

# Ashleigh Eldemire-Poindexter

*Curriculum Vitae*

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## Academic Appointment

**University of Tennessee, Haslam College of Business**, Knoxville, TN

Assistant Professor of Finance, 2018-Present

Instructor, Department of Finance, 2017-2018

## Education

**University of South Carolina, Moore School of Business**, Columbia, SC

Ph.D., Business Administration- Finance, 2018

M.S., Business Administration- Finance, 2014

**University of Michigan, College of Engineering**, Ann Arbor, MI

B.S. in Engineering (Chemical), 2010

## Research Interests

Empirical Corporate Finance; Capital Structure, Fixed Income, Mergers & Acquisitions, Venture Capital

## Working Papers

### “Target Leverage Adjustments and Convertible Debt Issuance”

—Presentations: (2016) Ph.D. Project Finance DSA (Park City, UT), University of South Carolina (Columbia, SC), University of Tennessee (Knoxville, TN), University of California-Riverside (Riverside, CA); (2017) Financial Management Association Annual Conference (October-Boston, MA)

### “How valuable is the ability to capitalize innovation? Evidence from M&A” *with Adam Usman (James Madison University) & Jamie Weathers (Western Michigan University)*

—Presentations: (2018) Temple University (Philadelphia, PA), Midwest Finance Association (San Antonio, TX), Southern Finance Association (Asheville, NC)

### “Target Leverage Deviation and Convertible Bond Design”

—Presentations: (2017) Utah State University (Logan, UT); (2018) University of South Carolina

## Work in Progress

“Startups with Debt: Contracting Theory, Funding Rounds, and Exits”

## Teaching Experience

### University of Tennessee : Instructor

*Financial Statement Analysis* – FINC 420

Spring & Fall 2018, 135-165 Students

### University of South Carolina: Instructor

*Corporate Financial Analysis* – FINA 365

Summer 2015, 35 Students

*Introduction to Finance* – FINA 363

Summer 2013, 50 students

### University of South Carolina: Teaching Assistant

*Case Studies in Corporate Finance*, FINA 463 - S. Tsyplakov

Fall 2015, 34 Students

*Finance and Markets*, FINA 333 - E. Powers

2014-2016, 135 Students

## Service to the Profession

Session Chair — Southern Finance Association, November 2018 (*Ashville, NC*) Discussant — Financial Management Association, October 2018 (*San Diego, CA*) Discussant — Midwest Finance Association, March 2017 (*Chicago, IL*)

Panelist — PhD Project Annual Conference, November 2016 (*Chicago, IL*)

Discussant — Midwest Finance Association, March 2016 (*Atlanta, GA*)

Discussant — Financial Management Association, October 2015 (*Orlando, FL*)

President/Member—Conference Planning Committee, Ph.D. Project Finance DSA, 2014-2016

## Honors & Awards

**Best Student Paper**, PhD Project Finance DSA Conference, 2016

**Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor**, Moore School of Business- USC, 2016

**Presidential Fellow**, University of South Carolina, 2012-2016

**Research Assistantship** (Finance Department), University of South Carolina, 2012 - present

**David Aspland Scholarship**, University of Michigan, 2006 - 2010

**Riversville Foundation Scholar**, University of Michigan, 2006 - 2009

## Academic/Professional Affiliations

Financial Management Association (FMA)

Midwest Finance Association (MFA)

PhD Project-Finance Doctoral Student Association (Business academia association for minorities)

Southern Finance Association (SFA) Western Finance Association (WFA)

## Languages & Databases

Python; Stata, SAS, WRDS, FISD, Bloomberg, CapitalIQ,

## Other Publications & Experience

Comparison of spectral combinations of light emitting diodes for crop production CM Dillard, AM Eldemire, OM Onjie, JC Sager (2008), American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers Technical Library (083894).

*Engineering Intern*: Kennedy Space Center- Space Life Science, N.A.S.A., Cape Canaveral, FL, 2007

Global Engineering Org. Electronics, Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA, 2006