Preparing Students for Tomorrow's Insurance Careers

Georgia State University
J. Mack Robinson College of Business
Department of Risk Management & Insurance
Message from the Department Chair

Dr. Stephen Shore

Georgia State University’s RMI Department transforms students’ lives. We serve as an engine of economic mobility by providing students from all backgrounds with an outstanding education that prepares them for successful careers in high-demand, risk-related fields. Our innovative curriculum, research agenda and record-breaking fundraising efforts in support of the department’s students and faculty set us apart from other programs. I’m excited about the coming year and the opportunities ahead.

Dr. Shore’s research focuses on household credit risk and the income dynamics of individuals and couples. His work has been published in Review of Economics & Statistics, Review of Financial Studies, Quantitative Economics, Journal of Human Resources, the Journal of the American Statistical Association and the Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking. He is on the editorial board of the Journal of Risk and Insurance and is President of the Risk Theory Society.

Facts about the Department of Risk Management & Insurance

1. **#1 North American business school in actuarial science research productivity for five consecutive years**
   (UNL Actuarial and RMI Research Rankings, 2021)

2. **Center for Actuarial Excellence designation since 2009**
   (Society of Actuaries)

3. **Global Center for Insurance Excellence designation since 2018**
   (International Insurance Society)

4. **#4 Undergraduate risk management & insurance program**
   (U.S. News & World Report, 2021)

5. **M.S. in Quantitative Risk Analysis and Management ranked #5 among public programs and 14th overall by TFE Times in 2022**

**The RMI Department boasts a deep knowledge of risk and insurance institutions, markets and theories.**

We combine this knowledge with data analysis expertise to produce teaching and research of the highest caliber. Our diverse and talented students learn the empirical skills necessary for 21st century risk and insurance careers, including careers in insurtech and actuarial analytics.
Innovating Around Online and Experiential Education

In addition to our nationally ranked Master of Actuarial Science (MAS) program offered in a traditional format, Robinson's RMI Department is preparing to offer an MAS degree in a fully online environment.

Immersive and experiential learning opportunities are embedded in every degree program. Our department engages with industry through experiential “sprints.” Sprints give our students the opportunity to solve real problems under expert faculty supervision, and provide important business insights to industry partners.

The RMI Department never rests on its laurels and continuously innovates to prepare its graduates for the risk management and insurance careers of the future.

A Leader in Diversity and Inclusion

Robinson College of Business classrooms bring together students of all ages, ethnicities, genders, countries of origin, socioeconomic statuses, and personal circumstances.

Our complex ecosystem of students, faculty, and staff creates a special learning environment, graduating future risk and insurance leaders with a variety of perspectives and backgrounds.

Partners in Excellence

**S.S. Huebner Foundation**

For 80 years, the Huebner Foundation has supported promising doctoral students pursuing careers in insurance and risk management education, and has promoted research addressing important policy and business issues related to those topics. In 2012, the Huebner Foundation relocated to Robinson's RMI Department, where it continues its mission to support doctoral education and train future thought leaders.

**The Only Robinson Department with Its Own Fundraising Foundation**

The GSU Risk Management Foundation (RMF) is a tax-exempt organization founded in 1959 whose mission is to support the RMI department’s faculty, students and programs. It provides the business community with a vehicle to support RMI’s important work by providing scholarships for deserving students, assisting in the recruitment and retention of top faculty, and supporting faculty research.

**RMI Department Houses the Center for Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR)**

CEAR conducts and promotes research on the measurement and management of risks faced by individuals, households, institutions and societies. The center serves as a discussion forum and resource for researchers, policy-makers and business professionals to address challenging problems in the areas of economics, finance, accounting, risk management and insurance, engineering, operations research, psychology, and public health.
2022 Icon Leadership Award

Guy Millner serves as Executive Chairman of AssuranceAmerica, guiding the company’s focus towards becoming a leader in the auto insurance sector. As a Co-Founder, Guy chairs the Board of Directors and works with the executive team to establish the strategic direction of the company.

Additionally, Guy champions AssuranceAmerica’s philanthropic endeavors where the company gives back 5% of pre-tax earnings to charitable organizations focused on ending homelessness.

Prior to AssuranceAmerica, Guy served as Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Norrell Corporation (NYSE), a leading national provider of staffing and outsourcing solutions. He then stepped into politics running as a Republican for Governor of Georgia in 1994 and 1998, and as United States Senator from Georgia in 1996. Despite losing all three races, he is acclaimed for building Georgia into a two-party state.

Guy has a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and Government from Florida State University and served eight years in the Naval Reserve.

2022 Riskie Awardees

Innovator Award

Brian T. Casey is a Partner in the Atlanta office of Locke Lord, LLP and has served the insurance and reinsurance industries for 35 years. As Co-leader of the firm’s Regulator and Transactional Insurance practice group.

GSU RMI Hall of Fame

Susan Willey is Clinical Professor of Legal Studies in the Department of Risk Management & Insurance, where she also directs the Legal Studies program. Prior to joining the RCB faculty, she taught legal studies classes at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

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The RMI Department’s newest endowment was established by Scott G Thompson MIS’73 and his brother Greg Thompson in memory of their father Roy S. Thompson Jr., for the needs of the department. Scott G Thompson served several terms as a Trustee of the Risk Management Foundation board and was inducted into the GSU Risk Management Hall of Fame in 2018. American Southern and Atlantic American Insurance companies also contributed to this fund.

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On behalf of the family and friends of Dr. Skipper, we at Georgia State University’s Department of Risk Management and Insurance are profoundly grateful to all who participated in the creation of this fitting and lasting memorial to him and his body of work. Dr. Skipper viewed the world with an open mind, and his world was one of friends to make and experiences to have. His life’s work and this endowment memorial exemplifies his benevolence to the universal family of humankind.

Many friends and colleagues from around the world worked diligently over the past several years to establish this fitting memorial to Dr. Skipper. Before his passing on February 8 2022, the endowment reached it funding goal of $250,000.

The Harold D. Skipper International Insurance Endowment will support international scholars for generations to come, and his efforts to better the lives of others through the practices of risk management & insurance will live on through their success.

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New Scholarships and Funds Established in 2022

**AMWINS** Brokerage Scholarship is the newest leadership grant for those who are interested in a career in broking. Students interested in this scholarship will specify this scholarship during open application period. Students will participate in interviews and will have internship and employment opportunities.

RLI Insurance Corporation, based in Illinois with an office in Atlanta, is offering $10,000 in scholarship funds to GSU students for the 2023 academic year. RLI is a specialty insurance company whose transportation division is located in Brookhaven, GA.

*aetna*® is providing a scholarship for outstanding undergraduate actuarial students over the next three years.

**Actuarial Science Student Success Fund** will be used to cover the cost of Coaching Actuaries study courses, exam preparation materials and for reimbursement of test fees for passed SOA exams.

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