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Ben Blau is a professor and holder of the George S. Eccles Endowed Chair in Finance at Utah State University. Since arriving at USU in 2009, Ben has won multiple awards, including the 2012 Huntsman School of Business Teacher of the Year and the 2013 Huntsman School Researcher of the Year.

Before joining the faculty at Utah State, he taught at the Marriott School at Brigham Young University and received an undergraduate teaching award in 2009. Ben's research interests include financial markets, ethics, economic policy, and the interaction between government and firms. He has published more than ninety articles in a broad set of academic journals that include the Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis and the Journal of Development Economics, among many others. His article titled, "Signaling, Free Cash Flow, and Nonmonotonic Dividends" won the Outstanding Paper award in the Financial Review in 2010. Another one of Ben's articles titled, "Trade Size and Price Clustering: The Case of Short Sales and the Suspension of Price Tests" won the 2012 Outstanding Article award at the Journal of Financial Research. His research has also been highlighted by