

Lorilee (Lori) Medders

Current Position

Joseph F. Freeman Distinguished Professor of Insurance
Appalachian State University
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Academic and/or Industry Background

BSBA, *Magna Cum Laude*, The University of Alabama, 1990
MS, Georgia State University, 1994
PhD, Georgia State University, 1995

ARIA Activities / Roles or Involvement

- Long-term participation in ARIA -- first ARIA Annual Meeting and paper presentation was as a doctoral student at Georgia State University (circa 1993)
- Have presented numerous papers and also served as session moderator / paper discussant multiple times (since 1993)
- Currently serve as ARIA - Risk & Insurance Teaching Society (RITS) chair (since spring, 2021)

Other Professional Activities

Notable leadership roles include service to:

- American Association of Water Distribution and Management (August 2014 – Present): Member, Board of Directors (2014 – Present); Chair, Education Committee (2016 – Present)
- Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology (September 2009 - August 2017): Chair (2013--2017); Executive Committee Member (2011--17); Vice Chair (2011—2013); Member, Meteorological Standards Committee (2009--17); Member, Acceptability Process Committee (2009--17); Chair, Statistical Standards Committee (2009--17); Statistics Expert Member (September 2009--2017)
- Southern Risk and Insurance Association (November 20, 2010 – November 20, 2018): Immediate Past President (2017-2018); President (2016-2017); 1st Vice President (2015-2016); 2nd Vice President (2014-2015); Secretary/Treasurer (2013-2014); Board Member at Large (2010-2013)

Memberships

Academic:

- American Risk & Insurance Association (including Risk & Insurance Teaching Society)
- Southern Risk & Insurance Association
- Western Risk & Insurance Association

Industry:

- International Insurance Society
- International Society of Catastrophe Managers
- Risk & Insurance Management Society

Honors and Awards (within past 8 years)

- Nominated for the Sywassink Faculty Excellence Award in Tenured/ Tenure-track Teaching, Walker College of Business, Appalachian State University (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
- Awarded the Sywassink Faculty Excellence Award in Service, Walker College of Business, Appalachian State University (2021; also nominated 2019, 2020)
- Nominated for the Sywassink Faculty "Spirit of Walker" Award, Walker College of Business, Appalachian State University (2019)
- Awarded the Undergraduate Thesis Mentor of the Year Award, Florida State University (2017)
- Awardee/ recipient, *Risk Management and Insurance Review (RMIR)* Best Paper, for "Market Implications of Public Policy Interventions: The Case of Florida's Property Insurance Market," with J Brad Karl and Charles M Nyce (Awarded at 2015 ARIA Annual Meetings)

Research and/or Industry Interests

- Research experience and interests in catastrophe risk management and finance, enterprise risk management, behavioral economics, ESG issues within finance and insurance, and pedagogical challenges

Teaching Interests

- Teaching experience has been wide and varied: Have taught 30+ separate and distinct university course subjects within the risk/ insurance, finance and statistics disciplines
- Most enjoy teaching courses in enterprise risk management, insurance operations, impact investing, decision-making with imperfect information, and catastrophe management

Statement of Goals for Office

Lori is intent on continuing to raise the visibility of ARIA and its members – globally, across disciplines and among industry and government stakeholders. She is also strongly influenced by a passion for teaching-learning, and is committed to the growth of ARIA's Risk & Insurance Teaching Society (RITS) and the resources it can provide to ARIA members.