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Bio

Dr. JK Aier is the senior associate dean for academic affairs and global engagement and an associate professor of accounting in the Costello College of Business at George Mason University. In his current role, he oversees all academic programs, student career services, centers of excellence as well as the global engagement efforts for the College.

Professor Aier also serves as one of five members on the Cost Accounting Standards Board, an independent statutorily established federal government body within the Office of Management and Budget under the Executive Office of the US President to achieve uniformity and consistency in cost accounting practices in contracts with the US government and institutions.

Dr. Aier's research primarily focuses on the influence of managerial characteristics and incentives on financial reporting decisions. His work has been published in top peer-reviewed journals like *Journal of Accounting Research* and *Contemporary Accounting Research*. Professor Aier is an associate editor at *Advances in Accounting* and had recently served as an editor at *Accounting Horizons*. He has also been an ad hoc reviewer for several peer reviewed journals. He is an active member in the American Accounting Association and has served as the president of the Accounting Programs Leadership Section.

Professor Aier has taught various courses on financial accounting, corporate governance, and corporate reporting in the MSA, MBA, EMBA, undergraduate and executive education programs. He has also initiated and/or led students on global residencies to various countries like South Africa, Ireland, Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, India and Brazil. He has received and/or been nominated for research, teaching and service awards at the College, University and the profession.

Dr. Aier earned his PhD and master's in accountancy and information systems from Arizona State University. Prior to his doctoral studies, he worked in the corporate and treasury departments at a multinational bank dealing with credit analyses, corporate lending and marketing derivative products like currency options and interest rate swaps. Professor Aier began his professional career in public accounting and has worked on corporate, bank and internal audits. He is a certified chartered accountant and cost accountant and holds an MBA degree from International Management Institute.