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### AREAS OF INTEREST:

*Research:* Corporate Finance & Governance, Energy Finance, Int'l Finance, Investment & Islamic Finance

*Teaching:* Corporate Finance, Islamic Finance, Investments and Entrepreneurial Finance

### EDUCATION:

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<b>Oklahoma State University</b>	<b>(Stillwater, Oklahoma, U.S.A.)</b>
<b>Ph.D., in Finance</b>	July 2016
<b>Florida International University</b>	<b>(Miami, Florida, U.S.A.)</b>
<b>M.S.F (Master of Science in Finance)</b>	Financial Management track, August 2008
<b>MBA in Finance</b>	Finance track, April 2008
<b>BS in Electrical Engineering</b>	December 2006

### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

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**KUWAIT UNIVERSITY**, Collage of Business Administration

Associate Professor Department of Finance, Kuwait University, Spring 2021 to present

Assistant Professor Department of Finance, Kuwait University, Fall 2016 to Spring 2021

Assistant Teacher Kuwait University, Fall 2012 to Summer 2016

#### Responsibilities

Teaching multiple sessions of classes during the semester, holding weekly office hours, assisting students completing case studies and assignments, projects. grading students work and developing a new course.

#### Courses:

* Principles of Financial Management	* Intermediate Financial Management
* Principles of Investments	* Islamic Finance and Investments
* Personal Finance	

#### College Assignments (Department of Finance):

- Faculty advisor of Kuwait University team for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute Research Challenge, 2017-2018. Won the 2017 and 2018 Kuwait competitions.
- Member in Cultural Committee, Training and Consulting Committee, and Academic Committee

### BUSINESS EXPERIENCE:

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*Sourcing Specialist:* Procurement Department **EQUATE Petrochemical**, Kuwait 2009- 2012

*Internship* **Merrill Lynch** Wealth management - Miami, FL 2008

### PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

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Al-Thaqeb, S. A., & Algharabali, B. G. (2019). Economic policy uncertainty: A literature review. The Journal of Economic Asymmetries, 20, e00133. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeca.2019.e00133>

Al-Thaqeb, S. (2019). The effect of major customer type on corporate capital structure. Asia-Pacific Journal of Accounting & Economics, 1-23. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/16081625.2019.1636663>

Althaqeb, S. (2018). Do international markets overreact? Event study: International market reaction to U.S. local news events. Research in International Business and Finance. 44, 369-385. doi:

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ribaf.2017.07.106>

Althaqeb, S. (2018). Survey on forecast bias (analysts and earnings). *Asia-Pacific Journal of Accounting & Economics*, 25:5, 533-545, , doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/16081625.2017.1354711>

Althaqeb, S. (2017). Survey of Energy Finance on the Corporate World. *International Journal of Energy Economics and Policy*, 7(6), 153-158.

Almudhaf, F. & Althaqeb, S. A. (2012). Testing for Granger-Causality in the Price-Volume Relation: Evidence from Twenty-Four Stock Markets. *Review of Business Research*, 12 (2), 24-34.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

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Althaqeb, S. (2020) “How Major Customers increase the Speed of Adjustment of Capital Structure? ”, Revise & resubmit.

Mollagholamali, Mohsen and Javadi, Siamak and Al-Thaqeb, Saud, Corporate Cash Holding, Twin Agency Problems and Policy Uncertainty (February 7, 2015). Available at SSRN: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3515025>

### **PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES:**

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Al-Thaqeb, S., Javadi, S., & Mollagholamali, M. (2019). Economic Policy Uncertainty and Corporate Cash Holdings: An International Evidence. Financial Management Association Annual Meeting (FMA), New Orleans, LA

Al-Thaqeb, S. (2019). How having major customers increases the speed of adjustment of capital structures. The International Conference on Banking and Finance (ICBF), Chiang Mai, Thailand

Althaqeb, S. (2018) “The Effect of Governmental Customers on Corporate Financial Policies”, World Finance Conference, Mauritius.

Althaqeb, S. (2018) “How Major Customers increase the Speed of Adjustment of Capital Structure?”, World Finance Conference, Mauritius.

Althaqeb, S. (2017) “*The Effect of Governmental Major Customers on Corporate Capital Structure* “, Auckland Finance Meeting 2017, Queenstown NZ

Althaqeb, S. A. & Harper, J. T. (2017). *Is Government a Unique Customer? Evidence from Cash Holdings*. Financial Management Association Annual Meeting (FMA), Boston, Massachusetts.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

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- Best Young Researcher award in the field of Arts and Humanities, Kuwait University, 2019/2020.
- Best Researcher award for Assistant Professors in the Collage of Business Administration, Kuwait University, 2019.
- Awarded two research grants from the Kuwait University Research Sector.
  - Research Initiation Grant (RIG) ZI01/17 b -The impact of Sales to Government on Firms’ Capital Structure, Profitability and Investment Policy
  - Research Project IF04/18 The Effect of Major Customer Type on Corporate Capital Structure
- Scholarship from Kuwait University to pursue my graduate studies in Finance, Kuwait – 2012.
- Scholarship from the Ministry of Higher Education in Kuwait to study in the US (Undergraduate)
- Dean’s List
- Outstanding Student Award from Ministry of Higher Education
- Certificate of Academic Merits from Ministry of Higher Education
- Certificate of Appreciation from the Ministry of Education
- Ranked in top 50 nationwide of class 2002 in Kuwait

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE:**

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- Ad-hoc Referee: Applied Economics, Applied Economics Letters, Journal of Economics and Business
- Conducted several workshops

- Guest Speaker, Contributor, and Panelist on non-Academic Conferences and Panels
- Discussant at Financial Management Association Meeting, Southwestern Finance Association Annual Meeting, Southern Finance Association Annual Meetings, Auckland Finance Meeting, World Finance Conference, and International Conference on Banking and Finance (ICBF)
- Researcher on Scientific Leave – Kuwait University, Kuwait, 2019 – 2020.
- Peer Reviewer –Scientific Conference
- Newspaper Articles for the General Public in Arabic in Al-Jarida and Al-Anba

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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**Student Council:** Yousef Bin Essa High School President.

**Student Future** (Kuwaiti students' organization in the United States)

- Co-founder and member 2004- 2008 & President of Student Future organization 2005

## **SKILLS**

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**Public Speaking**

**Fluency in English and Arabic**

**SOFTWARE & Programming:** Matlab, STATA, SPSS, EViews, SAP, and SAS

**Data:** CRSP, Compustat, IBES, and Datastream

**Research:** Quantitative and Qualitative methods & Data Analysis

## **REFERENCES**

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Available upon request