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Drexel U's Garner Named FINRELS Chair Finalist

HATTIESBURG — Reports have reached USMNEWS.net offices indicating that Jacqueline Garner of Drexel University's *LeBow College of Business* has been named a finalist for the opening in the chair's position of the CoB's new finance, real estate and legal studies (FINRELS) department. Garner, shown below, is currently an *associate* professor of finance at Drexel University, where she has been affiliated since 2002.



Jacqueline Garner

According to the *LeBow College* website, Garner won the 2003 Excellence in Teaching Award for Assistant Professors, while in 2004 she took home the Excellence in Research Award. The same webpage shows (under "Selected Publications") that Garner has published in *Financial Management*, *Journal of Financial Research* (2), *Journal of Business*, and *Journal of Finance*. The last of these A-level journal publications (*JoF*), of which there are five (for Garner) across four unique A-level outlets, is the premier journal in finance.



Garner's stellar publication record alone suggests that CoBers like John Clark do not have significant influence over the FINRELS chair hiring process; a look at her educational background indicates that new CoB dean Lance Nail may be exhibiting an inordinate level of influence over this same process. Garner holds a B.S. from Samford University (1984) and an MBA from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (1988). Both of these institutions are Birmingham-based, the city where Nail worked (as finance chair at UAB) for a number of years. Finally, Garner's PhD (1998) is from Georgia State University, which is right down the highway from Nail's PhD alma mater, the University of Georgia.