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## Citizenship/Visa Status

Citizenship: Nepal | Visa Status: U.S. Permanent Resident

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## Research Interests

Corporate Finance, ESG, Climate Finance

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## Education

<b>University of North Texas</b> Ph.D. Candidate, Finance	Denton, TX 2021 – Present
<b>The University of Toledo</b> Master of Business Administration, Finance	Toledo, OH 2020 – 2021
<b>Tribhuvan University</b> Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance	Kathmandu, Nepal 2011 – 2015

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## Job Market Paper

**Environmental Performance and Firm Value: Shock-based Evidence** (with Stuart Gillan and Nga Nguyen)

*Abstract:* We study the relationship between environmental performance and firm value using unexpected news about the inclusion of climate policies in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Stock market reactions for firms with “better” measures of aggregate climate performance are mixed and tend to be more negative. However, analyses of sub-components of firms’ climate performance show positive reactions for firms with greater opportunities in clean technology and renewable energy, and preparedness for transitioning to a low-carbon economy. Analyses of industries with high carbon emissions also show positive value effects for firms better prepared to transition to a low carbon economy.

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## Working Papers

**Stock Price Effects of Cross-Country Climate Deals: Evidence from the Surprise US-China Climate Accord** (with Stuart Gillan and Nga Nguyen)

*Abstract:* This paper explores the surprise US-China climate deal on November 10, 2021, aimed at reducing carbon emissions in both countries. It focuses on how this bilateral effort to curb carbon emissions influences investor behavior and the market values of companies, particularly those with varying levels of carbon emissions and carbon emission management practices. We find that firms with high Carbon Emission Scores and Carbon Emission Management Scores are associated with positive abnormal returns around the deal announcement, particularly in the United States, indicating a market preference for proactive carbon management. Additionally, firms with

low Emissions Intensity and high Carbon Management Scores had significantly higher returns, suggesting that the market values management practices. These results underscore the varying impacts of carbon emission policies on firm value and highlight the importance of focusing on the details of firm climate policies.

**Enhanced Board Oversight Duties and Governance Practice: Evidence from Delaware Supreme Court's Decision** (Solo-authored)

## Works in Progress

**Cybersecurity Risk Governance and Financial Reporting Quality** (with Stuart Gillan and Nga Nguyen)

Research Proposal Submitted to PCAOB/Management Science Registered Reports Conference 2025

## Conference Participation

Discussant, Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, 2024

Attended, American Finance Association Annual Meeting, 2024

## Teaching Experience

### University of North Texas

Instructor:

FINA 4300: Financial Statement Analysis and Liquidity Management	Fall 2025 (Scheduled)
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FINA 4300: Financial Statement Analysis and Liquidity Management	Spring 2025
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*Teaching Evaluation Score (4.70/5.00)*

FINA 4300: Financial Statement Analysis and Liquidity Management	Fall 2024
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*Teaching Evaluation Score (4.70/5.00)*

FINA 3770: Introduction to Finance	Spring 2024
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*Teaching Evaluation Score (4.30/5.00)*

FINA 3770: Introduction to Finance	Fall 2023
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*Teaching Evaluation Score (4.00/5.00)*

Teaching Assistant:

BLAW 3430: Legal and Ethical Environment of Business	Summer 2024
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FINA 3770: Introduction to Finance	Spring/Fall 2023
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FINA 5170: Financial Management	Fall 2022
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FINA 3770: Introduction to Finance	Spring 2024
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FINA 3770: Introduction to Finance	Fall 2021
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## Work Experience

<b>University of North Texas</b>	Denton, TX
Research and Teaching Assistant	2021 – Present

<b>The University of Toledo</b>	Toledo, OH
Research and Teaching Assistant	2020 – 2021

<b>Jyoti Bikash Bank Ltd.</b>	Kathmandu, Nepal
Relationship Manager	2018 – 2019

**NIC Asia Bank Ltd.**  
Credit Analyst

Kathmandu, Nepal  
2016 – 2017

**Global IME Bank Ltd.**  
Credit Analyst Intern

Kathmandu, Nepal  
Summer 2015

## Honors and Awards

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Doctoral Student Research Award, FIREL Department, UNT	2025
Doctoral Student Teaching Award, FIREL Department, UNT	2025
Second Year Best Paper Award, FIREL Department, UNT	2023
Fifth-Year Doctoral Funding Award, G. Brint Ryan College of Business, UNT	2025–2026
Tuition Benefit Program Award, UNT	2021–Present
Graduate Tuition Scholarship, The University of Toledo	2020–2021

## Skills

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**Technical Skills:** Python (*web scraping, PDF/HTML parsing, text preprocessing*), OpenAI and Anthropic API Integration (*for LLM-based document analysis*), Stata, SAS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

**Languages:** English and Nepali

## References

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