

IMPACT INVESTING SYMPOSIUM SPRING 2026

Interested in investing with purpose?

Attend the Impact Investing Symposium to see how strategic investing drives social change and builds stronger communities.

Events coming soon! Be on the lookout!

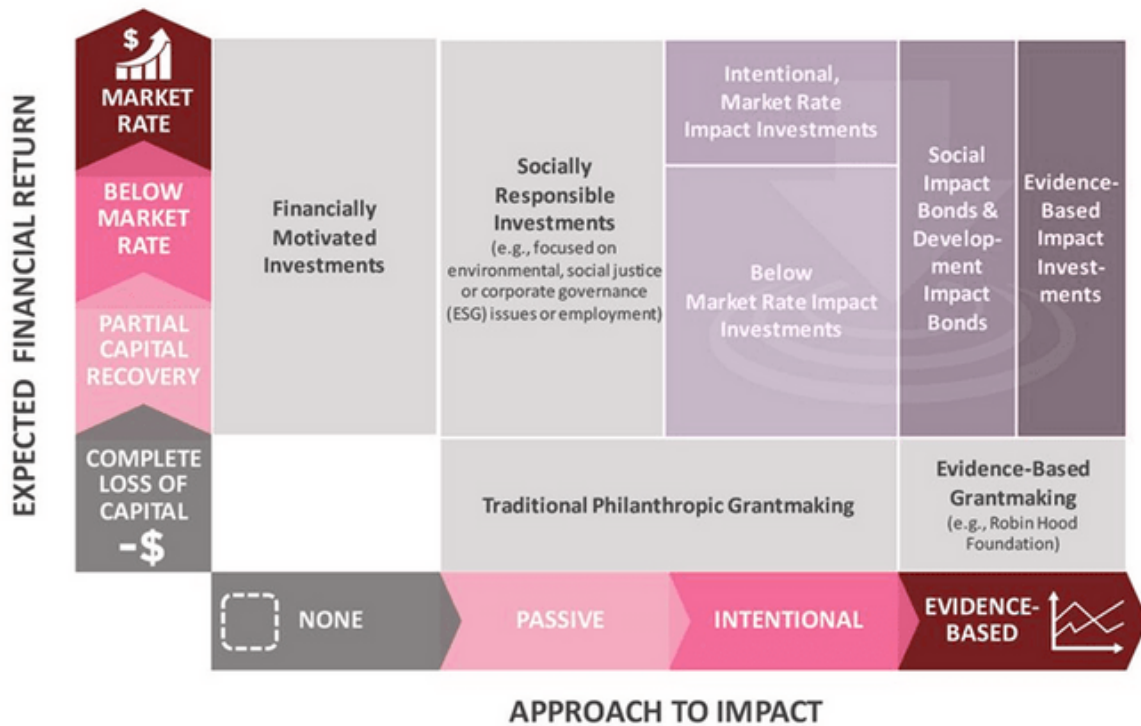
WHO ARE WE?

The Impact Investing Symposium (IIS) is an annual event organized by students from WashU's Olin Business School and Brown School. Now in its 10th year, IIS brings together students, professionals, and community leaders to connect, share ideas, and learn how to “do good while doing well.”



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WHAT IS IMPACT INVESTING?



Credit: The Bridgespan Group

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR YOUR CAREER?

Attending IIS gives you direct access to leaders in impact investing, insight into emerging trends in ESG and strategic finance, and opportunities to network with professionals and peers – all of which can open doors to internships, jobs, and meaningful projects in the field.

PLANNING COMMITTEE



Professor of Practice in Finance at the John M. Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis.

JEREMY R. DEGENHART, CFA

Faculty Advisor

His areas of academic interest include private equity, venture capital, and impact investing.

The novel, zero-textbook curriculum for Mr. Degenhart’s series of courses on venture capital and private equity blends practical lessons from an extensive roster of guest lecturers, in-depth cases drawn from his own investment experience, applied projects assigned by private investment firms, and lessons from recent academic research.

The courses are focused on preparing students for the specific challenges faced by investment professionals in the early phases of their careers, and numerous former students have successfully matriculated to positions as investors in the institutional private capital markets.

Mr. Degenhart is the faculty advisor for the annual student-led Impact Investing Symposium at Washington University, and also serves on the Advisory Board of the InvestMidwest Venture Capital Forum.

Prior to joining the Olin faculty full-time in 2018, Mr. Degenhart held a series of positions with Advantage Capital, where he still retains a role as a Venture Partner. Advantage Capital utilizes federal and state tax credits and other incentive programs to raise and deploy capital in small privately-held businesses across the US. Mr. Degenhart’s nearly two-decade career with firm has touched almost every aspect of its business, including fundraising, transaction structuring and closing, fund strategy, and analysis and management of portfolio company investments. Most recently, Mr. Degenhart created and launched a new business unit within Advantage Capital to invest in solar power development projects.

Mr. Degenhart was the valedictorian of his undergraduate class at the Olin Business School, receiving a bachelor’s degree in finance, economics and accounting in May 2000. He has also earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.



2nd-year Full-Time MBA

JABARI CHIPHE, MBA

Chairperson

Prior to studying as a FT MBA student at Olin, I attended WashU as an undergraduate student in the College of Arts & Sciences. While playing on the Men's Basketball Team, I majored in Psychological & Brain Sciences and minored in Economics and The Business of Sports. The desire to strengthen my business knowledge and skills is what led me to continue my time at WashU as an MBA.

I joined the IIS Planning & Leadership Team last school year and was inspired by the speakers I met and organizations I learned about while planning the event. My personal mission statement is to "lead with love and leave people and places better than I found them." Impact investing, and similar business practices that are aligned with social impact, present me with the opportunity to combine that mission with my MBA training. As Chairperson of this year's symposium, I get to be a part of creating a platform for students, community members, organizational leaders, and industry professionals to engage and learn amongst one another.

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*Content, Communications,
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Master Program*



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*3rd-year MBA & MSW:
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