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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**University of South Carolina**, Assistant Professor *Fall 2020 -*

**Vanderbilt University**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow *2018-2020*

## EDUCATION

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**University of Maryland**, Ph.D. in Finance

**Princeton University**, B.A. in Economics

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Analyst forecasts, managerial guidance, corporate governance, law and corporate decision-making

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Proxy Advisory Firms and Corporate Shareholder Engagement** (Aiysha Dey and Joshua White)

**Do Analysts Chase Prices When Prices Have No Information?** (Solo-authored)

**Spinning the CEO Pay Ratio Disclosure** (with Audra Boone and Joshua White)

**Is the Bottom Line the Top Priority? Revenue Versus Earnings Guidance** (with Audra Boone, Craig Lewis, and Joshua White)

**Carcinogen Exposure and Firm Response to Cash Flow Risk** (with Veronika Penciakova)

## TEACHING

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**University of South Carolina** Financial Statement Analysis (Undergrad and PMBA) 2021, 2022

Undergraduate Average Evaluations (6 sections) 4.6/5.0

Graduate Student Average Evaluations (3 sections) 4.6/5.0

**Vanderbilt University** Econometrics (3 sections, Masters of Finance) 2018, 2019

**University of Maryland** International Finance (2 sections, Undergraduate) 2013

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS (by self or coauthor)

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**2023:** American Finance Association Annual Meeting

**2022:** City University of London, Eastern Finance Association Annual Meeting, European Finance Association Annual Meeting, FARS Midyear Meeting, Miami University (Ohio), Northwestern University, Smokey Mountain Finance Conference, University of Delaware Corporate Governance Symposium, University of Illinois - Chicago, University of North Texas, University of Nottingham, University of Tennessee, University of Texas, University of Toronto

**2021:** Eastern Finance Association, Harvard University, Institutional Shareholder Services, Iowa State, Stanford University, University of Colorado, University of St. Gallen, Vanderbilt University

**2020:** AAA Annual Meeting, AAA Southeast Regional Meeting, Bocconi University†, Drexel Corporate Governance Conference†, FARS Midyear Meeting Roundtable, FMA Annual Meeting, Georgia State University†, Iowa State University†, Pennsylvania State University†, Securities and Exchange Commission Conference on Financial Regulation†, Smokey Mountain Finance Conference†, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee†, Vanderbilt University

**2019:** City University of Hong Kong†, Hong Kong Polytechnic University†, IGIDR 10th Emerging Markets Finance Conference, Peking University†, Texas Christian University, University of Georgia, University of Kansas†, University of Maryland, University of Memphis, University of Mississippi†, University of South Carolina, University of Wyoming†, Vanderbilt University ( : co-author)

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Cornerstone Research, Washington, D.C.

2015-2018

*Associate*

- Performed financial and accounting analysis on issues arising in business litigation · communicated findings to client (lawyers) as well as experts (typically professors)
- Managed case teams and organized work flow
- Sample casework included assessing impact of: analyst forecasts on firm stock price, fund selection in a 401(k) plan on market participant portfolios, a federal accounting regulation on publicly-traded company valuations, and allegedly-missing information from the S-1 filings during the IPO process

### Previous Consulting Engagements

The World Bank, Broadridge Financial Services, Jones Day, Facebook, Caesars Entertainment, Freshpet, the U.S. Department of Justice, Kirkland and Ellis, Paul Weiss, Pershing Square, Wilkinson Walsh, Archstone, K12 Online Schools

## MEDIA

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**2021:** Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance (*Proxy Advisory Firms and Corporate Shareholder Engagement*)

**2019:** Columbia Blue Sky Blog (*Spinning the CEO Pay Ratio Disclosure*)

## SERVICE

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### University of South Carolina

Top Scholar Interview Committee and Mentor	2022-
Diversity and Inclusion Task Force	2021-
Faculty Hiring Committee	2021-

**Vanderbilt:** Masters of Finance Program Advisory Committee Member

2019-

**Program Committee:** American Accounting Association Annual Meeting (2019, 2020); American Accounting Association FARS Midyear Conference (2019, 2020, 2021); American Accounting Association Southeast Meeting (2020); Eastern Finance Association Annual Meeting (2020); FMA Asia/Pacific Conference (2020); Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting (2020, 2021)

**Referee Service:** Review of Finance, Management Science, Journal of Banking and Finance; Journal of Risk and Insurance; Finance Research Letters; Journal of Business, Finance, and Accounting; Journal of Empirical Finance; Journal of Financial Research

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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University of South Carolina Professional MBA Curriculum Grant	2020
Cornerstone Quality Initiative Focus Group	2018
CIBER Award for International Research	2013
Graduate Fellowship, University of Maryland	2010-2015
John Glover Wilson Memorial Award for best international social science senior thesis	2004
Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Princetonian	2003-2004

## COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

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Stata, SAS, Python, Latex

## LANGUAGES

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English (Native), Spanish (Conversational), Mandarin (Conversational)

## REFERENCES

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