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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

J. Mack Robinson College of Business, Georgia State University (August 2007 – present)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Finance

EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology, College of Management (Atlanta, Georgia)
Ph.D. in Finance, 2007
Dissertation: *Three Essays on Institutional Investors and Corporate Governance*

Georgia Institute of Technology, College of Management (Atlanta, Georgia)
Master of Science in Quantitative and Computational Finance, 2007

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Urbana, Illinois)
Master of Science in Industrial Engineering, 1998
Area of concentration: *Operations Research*
Thesis: *The Crew Recovery Problem in Airline Operations*

Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (Dhaka, Bangladesh)
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, 1994
3rd rank in a class of 180.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Corporate Finance, Investments, Corporate Governance, Behavioral Finance

PUBLICATIONS

“Takeover Immunity, Takeovers, and the Market for Non-Executive Directors”
(with Rajesh Chakrabarti, Richard Fu, Narayanan Jayaraman)
Financial Management forthcoming

WORKING PAPERS

“Conflicts of Interest and Mutual Fund Proxy Voting: Evidence from Shareholder Proposals on Executive Compensation” (with Narayanan Jayaraman and Chip Ryan)

“Determinants and Consequences of Proxy Voting by Mutual Funds on Shareholder Proposals” (with Narayanan Jayaraman) Submitted for Publication

“Institutional Investors’ Trading Behavior in Mergers & Acquisitions” (with Narayanan Jayaraman)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Changes in Takeover Defense Mechanisms and Executive Compensation”

“Do Fund Managers Respond to Risk Incentives? Evidence from Voting Behavior” (with Vikas Agarwal and Jayant Kale)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Determinants and Consequences of Proxy Voting by Mutual Funds on Shareholder Proposals”

- Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting, Orlando, October 2007 (Accepted)
- FMA European Conference, Barcelona, June 2007
- NTU International Conference of Finance, November 2006

“Institutional Investors’ Trading Behavior in Mergers & Acquisitions”

- American Finance Association (AFA) Meeting, Chicago, January 2007
- FMA European Conference, Stockholm, June 2006
- Indian School of Business (ISB) Conference, Hyderabad, India, December 2005
- Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting, Chicago, September 2005

“Takeover Immunity, Takeovers, and the Market for Non-Executive Directors”

- Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting, Salt Lake City, October 2006
- FMA European Conference, Stockholm, June 2006

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Student Travel Grant Award: American Finance Association, January 2006
- BUET Merit Scholarship: Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology, 1989-1994

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgia State University

Fundamentals of Valuation –Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008 (Most Recent Teaching Evaluation: 4.6/5.0)

Georgia Tech

Financial Management – Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Fall 2005, Spring 2007: Primary Instructor
Undergraduate Core, Most Recent Teaching Evaluation: 4.5/5.0

Teaching Assistant: Security Valuation, Derivative Securities, Management of Financial Institutions, Investments

Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology

Lecturer, Taught undergraduate courses and labs in Mechanical Engineering, January 1994 – August 1995

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service Activities Internal to the University

Represented the department at the commencement ceremony, Fall 2007
Represented the department at the Panther Preview, Fall 2008

Service Activities in Academic and Profession Organizations

Discussant at the 2007 Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meetings.
Discussant at the 2008 Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meetings.
Member of the 2009 Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting Program Committee:
Review papers for the program.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Finance Association
- Financial Management Association

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United Airlines, Research & Development (Chicago, Illinois)

Analyst (March 1998 – March 2000)

Designed, developed and implemented an integrated application for real time automated flight planning for United Airlines' international market.

Senior Analyst (April 2000 – August 2000)

Played a leadership role in the system wide development and implementation of the international flight planning application.

OTHER SKILLS

Computer Skills

- Proficient in SAS, Matlab, C, C++, Unix shell script, CPLEX, GAMS
- Databases: DataStream, COMPUSTAT, CRSP, I/B/E/S, Thomson Financial, SDC, Bloomberg
- Experience with SQL, PL/SQL, ORACLE, JAVA.

Professional Training

- Introduction to ORACLE: SQL and PL/SQL. Offered by Greenbrier and Russel Inc., Oracle Authorized Education Center, Schaumburg, IL. January 1999.
- Fundamentals of the Unix System. Offered by Hewlett-Packard, Chicago, IL. April 1998.