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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

Assistant Professor of Finance
Visiting Assistant Professor of Finance

August 2017 – Present
August 2016 – May 2017

EDUCATION

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Ph.D. Finance Minor: Economics August 2016

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

M.S. Applied Statistics Concentration: Actuarial Science December 2010
M.S. Finance Concentration: Financial Policy May 2010
B.S. Business Administration Majors: Mathematics, Finance May 2010

PUBLICATIONS

1. Alldredge, D.M. and Blank, D.B. (2019) *Do Insiders Cluster Trades with Colleagues? Evidence from Daily Insider Trading*. [*Journal of Financial Research*](#), 42(2) 331-360.
 2. Biggerstaff, L.E., Blank, D.B., and Goldie, B. (2019) *Do incentives work? Option-based compensation and corporate innovation*. [*Journal of Corporate Finance*](#), 58, 415-430.
 3. Blank, D.B., and McLemore, C. (2021) *Corporate Equity Performance and Changes in Firm Characteristics*. [*Journal of Investment Strategies*](#), 10(1), 1-27.
 4. Blank, D.B., Hadley, B., Minnick, K., and Rivolta, M. (2021) *Game of Thrones: Internal CEO Succession & Outcomes*. [*European Financial Management*](#), Forthcoming.
 5. Blank, D.B., Hadley, B., and Unsal, O. (2021) *Reputational Damage and Government Economic Incentives*. [*Financial Review*](#), 56, 693–719.
 6. Blank, D.B., Highfield, M.J., and Yerkes, R.T. (2021) *Risk in Loan Pools of GNMA-Guaranteed Securities: Evidence from Bank and Non-Bank MBS Issuers*. [*Journal of Housing Research*](#), Forthcoming.
 7. Blank, D.B., and Hadley, B. (2021) *When CEOs Adapt: Manager Experience, Policy and Performance Following Recessions*. [*Journal of Corporate Finance*](#), Forthcoming.
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WORKING PAPERS

Operating Leverage and the Cost of Debt: Indirect Costs of Operating Leverage in Debt Markets (with Doug Ayers)

- Preparing for third round submission to the [*Journal of Management Accounting Research*](#) (AAA Journal)
- Best Paper Award – 2016 American Accounting Association Ohio Region Meeting
- Presented at the AAA Ohio,* Tennessee, Miami University,* 2018 Mississippi-Memphis-MSU, 2018 SFA

Understanding Non-Normality in Financial Research (with Gary Templeton)

- Under second round submission at the [*Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance*](#)
- Presented at Mississippi State University*

Do Political Contributions Impact Shareholder Wealth? Evidence from State Campaign Finance Reforms

- Presented at the 2016 FMA Doctoral Student Consortium, Tennessee, Samford, Alabama, Cleveland State, Mississippi State, Miami University, 2017 FMA, 2020 Mississippi-Memphis-MSU-Alabama (MMA)

Exempt Solicitation Campaigns (with Kathryn Schumann and Tracie Woidtke)

- Presented at the 2015 FMA,* Mississippi State, Tennessee, UT/UK's Jim and Jack Finance Conference

Insider Trading Restrictions, Investor Protection, and Innovation (with Jiawei Chen and Valeriya Posylnaya)

- Presented at the 2018 SFA, 2019 Mississippi-Memphis-MSU-Alabama (MMA), 2020 FMA, 2021 FMA DSC

Insider Trading Amidst Political Uncertainty (with Jiawei Chen)

- Presented at the 2021 Financial Management Association Annual Meeting Doctoral Student Consortium

Executive Incentives, Import Restrictions and Competition: Analysis of Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties

- Select Media: [Reuters](#), [New York Times](#), [Forbes](#), [US News Money](#), [American Institute for Economic Research](#)

* Indicates presentation by co-author

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Do Insiders Cluster Trades with Colleagues? Evidence from Daily Insider Trading (with Dallin Alldredge)

- Washington State University
- Mississippi State University

When CEOs Adapt: Manager Experience, Policy and Performance Following Recessions (with Brandy Hadley)

- 2014 Financial Management Association Annual Meeting
- University of Tennessee
- 2017 Southern Finance Association
- 2018 European Financial Management Association
- 2019 Eastern Finance Association

Game of Thrones: Internal CEO Succession & Outcomes (with Brandy Hadley, Kristina Minnick and Mia Rivolta)

- 2016 Eastern Finance Association
- 2016 Financial Management Association
- University of Tennessee
- 2018 European Financial Management Association
- 2018 European Conference
- 2018 Southern Finance Association
- University of Massachusetts – Lowell
- United States Securities and Exchange Commission
- University of Tennessee

Understanding Non-Normality in Financial Research (with Gary Templeton)

- Mississippi State University

Risk in Loan Pools of GNMA-Guaranteed Securities: Evidence from Bank and Non-Bank MBS Issuers (with Rusty Yerkes and Mike Highfield)

- Florida Gulf Coast University
- 2018 Alabama Association of Financial Planners
- 2018 American Real Estate Society
- 2019 American Real Estate Society
- 2019 Southern Finance Association
- 2020 Financial Management Association

Reputational Damage and Government Economic Incentives (with Brandy Hadley and Omer Unsal)

- 2020 Eastern Finance Association (Cancelled)
- 2020 Financial Management Association Annual Meeting
- 2020 Southern Finance Association
- University of Tennessee

Operating Leverage and the Cost of Debt: Indirect Costs of Operating Leverage in Debt Markets (with Doug Ayers)

- University of Tennessee
- 2018 Mississippi-Memphis-MSU-Alabama Finance Conference (MMMA)
- 2018 Southern Finance Association
- American Accounting Association – Ohio Meeting
- Miami University

PAPER PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

Do Political Contributions Impact Shareholder Wealth? Evidence from State Campaign Finance Reforms

- 2016 Financial Management Association Doctoral Student Consortium
- University of Tennessee
- Samford University
- University of Alabama
- Cleveland State University
- Mississippi State University
- Miami University
- 2017 Financial Management Association Annual Meeting
- 2020 Mississippi-Memphis-MSU-Alabama Finance Conference (MMMA)

Exempt Solicitation Campaigns (with Kathryn Schumann and Tracie Wooldtke)

- Mississippi State University
- University of Tennessee
- University of Tennessee and University of Kentucky's Jim and Jack Finance Conference
- 2015 Financial Management Association

Insider Trading Restrictions, Investor Protection, and Innovation (with Jiawei Chen and Valeriya Posylnaya)

- 2018 Southern Finance Association
- 2019 Mississippi-Memphis-MSU-Alabama Finance Conference (MMMA)
- 2020 Financial Management Association
- 2021 Financial Management Association Special Session for Doctoral Student Consortium Participants

Insider Trading Amidst Political Uncertainty (with Jiawei Chen)

- 2021 Financial Management Association Annual Meeting Doctoral Student Consortium

* *Includes presentations by co-authors*