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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Finance, Purdue University, 2004. Dissertation: Why Are Dividends Disappearing? An International Comparison. Chairperson: David J. Denis.
M.B.A., University of Oregon, 1998.
M.S., Electrical Engineering, Moscow Institute of Electronics and Mathematics, 1985.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Research: Empirical Corporate Finance
Teaching: Corporate Finance, International Finance, Financial Markets and Institutions, Fixed Income Securities

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Fall 2008 – present	J. Mack Robinson College of Business, Georgia State University Visiting Assistant Professor of Finance
Fall 2007 – Summer 2008	Kelley School of Business, Indiana University Bloomington Visiting Assistant Professor of Finance
Fall 2004 – Summer 2007	J. Mack Robinson College of Business, Georgia State University Visiting Assistant Professor of Finance

PUBLICATIONS

“Why Do Firms Pay Dividends? International Evidence On The Determinants Of Dividend Policy” (2008), with David J. Denis, *Journal of Financial Economics* 89, p. 62-82.

“The Game Of The Name: Valuation Effects Of Name Changes In A Market Downturn” (2005), with Michael Cooper, Ajay Khorana, Ajay Patel, and P. Raghavendra Rau, *Journal of Corporate Finance* 11, p. 319-335.

WORKING PAPERS

“Ownership, Board Characteristics and Stock Performance of French Firms”, with P. Raghavendra Rau, and Vasumathi Vijayraghavan.

“Disappearing dividends, catering incentives and agency costs: International evidence”, with David J. Denis

“Why Are Dividends Disappearing? An International Comparison”, presented at 2004 annual FMA meeting.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- International Finance (undergraduate elective): Georgia State University, Indiana University
- Advanced corporate finance (case-based, undergraduate): Indiana University
- The Financial System (undergraduate elective): Georgia State University
- The Financial System (MBA elective): Georgia State University
- Financial Management (undergraduate elective): Purdue University

PRESENTATIONS

- Why are dividends disappearing? An international comparison, the FMA meeting, October 2004.
- Discussant, the FMA meeting, October 2004.
- The game of the name: Valuation effects of name changes in a market downturn
 - Presented at the FMA meeting, November 2002 (by coauthor).
 - Presented at the FMA European meeting, June 2002 (by coauthor).
 - Presented at Northwestern conference on Risk Perceptions and Capital Markets, January 2002 (by coauthor).

REFERENCES IN THE MASS MEDIA

The Wall Street Journal, December 18, 2002.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Ad-hoc reviewer *Journal of Corporate Finance*
Journal of Banking and Finance
Review of Finance
Journal of Financial Research
Financial Review
Journal of Comparative Economics

AWARDS AND HONORS

Purdue Research Foundation Dissertation Grant (2003 – 2004)
Beta Gamma Sigma honor society (1998)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Finance Association
Member, Financial Management Association

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

1999 – 2000 **Corporate Finance Associate**, Aton Capital Group, Moscow
1998 **Financial Analyst**, Global Telesystems Group, McLean, VA - Moscow
1997 – 1998 **Investments Intern (part-time)**, Salomon Smith Barney, Eugene, OR
1995 – 1996 **Account Manager**, TELMOS (an AT&T company), Moscow
1994 – 1995 **Program Specialist**, USAID NIS Exchanges and Training Project (AED, Moscow)
1992 – 1993 **Business & Management Trainer**, Team Training Russia, Moscow
1988 – 1992 **Researcher/Instructor**, Executive Training Institute of the Ministry of Metallurgy, Moscow
1985 – 1988 **Researcher**, Computer Tomography Institute, Moscow

REFERENCES

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