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Professor of Finance | Finance & Valuation Subject-Matter Expert

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INVESTMENT ANALYSIS | FINANCIAL MODELING | PORTFOLIO OVERSIGHT | AI-ENABLED FINANCE

Turning complex finance concepts into rigorous analysis, clear guidance, and decision-ready recommendations.

EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Finance and valuation professional with 15+ years of experience in corporate finance, investment analysis, financial modeling, portfolio oversight, and applied research. Brings practical experience advising a $1M+ student-managed portfolio, serving on an investment committee, and conducting equity research, together with a long record of developing and evaluating rigorous financial analysis. Known for translating complex concepts into clear standards, actionable feedback, and decision-ready recommendations for participants and stakeholders across the United States, Germany, Denmark, and Thailand.

SELECTED VALUE & IMPACT

Investment & Portfolio Advisory	Guide analyst teams overseeing a $1M+ portfolio through valuation, security selection, portfolio construction, and risk review, strengthening the discipline and consistency of investment recommendations.
Valuation & Decision Support	Apply DCF, WACC, IRR, comparable-company, scenario, and sensitivity analyses to estimate value, test assumptions, compare alternatives, and clarify downside risk in investment and capital-allocation decisions.
Quality Review & Communication	Design finance assignments and review models, investment memoranda, and presentations; identify gaps in assumptions and reasoning; and provide specific feedback that improves accuracy, clarity, and decision usefulness.
Research Visibility & Global Reach	Finance research recognized by Barron's, Morningstar, CBS News MoneyWatch, and The Motley Fool; delivered finance education and mentoring across four countries.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent Finance & Valuation Consultant | Self-Employed | Jan 2026–Present

Provide independent advisory and analytical support in valuation, investment analysis, financial modeling, and finance education. Translate technical analysis into practical recommendations and clear explanations for business and investment decisions.

- **Valuation & Capital Allocation:** Build and review DCF, WACC, IRR, comparable-company, scenario, and sensitivity analyses to estimate value, test key assumptions, compare alternatives, and surface downside risks.
- **AI-Enabled Financial Research:** Use AI tools to accelerate research synthesis, stress-test financial reasoning, and improve the consistency and clarity of analytical outputs while maintaining human review for accuracy and judgment.

Professor of Finance | Radford University | Radford, VA | Aug 2007–Present

Lead undergraduate and MBA instruction and applied projects in corporate finance, valuation, investments, capital budgeting, and international finance. Build learning experiences around real-world financial decisions rather than theory alone.

- **Decision-Ready Financial Modeling:** Design projects requiring DCF, WACC, IRR, comparable-company, and scenario analysis to evaluate investments, acquisitions, and capital-budgeting choices and explain the drivers behind the recommendation.
- **Analytical Quality & Feedback:** Review financial models, research papers, and presentations; identify weaknesses in assumptions, evidence, and reasoning; and provide targeted feedback that improves technical accuracy and decision usefulness.
- **Global Finance Education:** Delivered finance education and mentoring across the United States, Germany, Denmark, and Thailand, adapting complex concepts for diverse professional and cultural audiences.
- **Applied Research & External Recognition:** Conduct research in investments and corporate finance, with findings recognized by Barron's, Morningstar, CBS News MoneyWatch, and The Motley Fool.

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INVESTMENT LEADERSHIP & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Faculty Advisor, Student Managed Investment Portfolio | Radford University Foundation | Radford, VA | May 2012–Present

Advise a $1M+ student-managed investment portfolio and mentor analyst teams across the full investment process, from idea generation and valuation through recommendation, portfolio fit, and performance review.

- **Investment Process Governance:** Set expectations for research depth, valuation support, risk identification, and portfolio fit before buy, hold, or sell recommendations advance to presentation and discussion.
- **Portfolio Construction & Risk:** Guide asset allocation, diversification, security selection, benchmark review, and risk assessment so decisions remain aligned with long-term objectives and disciplined investment principles.
- **Investment Communication:** Coach teams to produce concise investment memoranda and defend evidence-based recommendations before faculty, foundation representatives, alumni, and other stakeholders.
- **Performance Review & Reporting:** Review portfolio results against benchmarks, discuss sources of performance and risk, and help teams connect outcomes back to the original investment thesis and portfolio objectives.

Investment Committee Member | Community Foundation of the New River Valley | Virginia | Oct 2024–Present

Contribute independent finance judgment to the oversight and long-term stewardship of charitable foundation assets.

- **Fiduciary & Portfolio Oversight:** Evaluate asset allocation, portfolio performance, market risk, investment-policy considerations, and long-term sustainability to support informed committee discussion and prudent governance.
- **Committee Decision Support:** Synthesize portfolio information and market context to clarify trade-offs, raise relevant questions, and support balanced long-term decisions for foundation assets.

Equity Research Analyst Intern | Avalon Research Group | Florida | Jun 2003–Aug 2003

Supported equity research on public companies through valuation, benchmarking, financial-statement analysis, and industry research.

- **Valuation & Equity Research:** Built DCF and comparable-company models, analyzed operating and valuation drivers, and synthesized company and industry findings to support investment research and recommendations.
- **Company & Industry Analysis:** Benchmarked operating performance and valuation multiples, identified key catalysts and risks, and connected company-level findings to the broader industry outlook.

LEADERSHIP & GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

- **Academic & Program Leadership:** Served as finance search committee chair, assessment coordinator, faculty grievance committee member, and contributor to MBA curriculum and program development.
- **Assessment & Stakeholder Reporting:** Developed and reviewed finance learning outcomes, evaluation measures, and stakeholder reporting to support program improvement, accountability, and informed academic decision-making.
- **International Engagement:** Delivered finance instruction and mentoring in Thailand, Denmark, Germany, and the United States, including visiting-faculty engagement with Ludwigshafen University of Business and Society.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

Artificial Intelligence for Business & Finance	Columbia Business School | 2026
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Finance	Florida Atlantic University
Master of Science in Economics	Florida Atlantic University
Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Finance	Assumption University
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Chemistry	University of Delhi

ANALYTICAL METHODS & TOOLS

Advanced Excel | SAS | Power BI (Foundational) | Python (Foundational) | DCF | WACC | IRR | Comparable Companies | Scenario & Sensitivity Analysis