



# CFA Society Mississippi Member Spotlight

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Alvaro G. Taboada is the BancorpSouth Associate Professor of Finance at Mississippi State University. He received his Ph.D. in finance from The Ohio State University, an MBA from the University of Notre Dame, and a BBA from Florida International University. He worked for six years as an international bank examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and is a CFA charter holder. His research focuses on banking and international corporate governance and bank regulation. His research has been published in leading academic journals including The Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, The Review of Financial Studies, Journal of Accounting Research, Review of Finance, Review of Accounting Studies, Journal of Financial Intermediation, Journal of Corporate Finance, and Journal of Banking and Finance. His research has been presented at major academic conferences, including those of the American Finance Association, the European Finance Association, the Northern Finance Association, and the Financial Intermediation Research Society, among others. His research has been featured in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, the London School of Economics (LSE) Business Review, Duke University School of Law's The FinReg Blog, Forbes, the CFA Institute Journal Review, All About Alpha, and Strategy Business. Dr. Taboada teaches courses in financial markets and institutions and in international finance at the undergraduate level as well as a PhD seminar in financial institutions. He is co-editor of Emerging Markets Review and a subject editor for the Journal of Multinational Financial Management.

Read more information about Alvaro in his answers to our Member Spotlight questions.

### **Who has had the most influence on you, and why?**

My father, who instilled in me a sense of virtue and a desire to always do what is morally correct, regardless of the outcomes. As a holder of a Ph.D. himself, he inspired me to obtain a Ph.D. and to pursue an academic career.

### **What made you decide to pursue the CFA charter?**

A desire to learn more about investments and portfolio management.

### **What do you enjoy most about your current professional role?**

I enjoy the freedom to delve into research on a wide array of intriguing topics and to uncover insights that could inform practitioners and policymakers. I derive genuine satisfaction from engaging with students seeking guidance on their prospective careers.

### **What is the best advice you've ever received?**

To always work hard and put your best effort, but to never dwell on matters beyond your control.

### **What motivated you to join CFA Society Mississippi?**

To be able to connect with investment practitioners.

### **What advice would you give a current or potential candidate?**

If they are interested in pursuing a CFA, they should get involved with a local CFA society early on. This will allow them to develop a network and to learn more about the many benefits associated with becoming a CFA charter holder. I would encourage them to take the first CFA exam while still in school.