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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina, Kenan-Flagler Business School	7/2020 – present
Ph.D. Candidate in Finance and Real Estate	
Cornell University, Nolan School of Hotel Administration	7/2018 – 5/2020
M.S. Hotel Administration (w/ concentration in finance and real estate)	
Renmin University of China	7/2013 – 5/2017
B.S. Economics	

ACADEMIC PUBLICATION

“Leverage in Private Equity Real Estate” (joint with Jacob Sagi), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Finance and Economics*, 2023

WORKING PAPERS

“Impact of Institutional Owners on U.S. Housing Markets” (w/Caitlin Gorback and Franklin Qian)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Impact of All-Cash Home Purchases on Local Mortgage Lenders” (w/ Ernesto Aldana)
“Housing Wealth and Choices of Education and Career Paths” (w/ Camelia Kuhnen and Michael Gropper)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

Wood Center for Real Estate Studies Fellowship	2020-present
AREUEA-ASSA Doctoral Travel Grant	2024
Real Estate Research Institute Research Grant (\$15,000)	2023
Google Cloud PhD Student Research Grant	2021
Cornell School of Hotel Administration MMH Scholarship	2018-2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina, Kenan-Flagler Business School	Summer 2023
Introduction to Corporate Finance, Instructor	
Cornell University, Nolan School of Hotel Administration	2019-2020
Introduction to Real Estate (Prof. Crocker Liu), Teaching Assistant	

PRESENTATIONS

2nd Annual Conference on Market-Based Solutions for Reducing Wealth Inequality	2024
Real Estate Research Institute Research Conference	2024
ITAM Finance Conference*	2024
AREUEA-ASSA (PhD Poster)	2024
FSU-UF Critical Issues in Real Estate Symposium	2023
AREUEA-ASSA*	2023
UNC Kenan-Flagler Finance Brownbag	2022
UNC Kenan-Flagler Finance PhD Student Brownbag	2021, 2022, 2023+

*: presented by coauthors

CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS

“Good versus Bad Networking in Private Equity Pension Fund Investment” by Da Li and Tim Riddiough	
AREUEA-ASSA	2024

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Inaugural UNC Kenan-Flagler Finance PhD Alumni Conference (Co-Organizer)	2023
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