Welcome Address

Raymond Hill
Senior Lecturer in Finance
Goizueta Business School

Raymond Hill joined Goizueta Business School in 2003 and teaches managerial economics and finance. Hill began his academic career by teaching economics at Princeton University, before leaving in 1982 to become an investment banker with Lehman Brothers. His work at Lehman included a seven year stay in Hong Kong as managing director of its investment banking business in Asia outside of Japan. Hill returned to his native Georgia in 1993 and worked for ten years at Mirant Corporation and its predecessor, a subsidiary of Southern Company. During that time he served as the company’s chief financial officer, except for an eighteen month stint as a CEO of one of the largest independent power companies in Asia, which was owned by Southern.

Hill earned his undergraduate degree at Princeton and his PhD in economics from MIT. He also studied at the Institut de Hautes Etudes Internationales in Geneva under the Fulbright Fellowship program.

Energy Finance and Master Limited Partnerships

David Tuder
Associate of leveraged finance
Citigroup

David Tuder is an associate of leveraged finance at Citigroup, the world’s global bank, with approximately 200 million customer accounts and activities in more than 160 countries and jurisdictions.

After graduating with a bachelor of business administration from the Goizueta Business School at Emory University in 2006, Tuder was instrumental in helping the school earn the no. 5 rank of undergraduate business programs by Business Week, their first ever such ranking. At the time, he served as the school’s chief of staff of the BBA Council and as the co-chairman of the Undergraduate Business School Leadership Conference (UBSLC).
Tuder joined Citigroup’s financial analyst program in 2006 and earned a promotion to third-year analyst just one year later, working on the structuring and execution of debt financing for non-investment-grade companies. He not only survived substantial cutbacks at the company in 2008 but was also promoted to associate in the equity capital markets group, where he spent nine months executing initial public offerings for sponsor-backed companies before returning to leveraged finance.

Still actively involved with his alma mater, Tuder is Citigroup’s captain of the Emory campus recruiting team and is responsible for the on-campus recruiting activities of Citigroup’s Institutional Client Group (which includes global banking, capital markets origination, and sales and trading). His efforts resulted in Citigroup naming Emory a target school and conducting interviews on campus. During his tenure leading the recruiting team, more than 20 Emory students received either summer internships or full-time positions at Citigroup, and the company awarded him the Institutional Clients Group Citizenship Award on behalf of his achievements. Additionally, Tuder is still involved with UBSC and secured former SEC chairman William Donaldson as its keynote speaker in 2009. Tuder lives in New York City and enjoys traveling often and New York Giants football.

Future of Nuclear Energy

Brandon Wiley Waites, P.E.
Nuclear Development Regulatory Affairs
Southern Company

Brandon Waites joined Southern Nuclear, a subsidiary of Southern Company, in 2008 after eleven years in the industrial manufacturing business sector. Brandon’s diverse career includes experience in engineering, construction, maintenance, and manufacturing as well as management experience in engineering, maintenance, and regulatory affairs (environmental and nuclear). In his career, Brandon has been involved with new-build projects including a green-field manufacturing facility design/build/start-up and new nuclear generation licensing/construction. At Southern Nuclear, Brandon is responsible for supporting Vogtle 3&4 construction, investigating future projects, and monitoring new nuclear technologies for potential future generation.

Brandon is a member of different task force groups with the Nuclear Energy Institute and represents Southern Company on the Customer Advisory Board of NuScale Power. Brandon earned his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from Auburn University. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Alabama.
Future of Energy Markets

John L. Rendall, IV
Director
ScottMadden, Inc

John Rendall joined ScottMadden in 2006 and has expertise in nuclear and fossil power operations, organization benchmarking and design, project management, and change management. His industry experience includes nuclear and fossil generation, pharmaceuticals, and natural gas compression. Prior to joining ScottMadden, John monitored and assessed interest rate risk for Q Investments, a $2 billion hedge fund and worked as a senior fund accountant for JP Morgan in Dallas, Texas. John holds an M.B.A., beta gamma sigma, from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina and a B.S., cum laude, in business management and marketing from Cornell University.

Career Panel

Xia Liu
SVP Finance and Treasurer at Southern Company
Southern Company

Xia Liu is SVP Finance and Treasurer at Southern Company for Southern Company. Southern Company, ranking 152 on the latest Fortune 500 listing, is one of the nation’s largest electric utilities with a market capitalization of $40 billion.

In her current role, Liu is responsible for leading a highly productive strategic finance and treasury team to provide financial leadership, enable value creating strategic investment decisions including asset and corporate M&A, and raise capital. Through her external responsibilities working with financial institutions and investors, Liu also plays a critical role in maintaining Southern Company’s premier credibility with Wall Street and ratings agencies.
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Through her 16 years of experience at Southern Company, Liu has served in various positions in finance, treasury, operations and regulatory areas including testifying experience with the state public service commission, leading the strategic planning task force for the multibillion dollar fuels program, serving as assistant treasurer and director of financial and corporate planning for Alabama Power Company, and working with the Southern Company CFO on all key strategic and financial issues.

Liu holds a bachelor’s and master’s degree in finance from Renmin University of China, and a master’s of business administration from Emory University. A Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), Liu has completed two years in the economics Ph.D. program at Emory University. She is a fellow of the prestigious International Women’s Forum Leadership Foundation program and participated in the executive programs at Harvard University and INSEAD School of France.

Passionate about her community, Liu served on the board of directors for the Exceptional Foundation and for the Women’s Fund. In 2008, she graduated from the YWCA Birmingham Momentum leadership program. In 2011, she was recognized for YWCA Greater Atlanta’s Women of Achievement award. In 2012 she graduated from the Leadership Atlanta program. Liu was named to Business to Business magazine’s 2012 Women of Excellence in Atlanta list. “The honorees are not only succeeding and performing at the highest level in their organizations; they are also highly effective leaders who are having a positive impact on the people around them and the greater Atlanta community,” said publisher Stephen Reynolds.

Liu and her husband have two sons. The family enjoys golfing, traveling and musical activities.

Joseph Pokalsky
Director Energy and Utilities Advisory Practice
PwC Advisory

Joseph is a Director in PwC’s Energy and Utility Advisory Practice specializing in commodity, and enterprise wide, trading and risk management consulting. He has provided assistance in strategy, process, controls, technology, and market design to energy, utility, and independent system operation companies.

Prior to PwC, Joseph spent over 15 years in front office trading and risk management positions for interest rates, currencies, and energy commodities. During this time frame he also managed the load/generation/fuel portfolio for a group of generation and transmission cooperatives. In addition, he has consulted to senior executives at electric utilities, global energy trading companies, investment banks, and hedge funds.

Joseph is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and has an M.B.A. degree in Finance from the Wharton School of Business. He is a contributing author to the first editions of Managing Energy Price Risk and Managing Power Risk, published by Risk Publications.