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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Neeley School of Business, Texas Christian University

Fall 2025 - Present

Assistant Professor of Finance

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Finance, Rice University

2019-2025

- **Committee:** James Weston (Chair), Alex Butler, Alan Crane, Hülya Eraslan

M.A. in Finance, Rice University

2019-2025

M.Sc. in Quantitative Finance, University of Maryland

2018-2019

B.Sc. in Economics (with Honors), University of Delaware

2013-2016

Magna Cum Laude, Spanish Minor

B.Sc. in Finance, University of Delaware

Magna Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS

Are two-way fixed-effect difference-in-differences estimates blowing smoke? A cautionary tale from state-level bank branching deregulation, with Alex Butler, *Critical Finance Review*, 2024.

WORKING PAPERS

Branching out: The role of selection in bank branch entry and economic growth

Job Market Paper

- **Awards:** The Brattle Group Ph.D. Candidate Award For Outstanding Research (WFA, 2025)
- **Presentations:** Texas Christian University (2025), Oklahoma State University (2025), Western Finance Association (2025), Eastern Finance Association (2025), American Finance Association Poster Session (2024), Financial Management Association (2024), Rice University (2024), Rice Breakfast Club (2023/4)

Mergers, Market Power, and Operational Efficiency: Evidence from Synthetic Controls, with Alex Butler and Gustavo Grullon

- **Presentations:** Rice Breakfast Club (2023)

The growth effects of opening a stock exchange, with Alex Butler and James Weston

- **Presentations:** Rice Breakfast Club (2024)

TEACHING

Rice University

Instructor: Financial Management (Undergraduate - Summer 2022)

Assistant: Asset Pricing (PhD), Futures and Options, Applied Finance, Core Finance, Managerial Economics, Corporate Rivalry (MBA).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

2025: Texas Christian University, Western Finance Association, Eastern Finance Association, Rice University

2024: Oklahoma State University, Financial Management Association, Rice University

2023: Rice University Breakfast Club

2022: Rice University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad-Hoc Referee: Journal of Corporate Finance

University Service: Rice University Finance Ph.D. Student Seminar Series (2022-2023)

AWARDS AND HONORS

The Brattle Group Ph.D. Candidate Award For Outstanding Research, WFA 2025

Ph.D. Student Travel Grant, AFA 2025

Jones School Ph.D. Fellowship, 2019-2025

Robert H. Smith School of Business Scholarship, 2018-2019

University of Delaware Merit Scholarship, 2013-2016

Alfred Lerner College Scholarship, 2013-2016

Institute for Global Studies Scholarship, 2016

National Merit Scholarship, 2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Robert H. Smith School of Business

Graduate Research Assistant

College Park, MD

2018-2019

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.

Analyst

Wilmington, DE

2016-2018

University of Delaware

Newark, DE

Research Assistant

2016-2016

Chemours Company

Wilmington, DE

Summer Finance Intern

2015-2015

OTHER

Citizenship: USA

Marital Status: Single

Skills: Python, R, SAS, LaTeX, VBA

Languages: English (Native), Spanish (Intermediate)

Hobbies: Homebrewing, Strength Training