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EDUCATION

University of Connecticut, USA May. 2022 (expected)
PhD Candidate in Finance

Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 2015
Master of Science in Finance

Tianjin University of Finance and Economics, Tianjin, China 2014
Bachelor of Science, Finance; Co-major in accounting

CFA Level III Candidate

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

2018 Fall, 2019 Fall, 2020 Spring, 2021 Spring

Fundamentals of Financial Management

University of Connecticut, Finance Department

- Covered basic corporate finance and asset pricing knowledge, such as time value of money, bond valuation and stock valuation.
- Recent teaching evaluation: mean 4.5/5, median 5/5

Fields of Specialization

Bankruptcy, Corporate Finance, Asset Pricing

Research Projects

Working Papers

“Do Bankruptcy Filings of Industry Rivals Mitigate Shareholder-Manager Conflicts? Evidence on Earnings Management and Acquisitions”

- Examine if Chapter 11 filings of rival firms can help mitigate shareholder-manager conflicts measured by multiple ways such as discretionary accruals

“Benefiting from Bankrupt Firms: Evidence from Local Labor Movement”

- Investigate long-run effect of bankruptcy announcements on stock performance of companies that are located in the same city as the bankrupt firm.

“The Effect of Firms Going Public on Their Related Firms’ Investor Attention”

- Study the influence of IPO on the investor attention of customers, suppliers and rivals

Publications

How far are we from “T + 0”

Spring, 2013, Tianjin University of F&E

- Analyzed how could China’s financial market system is change from “T+1” to “T+0”, and the advantages of “T+0”
- Published on the Chinese journal *Modern Economic Information*, ISSN 1001-828X, Sep, 2013

Shadow Banking Research Project

Winter, 2012, Tianjin University of F&E

- Compared differences of shadow banking in America and China
- Explored the impacts on Chinese economy and measures that China has taken
- Published on the Chinese journal *Times Finance*, ISSN 1672-8661, Oct. 2013

Presentations

Presented in American Finance Association Annual Meeting 2021

Industry Experience and Leadership

Treasurer, Graduate Data Science Student Organization 2016 - Present

GF Securities CO. LTD, Liaoyang, China 2015

Customer Manager, Intern

- Analyzed choices among stocks in Chinese stock market for customers’ portfolios.
- Set up stock accounts for customers.

Tianjin Datong Investment Group CO. LTD, Tianjin, China 2012

Manager Assistant, Intern

- Assisted manager in project planning, documents writing, financial accounting, etc.
- Participated in planning two projects: Jiuzhaigou Gold Mine acquisition and Yunnan Zhaoyun Mining company acquisition.

Programming and Language Skills

- SAS Global Certificate
- Proficient with R, Python, STATA and LaTeX
- Native in Chinese and fluent in English

References

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