

James P. Walsh

James P. Walsh is the Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and the Gerald and Esther Carey Professor of Business Administration at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business. He joined the Michigan faculty in 1991 after spending eight years at Dartmouth College's Amos Tuck School of Business Administration. He was a visiting professor at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in 1997, the Australian Graduate School of Management in 2006, the University of Oregon in 2012, and the University of Western Australia, Koç University, the Vlerick Business School, INSEAD in 2013, and the University of Pretoria in 2019. The University of Pretoria offered him an extraordinary professorship in 2016. He holds appointments in the Ross School's Management & Organizations and Strategy departments. Jim received his BA from SUNY-Albany, MA degrees from Columbia University and the University of Chicago, and his PhD from Northwestern University.

Over the years, he has taught a variety of courses in the area of corporate strategy and organizational behavior to BBA, MBA, GMBA, EMBA, and PhD students in the United States and abroad. Teaching in Michigan's action-based learning programs since their inception, Jim has worked with MBA student project teams throughout the United States as well as on the ground in Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Costa Rica, England, Ghana, India, Ireland, the Netherlands, Peru, Russia, Rwanda, South Africa, Taiwan and Vietnam. He has taken his undergraduate students to China, Ghana and Rwanda a number of times over the years.

His research interests lie in the area of corporate governance. Initially doing work framed by the neo-classical model of the firm, he examined a variety of questions about the relationship between owners and managers, as mediated by the board of directors and disciplined by the market for corporate control. More recently, he has expanded his conception of governance to look at questions about the purpose and accountability of the firm in society.

Jim leads an active professional life. A founding co-editor of the Academy of Management Annals, a Senior Editor and Associate Editor-in-Chief for Organization Science, a Consulting Editor for the Academy of Management Review, and an Associate Editor for the Strategic Management Journal, Jim is currently a Consulting Editor for the Journal of Business Ethics. A recipient of the Academy of Management's Distinguished Career Service Award, he has served both as the Dean of its Fellows Group and as its 65th president. The AOM is the professional home to 20,000 management professors residing in well over 100 countries.