# Blake A. Runnalls

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## **EDUCATION**

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI	2012-Present
Doctoral Student in Marketing	
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL	2011
Master of Economics	
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA	2009
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	
Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY	2003
Bachelor of Arts in Communications/Public Relations	

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Business-to-Business Marketing Strategy
- Pricing
- Organizational Learning and Knowledge Management

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Nominated to present at the 2014 Haring Symposium at Indiana University as a student representative of Michigan State University.
- *Best Paper Award*, 2013 Shao Chang Lee Paper Competition presented by the Asian Studies Center at Michigan State University. The paper investigates the role that power plays in buyer-supplier relationships.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

• Runnalls, Blake (2013), "How Online Price Competition is Changing the Retail Landscape: A View From Auction Theory." Presented at the 2013 Pricing and Retailing Conference at Babson College.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE

- Nominated to be a discussant at the 2014 Academy of Marketing Science Summer Conference.
- Attended the 2013 Internationalizing Doctoral Education in Business (IDEB) workshop presented by the University of Connecticut Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR)** *Research Assistant, ITS, Traffic Operations, and Safety* 

- Managed and co-authored the 2012 Observational Survey of Motorcyclists: Managed a team that completed 540 intersection observations across 14 counties in Florida in order to determine helmet use levels by motorcyclists. Statistical analysis was completed to identify relationships among riders of different age, gender, and bike type.
- Managed and co-authored the 2012 Florida Rider Training Survey: Constructed and distributed surveys to
  Florida Rider Training Program schools. A total of 500 recent Basic Rider Course (BRC) graduates were
  surveyed in order to determine their likeliness to participant in various riding activities. Statistical analysis
  was completed to identify relationships among new riders of different ages, gender, riding experiences,
  and bike types.

## **General Electric**

Practicum Project MBA Team Member

- Collected and analyzed data to determine the success rate of a new testing module
- Assisted finance team in evaluating the transfer of financial reports from a data warehouse to a new division-wide enterprise resource planning (ERP) system
- Constructed data-driven model to predict and report number of successful transfer completions

### University of Massachusetts, Isenberg School of Management

2007-2009

2009

Research Assistant

- Collected data for an active paper about Internal Control Systems for the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations
- Identified and analyzed the remaining issues of the convergence of US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (US GAAP) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)
- Researched potential impact of Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) on a firm's behavior as it pertains to capital structure and investment decisions

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA	2010
MBA Program Coordinator	
Credit Suisse, Boston, MA	2008
Intern Associate; Private Banking USA	
McLarens Young International, New York, NY	2007
General Adjuster	
Progressive Insurance, Hudson Valley, NY	2004-2007
Claims Representative/Network Representative	

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Marketing Association (AMA)
- Academy of Marketing Science (AMS)
- Economics Scholar Society; Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE)