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EDUCATION

University of Mississippi Ph.D. in Finance, May 2025 (Expected) Dissertation Committee: Kathleen Fuller (Chair), Robert Van Ness, John Gardner, Lixiong Guo	2019 - Present
University of Nebraska at Omaha Master of Science in Economics (transferred)	2018-2019
University of Southern Mississippi Master of Business Administration	2016-2017
Tribhuvan University Master's in Business Studies (Accounting)	2010-2012
Tribhuvan University Bachelor's in Business Studies (Accounting)	2005-2008

RESEARCH INTEREST

Corporate Finance, Intangible Capital, Corporate Culture, Product-Market Competition, M&As, Corporate Tax

JOB MARKET PAPER

From Values to Value: The Impact of Corporate Culture on Product Market Outcome Under Review: *Journal of Banking and Finance*

Abstract: We investigate how corporate culture relates to firm performance, focusing specifically on market share growth following an increase in competition in the product market. Using industry-level import tariff cuts in the United States as an exogenous shock, we find that firms with strong cultures tend to experience higher market share growth after a reduction in import tariffs. We also identify two distinct cultural values – the strong-people focus and the strong-technology focus – and find that only firms with a strong-people focus are likely to experience market share growth when faced with intensified competition. In addition, firms with a strong corporate culture demonstrate enhanced operating performance after tariff cuts, and this cultural strength contributes to an improvement in firm value. Our study provides new insights into how corporate culture can, as an intangible asset, help companies adapt to unexpected events.

Presentations: MMM Ph.D. Consortium 2023, SFA 2023, FMA 2024 (scheduled)

WORKING PAPERS

The Relationship Between Non-Debt and Debt-Tax Shield: An Evidence from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (with K. Fuller) Initial Submission: *Financial Management*

Presentation: FMA 2024 (scheduled)

Corporate Culture and Managerial Discretion: Evidence from US Property-Casualty Insurance Companies (with K. Fuller)

Individual Stock Returns Volatility and Equity Anomalies (with S. Bae) Initial Submission: *Journal of Finance Issues*

Aggregating Odd-Lots (with S. Bae)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Interest Deduction Limitation and Method of Payments in M&As
Merger and Acquisitions and Risk-Taking
Fiscal Federalism in Nepal and Fiscal Performance (with K. Bhattarai)

RESEARCH POSITION

Research Assistant for Kathleen Fuller August 2024 - Present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record	University of Mississippi
FIN 331: Business Finance I	Summer 2024
FIN 468: International Financial Management	SP 2024
FIN 468: International Financial Management	Fall 2023
FIN 331: Business Finance I	Fall 2022
FIN 331: Business Finance I	Summer 2022
Teaching Assistant	University of Mississippi
MBA 611: Financial Analysis	Fall 2023
FIN 338: Intermediate Financial Management	Fall 2022, SP 2023
FIN 441: Commercial Insurance	Fall 2022, SP 2023
FIN 341: Risk Management and Insurance	Fall 2022, SP 2023
FIN 461: Financial Statement Analysis	Fall 2020/21 SP 2021/22
FIN 542: Enterprise Risk Management	Fall 2019, SP 2020
FIN 533: Portfolio Management	Fall 2019, SP 2020

PRESENTATIONS

2024: Financial Management Association (scheduled)
2023: Southern Finance Association
2023: MMM Ph.D. Consortium

Discussant:
Financial Management Association (2023)
Southern Finance Association (2023)

DATA ANALYTICS SKILLS

Software and Programming: R, Python, Stata, SAS, L^AT_EX

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Graduate Assistant Scholarship, University of Mississippi	2019 - Present
Graduate Assistant Scholarship, University of Nebraska at Omaha	Spring 2019
UNO Advantage Scholarship, University of Nebraska at Omaha	Fall 2018
GA Research Scholarship, University of Southern Mississippi	2016-2017
Undergraduate Tuition Scholarship, Tribhuvan University	2007 & 2008
Graduate Tuition Scholarship, Tribhuvan University	2009 & 2010

LANGUAGES

English, Nepali, and Hindi

REFERENCES

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