Mailyn Fernandez

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Accounting & Information Systems | Virginia Tech Pamplin College of Business
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EDUCATION

Virginia Tech
PhD – Business Administration (Accounting and Information Systems)   *Expected* 2025

University of Michigan Ross School of Business
MA – Business Administration (Accounting)   2019
  Medical leave Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

University of Miami
MA – Latin American Studies   2015
BBA – Finance and Accounting (Double major)   2006

RESEARCH

Active Research Projects

[1] "Headlines to Credit Lines: The Role of Economic Narratives in Private Lending Decisions"
  Dissertation

[2] "The Information Benefits of Lender-Auditor Relationships" with Andrew Acito
  Work-in-process

[3] "The Impact of Partisan Sorting on Firm Performance and Innovation" with Robert Davidson
  Second-year summer paper

[4] "The Role of Social Media in Private Lending"
  First-year summer paper

Other Projects

[5] "ChatGPT and Other AI Assistants: A Conversational Guide for Accounting PhD Students"

Past Research Projects

[6] "Effects of the Political Climate on IFRS Adoption in Latin America"
  MA Thesis (449 views/downloads on Scholarly Repository from September 2017 to May 2022)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Virginia Tech
Teaching Assistant
  ACIS2116 – Principles of Managerial Accounting *(In-person instructor)*   Fall 2021–2024
  ACIS2116 – Principles of Managerial Accounting *(online office hours only)*   Fall 2020

University of Michigan
Instructor
  ACC471 – Financial Accounting for Non-Business Majors   Winter 2018

University of Miami

Teaching Assistant (on team of 4 other faculty instructors)

POL499/599 – Immigration Reform & The Congressional Elections (1 section)   Fall 2014
POL499/599 – Immigration Reform: The Current Debate (1 section)   Fall 2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BankUnited | Miami, FL | *Vice President*   2010 – 2011

BNY Mellon / Banco Sabadell | Miami, FL | *Commercial Loan Officer*   2004 – 2010

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Virginia Tech Pamplin College of Business   2020 – 2024
    Graduate Research Assistant
University of Michigan Ross School of Business   2015 – 2018
    Graduate Research Assistant
University of Miami Center for Latin American Studies   Summer 2013
    Graduate Assistant
University of Miami Board of Trustees   2014 – 2015
    Graduate Student Representative – Student Affairs Committee
University of Miami Faculty Senate   2014 – 2015
    Graduate Student Representative – Student Affairs Committee, Library & Information Resources Committee

AWARDS & HONORS

- AAA/Deloitte Foundation/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium Fellow   2023
- Virginia Society of CPAs VT Doctoral Scholarship   2023
- AAA/FARS Doctoral Consortium Fellow   2022, 2024
- Accounting and Information Systems Alumni Scholarship – Virginia Tech   2020 – 2024
- William A. Paton Fellowship – University of Michigan Ross School of Business   2015 – 2019
- Rackham Merit Fellowship – University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School   2015 – 2018
- PhD Project Carolyn M. Callahan Transition Grant   2015
- Gates Millennium Scholarship (Full tuition)   2002 – 2006
- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship   2002 – 2006

CONFERENCES

- AAA Annual Conference (Attendee)   2015 – 2023
- PhD Project ADSA Annual Conference (Attendee)   2015 – 2023
- Virginia Tech Summer Conference (Discussant)   2023
- Virginia Tech Summer Conference (Attendee)   2022 – 2024
- University of Michigan Kapnick Spring Conference (Attendee)   2015 – 2018
- 14th Annual South Florida Latin American Studies Graduate Student Conference   2014
    Paper presented: "CAFTA-DR and Chinese Competition"
- Harvard Business School Summer Venture in Management Program   2004

MISCELLANEOUS

- Programming languages: SAS, Stata, R, Python, LaTeX
- Language models: OpenAI GPT-based models, LLaMA-2/3, Mistral
- Created ACIS PhD Program Chat Assistant using OpenAI Assistants API
- Created Chat-Lab.ai to help academics use AI tools in research and teaching
- Native fluency in Spanish
- 2022 Virginia Tech Summer Conference Charity Poker Tournament Champion