

## Scott O'Brien

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### Education and Professional Certifications

University of Missouri	Columbia, MO
<i>Ph.D. in Finance</i>	May 2016
Belmont University	Nashville, TN
<i>B.B.A in Finance</i>	2010
<i>B.S. in Applied Discrete Mathematics</i>	2010
Passed Level I of the CFA exam	2016

### Academic Experience

University of Tennessee	Knoxville, TN
<i>Teaching Assistant Professor of Finance</i>	2025-Present
University of Mississippi	University, MS
<i>Instructional Assistant Professor of Finance</i>	2017-2025
Westminster College	Fulton, MO
<i>Assistant Professor of Economics and Finance</i>	2016-2017
<i>Visiting Instructor of Economics and Finance</i>	2015-2016

### Teaching

Undergraduate courses taught: Business Statistics; Corporate Financial Management; Financial Intermediaries and Markets; Financial Mathematics; International Trade and Finance; Investments; Managerial Finance; Money, Banking, and Financial Markets; Options and Futures; Portfolio Management; Security Analysis

Graduate courses taught: Managerial Economics (MBA)

## Research

- Research Interests: CEO compensation, corporate governance, behavioral finance
- Publications: John S. Howe and Scott O'Brien, "CEO Compensation Practices Around Spinoffs," *Advances in Financial Economics*, 19, 2017, pp. 167-208.
- John S. Howe and Scott W. O'Brien, "SPAC Performance, Ownership and Corporate Governance," *Advances in Financial Economics*, 15, 2012, pp. 1-14.
- Working Papers: Reference Points in CEO Compensation

## Academic Service

- Honors Thesis Reader – Emily Troia 2019
- Member of Ole Miss MBA Committee 2018-2019, 2022-2023
- Faculty Advisor of Ole Miss Finance Club 2021-2025

## Conference Presentations

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- Southwestern Finance Association New Orleans, LA  
*Served as a presenter, discussant, and session chair* 2012

## Awards & Honors

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- Doctoral Fellowship, University of Missouri 2010-2014
- Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant, University of Missouri 2012-2013
- Southwestern Finance Association Student Travel Grant 2012