scholars’ Colloquium (2 – 3 July) will be held at the beautiful Bukit Timah campus of Singapore Management University. The conference’s plenary speakers on the subjects of corporate governance and management control will include Professors Niamh Brennan (University College Dublin), Trevor Hopper (University of Manchester), and Ken Merchant (University of Southern California).

For full conference and colloquium details, access the SINGAPORE APIRA website now!
http://www.accountancy.smu.edu.sg/Apira/index.htm

In Memorium: Herbert Voege

Herbert Voege, 74, a longtime member of The Academy of Accounting Historians, passed away on Friday, January 9, 2004. Dr. Voege had worked for 32 years in the Accounting Department at Ferris State University in Michigan. He was born April 18, 1929 in St. Louis, MO. He earned his B.S. and M.B.A. degrees in Accounting from Ohio State University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Robert Brauer Memorial Scholarship Fund, College of Business, Ferris State University.

THE ACADEMY OF ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS
2003 RESEARCH CONFERENCE
Accountability Pre Post Enron: Alternative Global Views
November 6-8, 2003

The Academy of Accounting Historians held its annual research conference in Denton, Texas on November 6-8, 2003. The University of North Texas served as host with Alan Mayper, Barbara Merino, and Sarah Holmes organizing the program. PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte & Touche, General Motors, and KPMG LLP supported the research conference.

The program included 40 papers with more than 95 attendees, including 12 doctoral students, representing 58 universities, of which 14 universities represented countries other than the United States. Finley Graves, Chairman, Department of Accounting, Uni-
16th Annual Conference on Accounting, Business & Financial History at Cardiff Business School 16-17 September 2004

Announcement of Conference and Call for Papers

Guest Speaker – Graeme Dean, Editor ABACUS

Theoretical, empirical and review papers are welcomed in all areas of accounting, business and financial history. The conference provides delegates with the opportunity of presenting and discussing, in an informal setting, papers ranging from early working drafts to fully developed manuscripts. The format of the conference allows approximately 40 minutes for presentation and discussion in order to help achieve worthwhile feedback from those attending.

In the past, many papers presented at Cardiff have subsequently appeared in print in Accounting, Business and Financial History, edited by John Richard (Dick) Edwards and Trevor Boyns, or in another of the full range of international, refereed academic accounting, business and economic history journals.

The conference will be held at Aberdare Hall, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF14 3UX, UK, from lunchtime on Thursday, 16 September 2004 to mid-afternoon on Friday, 17 September 2004. The fully inclusive conference fee (covering all meals, the conference dinner on Tuesday and accommodation) is £100.

Those wishing to offer papers to be considered for presentation at the conference should send an abstract of their paper (not exceeding one page) by 31 May 2004 to:

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Applicants will be advised of the organisers’ decision on 30 June 2004.

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versity of North Texas, Norval Pohl, President, University of North Texas, and Sarah Holmes, President, Academy of Accounting Historians opened the program with a welcome. An outline of the program follows:

Plenary Session
Moderator: Sarah Holmes, Texas A&M University

C. Edward Arrington, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Intellectual Virtue and Academic Accounting: Refiguring the Nature of Epistemological Concerns Over the Quality of Knowledge

Brian Shapiro, Univ. of Minnesota, Why Are Corporate Accountability and Governance Rarely Thematized in the Elite North American Accounting Journals

The Accounting Historians Notebook, April 2004
Concurrent Session I

Accountability: Critical Interpretations

Moderator: Bob Michaelsen, University of North Texas
Discussant: Michael Gaffikin, Univ. of Wollongong, Australia

The Role of Accountability in the Exploitation of the Coahuiltecan Indians, Sarah Holmes, Texas A&M University, Sandra Welch, The University of Texas at San Antonio, and Laura Knudson, University of North Carolina

Accounting, Coercion, and Social Control During Apprenticeship: Converting Slave Workers to Wage Workers in the British West Indies, Thomas Tyson, St. John Fisher College, David Oldroyd, University of Newcastle Business School, U.K., and Richard Fleischman, John Carroll University

Auditing, Accounting and Accountability

Moderator: Paul Hutchinson, University of North Texas
Discussant: Morley Lemon, University of Texas at Austin & University of Waterloo

After Enron: Professional Regulation in the United States, Sara Reiter, Binghamton University and Paul Williams, North Carolina State University

From McKesson & Robbins to Enron: The Persistence of Failure, Marilyn Neimark, Baruch College, City University of New York

Accountability: Industry and Firm Perspectives

Moderator: Fred Wu, U of North Texas
Discussant: Jan Heier, Auburn Univ., Montgomery

The Stockholder Review Committee of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company: A Study of 19th Century Corporate Governance, Robert Russ, Virginia Commonwealth University, Gary John Previs, Case Western Reserve University, Edward Coffman, Virginia Commonwealth University

Accountants and Annual Reports of Railroads in the 1880s – A Glimpse at a Response to a Past Accountability Crisis for Insights at Meeting Accountability Needs Today, Thomas Cleveenger, Novella Cleveenger, and Gary Baker, Washburn University

Luncheon Speaker

George Staubus, Emeritus, University of California-Berkeley

Accountability: Educators, Preparers, and Auditors

Concurrent Session II

Accountability: Critical Interpretations

Moderator: Tanya Lee, University of North Texas
Discussant: Vaughn Radcliffe, Western Ontario Univ., Canada

CEO Compensation: What Would Adam Smith Do? Darlene Bay, Gloria Vollmers and Kim McKeage, University of Maine

The Rule Is NO Game: From Instrumental Rationally to Administrative Evil, Jesse Dillard, Portland State Univ. and Linda Ruchala, Univ. Neb. Lincoln

Auditing, Accounting and Accountability

Moderator: Elizabeth Plummer, University of North Texas
Discussant: Finley Graves, University of North Texas

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Changing Our Questions: Reflections on the Accounting Scandals, Joni Young, University of New Mexico

A Voice Crying in the Wilderness for Auditor Independence: Abe Briloff and Section 201 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, Deborah Prentice, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

Accountability: Industry and Firm Perspective
Moderator: Tom Hayes
University of North Texas
Discussant: Cheryl McWatters
University of Alberta, Canada


Accountability and Firms’ Survival: The Case of the Population of Spanish Newspapers (1966-1993), Manuel Nunez & Isabel Gutierrez, Carlos III University, Spain and Salvador Carmona, Instituto de Empresa, Madrid, Spain

Concurrent Session III

Accountability: Critical Interpretations
Moderator: Tom Klammer
University of North Texas
Discussant: Gary Porter
University of St. Thomas

Accounting Education: Has the Chartered Course Bypassed Accountability? Ann Watkins, Univ. of North Carolina at Greensboro

Corporate Scandals and Acc’g Rip-offs, Gary Giroux, Texas A&M Univ.

Auditing, Accounting and Accountability
Moderator: Teresa Conover
University of North Texas

Discussant: James Flagg
Texas A&M University

Arthur Andersen’s One-Firm Concept, Jennifer Gregorski Niece, Assumption College and Gregory Trompeter, Boston College

Auditor Independence and Family-Owned Audit Firms: The Clarkson and Ross Brothers as Directors of Audit Clients, Laura MacDonald, Wilfrid Laurier University, Dean New, University of Calgary, and Alan Richardson, York University, Canada

Accountability: Industry and Firm Perspectives
Moderator: Elizabeth Plummer
University of North Texas
Discussant: R. Williams
Univ. of Wollongong, Australia

The Rise and Fall of Human Resource Accounting: An Effort in Principle-Based Accounting, Scott Stovall, Abilene Christian University

Accountability Pre- and Post-Enron: The Need for Profit To Be Measured Independently Form Wealth—An Australian Perspective, John Ryan, University of Western Sydney, Australia

