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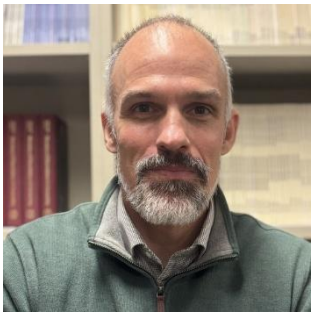
A pioneer of continuous auditing, Dr. Miklos Vasarhelyi has led projects with major firms such as Siemens, KPMG, and Procter & Gamble. Holding a Ph.D. in Management Information Systems from UCLA, he has authored over 200 journal articles, 20 books, and guided 40+ Ph.D. theses. In 2013, he received the AAA's Outstanding Accounting Educator Award.



Kevin Moffitt (Symposium Chair)
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Dr. Kevin Moffitt specializes in text mining applications for accounting research. A pioneer in using linguistic analysis to detect financial fraud, his influential 2011 *Decision Support Systems* paper introduced text-based credibility analysis for fraud detection. His subsequent studies have explored deception in CEO interviews, SEC comment letters, and emergency calls. Known for developing his own linguistic tools, he advances innovative methods for extracting insights from textual data.

Speaker Profiles

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Vivudh Bhatia, CFA, FRM, is a Manager in Accenture's Strategy and Consulting practice in New York, focusing on financial services. He holds both the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Financial Risk Manager (FRM) designations. Before joining Accenture, he held roles at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Ourea Capital. He holds an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

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Kyle Kuhn heads Empiric's New York City office. He founded and leads the firm's nCino and Salesforce Financial Services recruitment practice, serving clients across the United States, Canada, and Europe. Over the past five years, he has worked with nearly 100 banks, credit unions, and agricultural lenders on digital transformation, system implementations, and team builds. He is now building Empiric's Infor and ERP practice, focused on manufacturing. He was named Empiric's Business Leader of the Year in 2025.

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Ramesh Raju
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Ramesh Raju is Head of Compliance Tech in Financial Risk Management at Uber. With over a decade of consulting and industry experience, he built Uber's Data, AI, and Automation program from the ground up, powering scalable automation, GRC tooling, and intelligent controls across compliance. His work has been featured by Deloitte, The Wall Street Journal, and EY. Ramesh is passionate about reimagining audit, risk, and compliance through data and AI.

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Lauren M. E. Goodlad is Distinguished Professor of English and Comparative Literature, editor of Critical AI, and chair of Critical AI @ Rutgers. She serves on Rutgers' AI Advisory Council and CASS. Her grants in critical AI studies and literacies include NEH-funded projects Unboxing AI, with the Australian National University, and Design Justice Labs; the Design Justice AI institute in Pretoria; and an NSF planning grant on teaching college writing.

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George R. Botic has served as a Board Member of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) since October 2023 and was its Acting Chair from July 2025 to February 2026. A CPA, he joined the PCAOB in 2003 and previously directed its Division of Registration and Inspections, overseeing inspections of domestic and foreign firms that audit U.S.-listed companies and broker-dealers. Earlier, he was a senior manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers. He holds degrees from Shepherd University and Virginia Tech.

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David Schaeffer has over 19 years of government auditing experience with the Office of the New York State Comptroller's Division of State Government Accountability (SGA), covering New York City agencies and the state Medicaid program. He leads SGA's Artificial Intelligence Unit, which conducted one of the first state audits of AI, assessing NYC's AI governance. He co-founded SGA's Data Consult Team and holds a B.A. from the University at Albany.

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Mauricio Codesso is an Associate Teaching Professor of Accounting at Northeastern University's D'Amore-McKim School of Business. He earned his Ph.D. in Business Administration and Master of Accountancy from the Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil, and previously completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Rutgers Business School. His work focuses on accounting information systems, continuous auditing, text analytics, and artificial intelligence in financial reporting and audit processes.

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Arpit Shah is the Head of Audit Data, AI, and Technology Solutions in Internal Audit at DTCC. With extensive experience in financial market infrastructure and risk management, he leads strategic initiatives driving digital transformation, AI adoption, and advanced data analytics across audit operations. Arpit is a frequent industry speaker on implementing modern analytics frameworks, internal control automation, and scalable AI governance in audit practices.

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Henggao Cai is an accounting researcher and doctoral scholar at Rutgers University. His research focuses on financial technology, blockchain applications, process mining, and the integration of artificial intelligence in auditing and financial accounting. Henggao actively publishes in economic and financial reviews, exploring how advanced data science and continuous reporting technologies can transform modern corporate governance and public data accessibility.

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