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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Years

University of South Carolina, Assistant Professor

Fall 2020 -

Vanderbilt University, Postdoctoral Research Fellow

2018-2020

EDUCATION

University of Maryland, Ph.D. in Finance

Princeton University, B.A. in Economics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

WORKING PAPERS

Proxy Advisory Firms and Corporate Shareholder Engagement (Aiysha Dey and Josh 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

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

FINA 470 Undergraduate Average Evaluations (4 sections) 4.6/5.0

FINA 756 Graduate Student Average Evaluations (2 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)

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

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

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

University of South Carolina

Diversity and Inclusion Task Force	2021-
Faculty Hiring Committee	2021-
Faculty Mentor for Top Scholars Program	2022-

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)

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

HONORS AND AWARDS

Award	Year
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

Stata, SAS, Python, Latex

LANGUAGES

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

REFERENCES

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