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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. Using a difference-in-differences analysis, I show that bond yields reduce by 9% after the SEC Municipal Advisor Rule. However, novel hand-collected data shows that the average advising fees paid by issuers does not increase after the regulation. Municipalities are more likely to recruit advisors after the SEC Rule, but not among small issuers. The reduction in yields is driven by large issuers, with no effect on small issuers. Offering yields reduce due to lower mark-up at the time of underwriting, driven by issuers for whom advisors play a greater ex-ante role in selecting underwriters. Overall, fiduciary duty may mitigate the principal-agent problem between issuers and advisors, but has limited effect for small issuers.

- FMA Annual Meeting Special PhD Paper Presentations, 2022 (scheduled)
- FMA Annual Meeting Doctoral Student Consortium, 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 × 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 Assistant	2021 – present
Federal Statistical Research Data Centre, US Census Bureau	Atlanta, GA
Graduate Research Assistant	2017 – present
Scheller College of Business, Georgia Institute of Technology	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
Languages: English, Hindi, Bengali

REFERENCES

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