Plenary Session
Moderator: Finley Graves
University of North Texas

Eugene Flegm, General Motors, General Auditor, Retired Top Management Fraud

Terry Strange, KPMG, Partner, Retired Professional Accountability

Current Sessions IV

Accountability: Critical Interpretations
Moderator: Alan Mayper
University of North Texas
Discussant: Christopher Napier, Univ. of Southampton, United Kingdom
The Dramaturgy of Exchange Relations Among Contending Political Factions: The Professional Ordering of Mental Health Care, Barbara Woods McElroy, Susquehanna University and Mark Dirsmith, The Pennsylvania State Univ.

Littleton (1953): Macro and Micro Evolutionary Perceptions of Quality for Accounting Education and Financial Reporting, Max Aiken and Kim Watty, RMIT University, Australia

Auditing, Accounting and Accountability

Moderator: Tanya Lee, University of North Texas
Discussant: Barbara Scofield, Univ. of Texas, Permian Basin

Comments on the History of Auditor Rotation, Julia Brennan and David McIntyre, Clemson Univ.

Auditor Independence: A Framework for Considering the Historical Debate, Kel-Ann Eyler, Brenau College, Fred Jacobs, Georgia State University and Pamela Roush, Univ. of Central Florida

Accountability: European Perspectives

Moderator: Sudhir Jain, University of North Texas
Discussant: Steve Walker, Cardiff University, Wales

Accountability and Cross-Border Firms: The Case of the Asiento Between England and Spain (1713-1743), Salvador Carmona, Instituto de Empresa and Rafael Donoso, University of Seville, Spain

Accountability for Non-Compliance with Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom: A Twenty Year History of Non-Implemented Proposals, Alan Styles, College of Charleston

Concurrent Sessions V

Forum – 1
Leader: Richard Fleishman, John Carroll University
Accountability and the Pursuit of Wealth from a Qur’anic Perspective, Athar Murtuza, Seton Hall University

Luca Paciolo’s Advice to Accountants: Use Your Religion As Your Moral Compass, Carl Smolinski, Louisiana State University – Shreveport

It’s my Ball! You’ll Play By My Rules! When the Corporate Culture Impacts Accounting Ethics, Richard Schmidt, LeTourneau University

Forum – 2
Leader: Gary Previts, Case Western Reserve University

Disclosure of Swaps, Karen Lightstone and G. R. Chesley, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, Canada

The Legislative History of Stock Option Based Compensation in the United States, Toni Smith and Wan-Kyu Park, University of New Hampshire

History of Off Balance Sheet Financing in the UK, Bala Balachandran, London South Bank University, UK

The Early SPE: The Credit Mobilier of America and Its Relationship to the Construction of the Union Pacific Railroad, 1862-1869, Jan Heier, Auburn University – Montgomery

Forum – 3
Leader: Jesse Dillard, Portland State University

The Evolution of Corporate Citizenship: A Paradigm for Audit Committee Accountability, Mary Harston, Texas A&M – Kingsville and Cheryl Prachyl, University of Texas – Tyler

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By the 1990s, the family could afford a refrigerator, a color TV, a washing machine, a telephone and even an air-conditioner. In the 2000 festival, Yang spent 870 yuan ($105). Moreover, her children this time gave her a gift of 850 yuan ($102). Her married son, in fact, with whom she lives, recently purchased a computer for 8188 yuan ($987).

An important indicator of living standards, which economists use, is called Engel's coefficient, reflecting the percentage of total expenditures a family spends on food. In 1980, Yang paid 790 yuan ($462) on food for her family out of 1300 yuan ($760) total expenditures or 60.7 percent. However, in 1998, she spent 8000 yuan ($964) on food or 33.9 percent of total expenditures of 23,591 yuan ($2,842); I think she has a family income well above average for Chinese today.

Though only the accounting records of a single Chinese family, these diaries may very well shed light on the way typical Chinese households have managed their resources in recent decades.