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Education

Ph.D. Economics, Cornell University, expected 2020.

Committee: Roni Michaely (co-chair), Hyunseob Kim (co-chair), and Elizabeth Berger.

M.A. Economics, Cornell University, 2018.

B.S. Chemical and Biological Engineering, Colorado State University, 2014.

B.A Economics, Colorado State University, 2014.

Minors: Mathematics and Biomedical Engineering.

Honors: Honors Scholar, Magna Cum Laude, Tau Beta Pi.

Fields of Interest

Corporate Finance, FinTech, Machine Learning

Research

Working Papers

Do Firms Gain from Lobbying? Evidence from Congressional Committee Assignments (*Job Market Paper*)

Disappearing and Reappearing Dividends, with Roni Michaely (R&R at JFE)

Digital Gold or Fools Gold? Addressing Common Myths about Cryptoassets

A Classification Framework for Stablecoin Design, with Kevin Sekniqi and Emin Gün Sirer

Work in Progress

Machine Learning and Information Leakage around Firm Earnings Announcements

Efficacy and Implications of Shareholder Litigation for Disciplining Managers

How Robust are Cryptocollateralized Loans to Underlying Price Shocks?, with Emin Gün Sirer

Academic Experience

Cornell University, Department of Economics

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics, Maxim Troshkin Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant, Financial Economics, Gregory Besharov, Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant, Introductory Microeconomics, Richard Burkhauser, Fall 2015

Cornell University, SC Johnson Graduate School of Management

Teaching Assistant, MBA Corporate Finance, Gideon Saar, Summer 2018

Teaching Assistant, PhD Empirical Corporate Finance, Roni Michaely, Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant, MBA Corporate Governance, Yaniv Grinstein, Summer 2017, Winter 2018

Teaching Assistant, MBA Corporate Finance, Roni Michaely, Summer 2016, Summer 2017

Cornell University, Department of Operations Research and Information Engineering Guest Lecturer, Statistics for Financial Engineering, Edward Mehrez, Spring 2018

Colorado State University, Department of Biomedical Sciences
Teaching Assistant, Principles of Human Physiology, Fall 2011

Colorado State University, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering
Assistant Research Associate, Tim Gonzales, Summer 2013.
Research Assistant, Nick Fisk, Summer 2011, Summer 2012

Other Work Experience

AVA Labs

Chief Cryptoeconomist, March 2019-present

Invited Talks

A Classification Framework for Stablecoin Design IC3 Fall Retreat, JPM Chase NYC, November 2019

Professional Activities

AEA member, Dec 2018- present

FMA member, August 2019-present

Initiative for CryptoCurrencies and Contracts (IC3) member, 2017-present

Conferences and workshops attended:

Speaking Economics, Cornell University, August 2019

Cornell Blockchain Conference, Cornell Tech, April 2019

IC3-Blockchain Boot Camp, Cornell University, July 2018, June 2019

Summer School on Liquidity in Financial Markets and Institutions, Washington University in St. Louis, August 2017

ASSA, San Francisco, January 2016

Referee for:

Journal of Financial Services Research

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

Abby and Howard Milstein Teaching Award, 2018.

Sage Fellowship, Cornell University, 2014.

Miscellaneous

Computer Skills: R (Advanced), MatLab (Advanced), LATEX (Advanced), Stata (Proficient), Julia (Proficient), Python (Beginner)

Languages: English, Bengali, Spanish

Passed Qualifying Exams in both Economics and Finance

Additional Graduate Coursework: Intelligent Decision Making (2017), Machine Learning for Intelligent Systems (2017), Bayesian Machine Learning (2016)

References

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