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Hourglass Award Goes to Professor Mahmoud A. Ezzamel

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Professor Mahmoud A. Ezzamel has been awarded the Academy of Accounting Historians's Hourglass Award for 2009. Professor Ezzamel is a Cardiff Professorial Fellow at Cardiff Business School and also Director of the Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Accounting Research Unit.

Professor Ezzamel's research has explored the emergence and use of management accounting practices, accountability issues, corporate governance, the interface of accounting and religion, and the use of accounting in devolved governments. His work related to accounting in ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia has been recognised as a major contribution to our understanding of the multi-faceted role of accounting during this period. Mahmoud has published in a wide-ranging number of prestigious journals in accounting and management, including amongst others *Accounting, Organizations and Society, Administrative Science Quarterly, Academy of Management Journal,*



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Accounting and Business Research, Journal of Business Finance and Accounting, Organization Studies, Journal of Management Studies, Abacus. His historical studies also have appeared in the *Accounting Historians Journal, Accounting History* and *Critical Perspectives on Accounting.* He has an enviable list of chapters in scholarly books and monographs.

Mahmoud is a member of many editorial boards, including those of *Organization, Accounting and Business Research, British Accounting Review, Journal of Accounting and Organizational Change, Accounting, Auditing and Accountability Journal, ABACUS, Journal of Business Finance and*

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Accounting, Review of Accounting and Finance, Financial Accountability and Management, and Accounting, Accountability and Performance.

On a personal level, I can attest that Mahmoud is also a wonderful professor of management accounting. I was one of the fortunate MBA students at Queen's University who Mahmoud taught when he spent time there as a visiting professor. My bookshelf still features the textbook that he used and recall

how we were both in fear and in awe of his approach to accounting. He opened our eyes to the nature of accounting as being something much more than numbers – a social, cultural and political phenomenon. His many research papers and CIMA grants have contributed to our knowledge of management accounting in its many dimensions. His studies in history have increased awareness of our discipline thanks to its important diffusion across many different journals and research out-

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Vangermeersch Manuscript Award Presented to Nicolas Praquin

The Academy of Accounting Historians' Vangermeersch Manuscript Award Committee is pleased to announce that the 2008 award winner is Nicolas Praquin of the University of Paris-Dauphine. The committee found Praquin's paper, "The Emergence and Disappearance of Risk Assessment in Banking: The Case of the Credit Lyonnais in France in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," to be an excellent history of financial analysis.



Nicolas Praquin and Marc Nikitin

The selection committee for the 2008 Richard G. Vangermeersch Manuscript Award consisted of: Lee Parker (chairman), Mark Nikitin, Richard Fleischman, David Oldroyd, and Dick Edwards. The Academy welcomes future submissions for this award.

Innovative Teaching Award Presented to Robert Bloom

The Academy of Accounting Historians' Educational Teaching Committee is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2008 award for innovation in accounting history education: Robert Bloom, of John Carroll University.

The committee received one submission in 2008, from Robert Bloom, "on the benefits of using the historical account book in introductory accounting". The paper related to the use of a historical ledger, kept within the rare manuscripts division of the John Carroll library, as a teaching tool in the introductory financial accounting course required of all business majors. The point was not just to encourage students to learn the steps in the accounting cycle, but to understand the underlying rationale.

The experiment was published in *Accounting Education* in September 2005 in a joint paper with John Solotko.

Although there was only one submission for the committee to evaluate, the decision to award Robert Bloom the prize was unanimous. The 2008 committee consisted of David Oldroyd (chairman), Ingrid Jeacle, and Michael Jones.

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Many colleagues have noted Mahmoud's many contributions, collaborations, and his role as a researcher and professor. On behalf of all our membership, I extend warmest wishes and congratulations to Mahmoud on this recognition. I am very pleased that he has accepted this distinction from the Academy!

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