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Education

Ph.D. Finance	The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, May 2006
M.A. Finance	The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, May 2003
B.A.	Washington University in St. Louis, May 2001
Stages 1-3	Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK, 1996-1997

Research Interests

Macro Finance, Structural Corporate, Banking, Financial Econometrics

Employment

Economist, Senior Economist, Principal Economist, Group Manager and Manager, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 2006-

Adjunct Assistant Professor, School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, 2015-

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Economics Department, Georgetown University, Fall 2015

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Economics Department, Johns Hopkins University, Spring 2013

Publications

Time-varying Volatility and the Power Law Distribution of Stock Returns, Journal of Empirical Finance, 2018, Volume 49, 123-141.

Profitability and the Lifecycle of Firms, B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, 2018, Volume 18, Article 7.

Mapping Heat in the U.S. Financial System, with David Aikman, Michael Kiley, Seung Jung Lee and Michael Palumbo, Journal of Banking & Finance, 2017, Volume 81, 36-64.

Equity Market Misvaluation, Financing, and Investment, with Toni Whited, Review of Financial Studies, 2016, Volume 29, 603-654.

Research and Development, Profits and Firm Value: A Structural Estimation, Quantitative Economics, 2015, Volume 6, 531-565.

What is the Chance that the Equity Premium Varies over Time? Evidence from Regressions on the Dividend-Price Ratio, with Jessica Wachter**,** Journal of Econometrics, 2015, Volume 186, 74-93.

Capital Ratios and Bank Lending: A Matched Bank Approach, with Mark Carlson and Hui Shan, Journal of Financial Intermediation, 2013, Volume 22, 663-687.

The Expected Real Return to Equity, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, 2013, Volume 37, 1929-1946.

Financial Market Shocks during the Great Depression, with Alycia Chin, B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, 2010, Volume 10 (Topics), Article 25.

An Efficiency Perspective on the Gains from Mergers and Asset Purchases, with Sugata Ray, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, 2009, Volume 9 (Contributions), Article 43.

Predictable Returns and Asset Allocation: Should a Skeptical Investor Time the Market? with Jessica Wachter**,** Journal of Econometrics, 2009, Volume 148, 162-178.

Corporate Asset Purchases and Sales: Theory and Evidence, Journal of Financial Economics, 2008, Volume 87, 471-497.

Area under the Curve as a Measure of Discounting, with L. Green and J. Myerson, Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior, 2001, Volume 76(2), 235–243.

Working Papers

Finance and Productivity Growth: Firm-level Evidence, with Oliver Levine, working paper, September 2018

Service, Awards, and Honors

2018	Member, Data Committee, Macro Finance Society
2017	National Master, US Chess Federation
2016	Program committee member of the Midwest Finance Association
2014, 15, 16, 17	Program committee member of the SFS Cavalcade
2010	Ranked among top 100 'Young Economists (under 5 years)' at IDEAS.
2007	Discussed in NY Times article 'In all things moderation, including market timing'
2007, 2011	Program committee member of the FMA
2005	Research Grant, Rodney L. White Research Center
2001	Phi Beta Kappa, Washington University in St. Louis
1996	Bronze Medalist, 37th International Mathematics Olympiad
1993-1997	Represented Sri Lanka at the World Scrabble Championships

Presentations

2017	International Industrial Organization Conference, Computing in Economics & Finance, FMA
2016	IBEFA, Midwest Finance Association, Eastern Finance Association, International Industrial Organization Conference, FRB Chicago, FRB Cleveland
2015	Society of Benefit-Cost Analysis, FRB Boston, Bank of England, Innovation Economics conference, BEA, Southern Finance Association

2014	FRS Applied Micro conference, North America Summer meeting of the ES, SED, UT Dallas, Interagency Risk Quantification Forum
2013	Computing in Economics & Finance conference, Peking, ES Asia meetings, OFR, NBER-NSF Time Series conference (poster session)
2012	AEA, Villanova University, FRB Philadelphia, WFA, NBER Summer Institute, Money Macro and Finance conference, FRS Macro conference
2011	Society of Government Economists, American, Mid-Atlantic Research conference, FRS Applied Micro conference, FRB New York, CBO, FDIC Annual Banking Conference, Workshop on R&D Policy Evaluation: Methods and Results
2010	FRS Conference on Financial Markets, Midwest Macro Meetings, NBER Summer Institute, Florida, CRSP Forum
2009	George Washington, FRB Philadelphia, FRS Applied Micro Conference, BEA
2008	Rochester, Wharton Macro Lunch, SED, ES Summer Meetings, AFA
2007	FMA, WFA, Washington Area Finance Association, Midwest Finance Association, ES Winter Meetings
2006	Wisconsin, SED, Financial Constraints or Technological Differences Conference at Penn State, Federal Reserve Board, Vanderbilt, AFA
2005	FMA Doctoral Student Seminar, Temple, Wharton Finance Seminar, CIRANO-CIREQ Financial Econometrics Conference

Referee

Ad hoc referee	Economic Journal, Economic Letters, European Economic Review, Journal of Banking & Finance, Journal of Economic Dynamics & Control, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Finance and Quantitative Analysis, Journal of Financial Stability, Journal of Industrial Economics, Review of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, among others.