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Academic Background

Ph.D. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, Risk Management and Insurance, 2011

M.B.A. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, 2006

B.S. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, Finance, 2003

Dissertation

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Essays on Decision-Making in the Insurance Industry: An Examination of the Consumer Demand for Life Insurance and Insurer Capital Structure

Work Experience

Teaching

Courses Taught

Fall 2009, Insurance, Life Insurance (Spring 2010), Principles of Risk Management and Insurance (Fall 2010, Summer 2007), Summer 2008, Summer 2009

Teaching Honors and Awards

Award

2010: College of Business Doctoral Student Teaching Award Florida State University.

Research/Intellectual Contributions:

Refereed Articles

Fier, S. G. & Cole, C. R. (2008). A Survey of Stock-Drop Litigation, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, and Fiduciary Liability Insurance. Professional Liability Underwriting Society Journal (21), 9.

Papers Under Review

Fier, S. G., McCullough, K. A. , Gabel, J. T. , & Mansfield, N. R. (2011). "A New Era of Demand for Directors and Officers Insurance," Initial submission to Journal of Financial Services Research.

Working Papers

He, E., Fier, S. G. , & Liebenberg, A. P. (2012). "Derivatives Use and Managerial Reputation".

Gatzlaff, K. M., McCullough, K. A. , Carson, J. M. , & Fier, S. G. (2012). "Do Insurers Use Derivatives as a Substitute for Reinsurance?".

Fier, S. G. & Liebenberg, A. P. (2012). "Market Reaction to Potential Federal Regulation in the Insurance Industry: The Case of the Dodd-Frank Act".

Andrews, D., Cole, C. R. , Fier, S. G. , & Carson, J. M. (2011). "The Impact of Name Changes on Property-Casualty Insurers".

Gabel, J. T., Mansfield, N. R. , McCullough, K. A. , & Fier, S. G. (2011). "The Shocking Impact of Corporate Scandal on Directors' and Officers' Liability".

Fier, S. G. & Cole, C. R. (2011). "Employer Securities and Defined Contribution Plan Performance".
Fier, S. G., Carson, J. M. , & McCullough, K. A. (2011). "Internal Capital Markets and the Partial Adjustment of Leverage".
Russell, D. T., Fier, S. G. , Carson, J. M. , & Dumm, R. E. (2011). "An Empirical Analysis of Life Insurance Policy Surrender Activity".
Fier, S. G. & Carson, J. M. (2011). "Catastrophes and the Demand for Life Insurance".

Presentation of Refereed Papers

International

Russell, D. T., Fier, S. G. , Carson, J. M. , & Dumm, R. E. (2011). An Empirical Analysis of Life Insurance Policy Surrender Activity. American Risk and Insurance Association, San Diego, California.

National

Fier, S. G. & Carson, J. M. (2009, August). Catastrophes and the Demand for Life Insurance. American Risk and Insurance Association, Providence, Rhode Island.

Regional

Andrews, D., Cole, C. R. , Fier, S. G. , & Carson, J. M. (2010). The Short-Term Market Response to Insurer Name Changes. Southern Risk and Insurance Association, Charleston, South Carolina.

Fier, S. G., Carson, J. M. , & McCullough, K. A. (2010). Internal Capital Markets and the Partial Adjustment of Leverage. Southern Risk and Insurance Association, Charleston, South Carolina.

Fier, S. G., McCullough, K. A. , Gabel, J. T. , & Mansfield, N. R. (2009). The Directors and Officers Insurance Marketplace: An Empirical Examination of Supply and Demand in Uncertain Times. Southern Risk and Insurance Association, Orlando, Florida.

Fier, S. G. & Carson, J. M. (2008, November). Catastrophes and the Demand for Life Insurance. Southern Risk and Insurance Association, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Fier, S. G. & Cole, C. R. (2007). The Short-Term Effects of Pension Freezes on Shareholder Wealth. Southern Risk and Insurance Association, San Antonio, Texas.

Research Grants

Funded

2009: Fier, S. G., McCullough, K. A. , Gabel, J. T. , & Mansfield, N. R. , Implications of Past and Present Corporate Governance Failures on the Directors and Officers Insurance Marketplace, Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS) Foundation Graduate Research Grant.

2007: Fier, S. G. & Cole, C. R. , A Survey of Stock-Drop Litigation, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, and Fiduciary Liability Insurance, A Survey of Stock-Drop Litigation, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, and Fiduciary Liability Insurance, Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS) Foundation Graduate Research Grant.

Service:

Service to the University

Department Assignments

Faculty Advisor:

2011-2012: Ole Miss Insurance and Risk Management Society

Service to the Profession

Reviewer: Ad Hoc Reviewer for a Journal

2009: Journal of Insurance Regulation, August (National).

2009: Journal of Insurance Regulation, December (National).

2008: Journal of Insurance Issues, January (National).

2007: Journal of Insurance Issues, July (National).

2007: CPCU Journal, November (National).

2007: Journal of Insurance Issues, December (National).

2006: Journal of Insurance Issues, October (National).

2006: CPCU Journal, December (National).

Service Honors and Awards

2009: Recipient of Scholarship Cynthia Waters Fletcher/Kristen Waters Hood Scholarship.
2009: Spencer Educational Foundation Scholarship Recipient Spencer Educational Foundation Scholarship.
2009: Distinguished Reviewer Journal of Insurance Regulation.
2009: Nominated for the College of Business Doctoral Student Teaching Award Florida State University.
2008: Recipient of Scholarship Katrina Anne (Katie) Froeschle Memorial Scholarship.
2007: Distinguished Reviewer for 2007 Journal of Insurance Issues.
2005: Recipient of Scholarship Marguerite Williams Graduate Scholarship.
2003: Recipient of Scholarship Karl and Sophie Schweitzer Scholarship.

Other

Memberships

Western Risk and Insurance Association, 2006-2011, Regional
American Risk and Insurance Association, 2006 - 2011, National
Southern Risk and Insurance Association, 2006 - 2011, Regional

References

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Associate Professor Kathleen A. McCullough
State Farm Insurance Professor of Risk
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Associate professor Cassandra R.
Cole Waters Fellow in risk
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