SOA Faculty Receives National IMA Award

Congratulations to Dr. Kari Olsen who was selected by the IMA Research Foundation to receive the 2016 IRF Emerging Scholar for the Competitive Manuscript Award. This award is given annually to a single emerging scholar (or lead author recognition) of management accounting who has received a terminal degree (Ph.D., DBA, Ed.D, JD) within the last seven years. His winning paper submission entitled, “CEO Narcissism and Accounting: A Picture of Profits”, co-authored by Kelsey Dworkis and Mark Young investigates the relationship between narcissistic personality characteristics in CEOs of Fortune 500 companies and financial performance measures of earning-per-share (EPS) and stock valuation. They found that firms with narcissistic CEOs have higher earnings-per-share and share price than those with non-narcissistic CEOs. They examined the mechanism driving the observed results and find that narcissistic CEOs are more likely to increase reported EPS through real and operational activities rather than accrual-based manipulations. To view the entire paper, click here.

Kari will be recognized at the IMA 97th Annual Conference in Los Angeles in June as well as the American Accounting Association’s annual meeting in New York City in August. Congratulations Kari!