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Academic Appointments

Texas Tech University, Rawls College of Business
- Assistant Professor of Practice, July 2026

Education

Ph.D. in Finance, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, May 2026
M.S. in Business Analytics, Wake Forest University, May 2021
B.S. in Management (double major: Finance and Marketing), Tulane University, May 2020

Research Interests

Empirical Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance, Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A), CEO Compensation, Innovations

Publications

Financial Market Risk Perceptions and Mergers and Acquisitions, 2026, *Journal of Banking and Finance* 188, 107713.

Working Papers

Majority Voting Legislation and CEO Incentive Compensation
- Job Market Paper
- 2026: AFA Annual Meeting
- 2026: Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meeting
- 2026: Southwestern Finance Association (SWFA) Annual Meeting
- 2025: FMA Annual Meeting
- 2025: Southern Finance Association (SFA) Annual Meeting

From Adolescence to Management: Prior Interest Rate Exposure and CEO Responses to Current Rates
- 2025: Southwestern Finance Association (SWFA) Annual Meeting

The Role of IP Protection Statutes in Shaping M&A Target Choices, with Wenxuan Sun.
- 2026: Southwestern Finance Association (SWFA) Annual Meeting
- 2025: FMA Annual Meeting
- 2025: Southern Finance Association (SFA) Annual Meeting

Teaching Experience

Texas Tech University
Instructor
- Financial Modeling (Finance 4331), Fall 2026 (4 sections)

University of Tennessee
Instructor
- Survey of Financial Management (Finance 301), Summer 2024 (4.5/5.0)
- Financial Markets and Institutions (Finance 435), Spring 2026 (4.4/5.0)

Teaching Assistant
- Financial Management: Theory and Practice (Finance 455), Fall 2021, Spring 2023-2025
- Finance Databases and Research Methods (Finance 601), Fall 2022

Service

Ad-hoc Reviewer
- *International Review of Finance*
- *Review of Managerial Science*

Conference Committee
- FMA Annual Meeting, 2026
- Southern Finance Association (SFA) Annual Meeting, 2026
- Eastern Finance Association (EFA) Annual Meeting, 2026
- Accounting Behavior and Organizations Research Conference, 2025

Session Chair
- 2026: Southwestern Finance Association (SWFA) Annual Meeting
- 2025: Southern Finance Association (SFA) Annual Meeting
- 2025: Southwestern Finance Association (SWFA) Annual Meeting

Discussant
- 2026: Southwestern Finance Association (SWFA) Annual Meeting
- 2025: Southern Finance Association (SFA) Annual Meeting
- 2025: FMA Annual Meeting
- 2025: Southwestern Finance Association (SWFA) Annual Meeting
- 2024: Southern Finance Association (SFA) Annual Meeting
- 2024: FMA Annual Meeting

Skills

Programming
- SAS, Stata, Python, R, Excel

Typesetting
- LaTeX, Word, Adobe Acrobat

Honors/Awards

Haslam Fellowship, *University of Tennessee*, August 2021-2026

Outstanding Doctoral Student Teacher Award, *University of Tennessee*, 2026

Outstanding Doctoral Student Researcher Award Finalist, *University of Tennessee*, 2026

Outstanding Doctoral Student Teacher Award Finalist, *University of Tennessee*, 2025

Outstanding Ph.D. Researcher Award, *University of Tennessee*, 2025

GSS Travel Awards, *University of Tennessee*, 2024-2025

Dissertation Committee Members

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