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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta, GA
Ph.D. in Finance	2023 (expected)
M.S. in Economics	2021
M.S. in Management	2019
XLRI Jamshedpur	Jamshedpur, India
M.B.A. in Finance	2014
Indian Institute of Technology	Roorkee, India
B.Tech. in Civil Engineering	2012

RESEARCH

Research Interests: Responsible and Sustainable Finance, Corporate Finance, Municipal Bonds

Job Market Paper

Fiduciary Duty in the Municipal Bonds Market

I examine whether the imposition of fiduciary duty on municipal advisors affects bond yields and advising fees. Using a difference-in-differences analysis, I show that bond yields reduce by 9% after the imposition of the SEC Municipal Advisor Rule. Larger municipalities are more likely to recruit advisors after the rule is effective and experience a greater reduction in yields. However, smaller issuers do not seem to significantly benefit from the SEC Rule in terms of offering yield. Using novel hand-collected data, I find that the average advising fees paid by issuers does not increase after the regulation. Offering yields reduce due to lower markup at the time of underwriting, driven by issuers for whom advisors play a more significant ex-ante role in selecting underwriters. Overall, my results suggest that while fiduciary duty may mitigate the principal-agent problem between some issuers and advisors, it has limited effect on small issuers.

- FMA Annual Meeting Special PhD Paper Presentations, 2022 (scheduled)
- FMA Annual Meeting Doctoral Student Consoritum, 2022 (scheduled)

WORKING PAPERS

Impact of Corporate Subsidies on Borrowing Costs of Local Governments: Evidence From Municipal Bonds

- with Sudheer Chava and Manpreet Singh
- (Revise & Resubmit at Review of Finance)
 - New Zealand Finance Meeting (NZFM), Auckland University of Technology, 2021
 - National Tax Association (NTA) Annual Conference, 2021
 - Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting (CFEA), 2021
 - European Finance Association (EFA) Annual Meeting, 2020
 - SFS Cavalcade North America, 2020
 - Brookings Institute Annual Municipal Finance Conference, 2020
 - FMA Napa Conference, 2020†
 - Trans Atlantic Doctoral Conference (TADC) LBS, 2020†

Communities as Stakeholders: Impact of Corporate Bankruptcies on Local Governments

- with Sudheer Chava and Manpreet Singh
- Best Paper Award at the Annual Meeting of AEFIN Finance Forum, 2021
 - American Finance Association (AFA) Annual Meeting New Orleans, 2023 (scheduled)

- Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meeting Chicago, 2022
- AREUEA/ASSA Meeting, 2022
- India Finance Conference, 2021
- Australasian Finance & Banking Conference, 2021
- Conference on Asia-Pacific Financial Markets (CAFM), 2021
- National Tax Association (NTA) Graduate Poster Session, 2021
- FMA Annual Meeting Denver, 2021
- Urban Economics Association North American Meeting, 2021
- Annual Meeting of AEFIN Finance Forum, 2021
- AEFIN Ph.D. Mentoring Day Finance Forum, 2021
- Atlanta Area Finance Ph.D. Brown Bag, 2021
- Virtual Municipal Finance Workshop at University of Notre Dame, 2020

Do Managers Walk the Talk on Environmental and Social Issues?

- with Sudheer Chava and Wendi Du
 - UF Research Conference on Machine Learning in Finance, 2022 (scheduled)
 - OCC Symposium on Climate Risk in Banking and Finance, 2022
 - China International Conference in Finance, 2022
 - Eastern Finance Association, 2022
 - India Finance Conference, 2021
 - Australasian Finance & Banking Conference, 2021
 - New Zealand Finance Meeting (NZFM), Auckland University of Technology, 2021
 - CEF Group Climate Finance Symposium, 2021
 - Conference on CSR, the Economy and Financial Markets, 2021
 - Tsinghua University Accounting Seminar, 2021

† Accepted but not presented; cancellation due to Covid-19

PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meeting - Chicago	2022
AREUEA/ASSA Meeting	2022
• India Finance Conference \times 2	2021
Australasian Finance & Banking Conference	2021
New Zealand Finance Meeting (NZFM)	2021
Conference on Asia-Pacific Financial Markets (CAFM)	2021
National Tax Association (NTA) Annual Conference	2021
National Tax Association (NTA) Graduate Poster Session	2021
Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting (CFEA)	2021
FMA Annual Meeting	2021
AEFIN Annual Meeting - Finance Forum	2021
AEFIN Ph.D. Mentoring Day - Finance Forum	2021
Atlanta Area Finance Ph.D. Brown Bag	2021
Urban Economics Association - North American Meeting	2021
European Finance Association (EFA) Annual Meeting	2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant2021 – presentFederal Statistical Research Data Centre, US Census BureauAtlanta, GA

Graduate Research Assistant

2017 – present Atlanta, GA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

 MGT 3079 (A): Management of Financial Institutions[†] 	Spring 2020
 MGT 3079 (B): Management of Financial Institutions[†] 	Spring 2020
M.S. Quantitative and Computational Finance - Online Bootcamp	Summer 2022

[†] Transitioned to online teaching mid-semester due to Covid-19

HONORS AND AWARDS

Best Paper Award at the Annual Meeting of AEFIN Finance Forum	2021
• Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning's Thank a Teacher Award, Georgia Tech	2020
• Institute Silver Medal for highest overall GPA in the Department, IIT Roorkee	2012
Prabhakar Swarup Civil Engineering Award, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	2012
Dr. H.P. Sinha Merit Scholarship, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	2011

REFEREEING

• Journal of Banking and Finance

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Served as Session Chair at the FMA Annual Meeting - Denver	2021
• Served as Session Chair at the New Zealand Finance Meeting (NZFM)	2021
Organized the inaugural edition of Atlanta Area Finance Ph.D. Brown Bag	2021
• Served as Session Chair at the Urban Economics Association - North American Meeting	2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Corporate Treasury Advisory	2015–2017
HDFC Bank	Mumbai, India
Associate, Investment Banking	2014–2015
EY Transaction Advisory Services	Mumbai, India
Summer Associate	2013
Tata Administrative Services	Mumbai, India
Summer Intern	2011
Tata Steel Ltd.	Jamshedpur, India

OTHER INFORMATION

Special Sworn Status: US Census Bureau, 2021 -

Citizenship: Indian

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REFERENCES

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