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## Work Experience

Assistant Professor. Department of Finance and Economics. The University of Texas at El Paso.  
2015-present.

## Education

- Ph.D. in Finance. The University of Texas at Dallas. 2015.
- M.S. in Finance. The University of Texas at Dallas. 2010.
- B.S. in Finance, *cum laude*. The University of Texas at Dallas. 2008.

## Research Interests

Corporate finance, bond pricing, corporate events, private equity, taxes, experimental finance and economics

## Working Papers

**Investment Income Taxes and Firms' Going Private Decisions**, with Paul Mason, and Harold Zhang. (*Latest Version*: May 2018).

- *Revise and Resubmit (3rd Round) at The Journal of the American Taxation Association (JATA)*.
- Presented at 2014 SWFA Annual Meeting (Dallas), *by coauthor*
- Outstanding Paper Award 2014 SWFA Annual Meeting
- Outstanding Student Paper Award 2014 SWFA Annual Meeting
- Internal Presentation (UTD Seminar) Oct 2013, *by coauthor*

**Damage Control: Changes in Disclosure Tone after Financial Misconduct**, with Rebecca Files, Paul Mason, and Gerald S. Martin. (*Latest Version*: July 2018).

- *Under Review*
- Presented at 2018 AAA Southwest Conference (Albuquerque)
- Presented at Baylor University February 2016, *by coauthor*

**Expectations of Reciprocity and Feedback when Competitors Share Information: Experimental Evidence**, with Bernhard Ganglmair and Noah Myung. (*Latest Version*: August 2018).

- *Under Review*
- Presented at 2016 Society for Experimental Finance Conference (Tuscon)
- Presented at 2016 Research in Behavioral Finance Conference (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- Internal Presentation (UTEP Seminar) Oct 2015
- Presented at 2014 Dublin Behavioral and Experimental Finance Colloquium
- Presented at 2014 Experimental Finance Conference (Zurich, Switzerland), *by coauthor*
- Presented at 2014 ESA International Meetings (Hawaii), *by coauthor*
- Presented at CBLOE Seminar Series (UTD) March 2014, *by coauthor*

**The Effect of Industry Restructuring on Peer Firms** (*Latest Version:* March 2018).

- To Be Presented at 2018 FMA Annual Meeting (San Diego)
- Presented at 2017 SFA Annual Meeting (Key West)
- Presented at The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) Feb 2015
- Presented at Citibank Capital Markets Research Group Feb 2015
- Presented at Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS) Jan 2015
- Presented at Colegio Universitario de Estudios Financieros (CUNEF) Jan 2015
- Internal Presentation (UTD Seminar) September 2014

**The Effect of Informative Events in a Contingent Claims Pricing Framework: Evidence from Newly Issued Securities Markets**, with Paul Mason. (*Latest Version:* March 2016).

- Presented at 2016 Financial Management Association Asia Meetings (Sydney, Australia)
- Presented at 2014 SWFA Annual Meeting (Dallas)
- Presented at The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) Nov 2013
- Internal Presentation (UTD Seminar) Oct 2013

**Work-in-Progress**

**Market Threats and Firms' Choice of 401k Options**, with Han Xia.

**Discontinued Work**

**Framing : It Really Does Matter**, with Catherine Eckel. (*Latest Version:* August 2016).

**Through a Glass Darkly: Going Private Transactions as a Reflection of IPOs**, with Dupinder Kaur and Paul Mason. (*Latest Version:* January 2013).

**Consulting Work**

**Foreign Direct Investment and Regulatory Uncertainty : Failures of the "Make in India" Campaign** January 2018.

**Market Analysis of the Proposed Change to the RFS Point of Obligation** February 2017.

**Popular and News Media**

**To save jobs, EPA should reform fuel standard** Opinion - Philadelphia Inquirer June 2017.

**Awards and Recognitions**

**Teaching**

Teaching Excellence Award (Teacher of the Year) - Economics and Finance Department - May 2017

**Research**

SWFA Annual Meeting, Outstanding Paper Award - Mar 2014

SWFA Annual Meeting, Outstanding Student Paper Award - Mar 2014

2014 American Finance Association Student Travel Grant - Jan 2014

## Teaching Experience

Instructor, Financial Analysis and Firm Valuation (undergraduate), UTEP - (Fall 2017 - Present)  
Instructor, Internship in Finance (undergraduate), UTEP - (Summer 2017)  
Instructor, Business Finance (undergraduate), UTEP - (Fall 2015 - Present)  
Instructor, Business Finance (undergraduate), UT Dallas - (Spring 2014 - Spring 2105)  
Teaching and Research Assistant, UT Dallas - (August 2009 - Spring 2015)

## Grants

Research Grant: Center and Laboratory for Behavioral Operations and Economics at UT Dallas,  
January - May 2014 (PI: B . Ganglmair)

## Refereeing

Journals :

Journal of Borderland Studies (2018)  
Southern Economics Journal (2017)

## Service

### College

Faculty Marshall of Students (Spring Commencement) - Spring 2018  
Research Award Committee - Spring 2016

### Department

Seminar Series Committee Chair - (Fall 2015 - Current)

### Profession

Discussant - Southern Finance Association - November 2017  
Session Chair - Financial Management Association, Asia Meetings - July 2016  
Discussant - Financial Management Association, Asia Meetings - July 2016  
Session Chair - Annual Meeting of the Financial Management Association - Oct 2015  
Discussant - Annual Meeting of the Financial Management Association - Oct 2015  
Discussant - Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Finance Association - Mar 2014

## Personal Information

**Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen

## References

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