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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor. Department of Finance, Banking and Insurance. Appalachian State University. 2019-present.

Assistant Professor. Department of Finance and Economics. The University of Texas at El Paso. 2015-2019.

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

Publications

Investment Income Taxes and Private Equity Acquisition Activity, with Paul Mason, and Harold Zhang. *Journal of Empirical Finance*, 59, 2020(August), pp 25-51.

Hospital Capital Budgeting During a Public Health Crisis, with Dean G. Smith. *Journal of Health Care Finance*, 46-4, 2020 (April), pp 23-36

Expectations of Reciprocity and Feedback when Competitors Share Information: Experimental Evidence, with Bernhard Ganglmair and Noah Myung. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 170, 2020 (February), pp 244-267

Working Papers

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

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

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

Work-in-Progress

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

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

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

The Unintended Consequences of the Renewable Fuel Standard Opinion - Real Clear Energy April 2019

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

Research Awards and Recognitions

2nd China International Forum on Finance and Policy, Journal of Empirical Finance Best Paper Award - December 2019

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

Paper and Conference Presentations

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| 2019 | 2nd China International Forum on Finance and Policy (Beijing), <i>by coauthor</i> |
| 2018 | AAA Southwest Conference (Albuquerque) |
| | Baylor University February, <i>by coauthor</i> |
| | FMA Annual Meeting (San Diego) |
| | Appalachian State University |
| | University of Minnesota Duluth |
| | St. Josephs University |
| 2017 | SFA Annual Meeting (Key West) |
| 2016 | Society for Experimental Finance Conference (Tuscon) |
| | Research in Behavioral Finance Conference (Amsterdam, Netherlands) |
| | Financial Management Association Asia Meetings (Sydney, Australia) |
| 2015 | University of Texas at El Paso |
| | Citibank Capital Markets Research Group |
| | Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS) |
| | Colegio Universitario de Estudios Financieros (CUNEF) |
| 2014 | SWFA Annual Meeting (Dallas) |
| | SWFA Annual Meeting (Dallas), <i>by coauthor</i> |
| | Dublin Behavioral and Experimental Finance Colloquium |
| | Experimental Finance Conference (Zurich, Switzerland), <i>by coauthor</i> |

ESA International Meetings (Hawaii), *by coauthor*

Teaching Experience

Appalachian State University

Instructor, Advanced Financial Management (undergraduate) - (Spring 2020)
Instructor, Introduction to Corporate Finance (undergraduate) - (Fall 2019 - Present)

University of Texas at El Paso

Teaching Excellence Award (Teacher of the Year) - Economics and Finance Department - May 2017
Instructor, Financial Analysis and Firm Valuation (undergraduate) - (Fall 2017 - Spring 2019)
Average Evaluation (4.6/5)
Instructor, Internship in Finance (undergraduate) - (Summer 2017)
Instructor, Business Finance (undergraduate) - (Fall 2015 - Spring 2019)
Average Evaluation (4.8/5)

University of Texas at Dallas

Instructor, Business Finance (undergraduate) - (Spring 2014 - Spring 2105)
Average Evaluation (4.7/5)
Teaching and Research Assistant - (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 :

Sustainability (2019)
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

Program Committee - Southern Finance Association - November 2019
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

Robert Kieschnick

Associate Professor of Finance
The University of Texas at Dallas

Bernhard Ganglmair

Head, Research Group Competition and Innovation
ZEW - Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research

Harold Zhang

Professor of Finance
The University of Texas at Dallas

Han Xia

Associate Professor of Finance
The University of Texas at Dallas

Malcolm Wardlaw

Assistant Professor of Finance
The University of Georgia

Tim Roth

Dr. Arleigh B. Templeton Professor of Financial
Management and Banking
The University of Texas at El Paso