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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Finance	2017–2022 (expected)
Master of Philosophy in Finance	2016–2017
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	
Post Graduate Diploma in Management (equivalent to M.B.A.)	2013–2015
Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli	
Gold Medal for Best All-Round Performance	

Research Interests

Household and Consumer Finance, Municipal Finance, and Banking

Job Market Paper

1. Know Thyself: Free Credit Reports and The Retail Mortgage Market

Selected Conference Presentations: The Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research (ABFER, 2021). American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) 2021 National Conference. 2021 Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society for Financial Market Research (SGF Conference). University of Texas Austin PhD Student Symposium (2020). AFA 2021 PhD Poster Session.

Best Paper Awards: 15th Conference on Asia-Pacific Financial Markets (CAFM). 11th Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference.

Appears at **The World Bank's All About Finance** blog (scheduled, Nov 8, 2021).

Working Papers

2. Do Women Receive Worse Financial Advice? [With Utpal Bhattacharya, Sujata Visaria, and Jing Zhao]

[Revise and Resubmit at The Journal of Finance](#)

Selected Conference Presentations: Swedish House of Finance Annual Conference 2020 (Consumer Behavior in Financial Markets). AFA (2021)*. Korea Development Institute Conference on Frontiers in Development Policy*.

Media Coverage: [Bloomberg](#)

3. Polluted Waters and Municipal Finance [With Daisy Huang]

Selected Conference Presentations: 16th Conference on Asia-Pacific Financial Markets (CAFM), scheduled*.

* Presented by co-authors.

Work-in-Progress

4. Effects of On-campus Residence on Student Outcomes [With Xuanyi Jin, Kevin Tam, Sujata Visaria, and Chen Xiang]

Academic Awards and Fellowships

- Selected in the Junior Scholars Program of American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) 2021.
- Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme Awardee: 2017—2020.
- AFA Doctoral Travel Grant 2020.

Research Grant

Teamed with Kevin Tam and Sujata Visaria, received HKUST Office of the Vice President for Research and Development Grant for the project entitled, “How Does on-campus residence shapes students? An empirical investigation with lessons for programme design”.

Professional Academic Service

Referee: Real State Economics, Financial Management, Journal of Multinational Financial Management.

Discussant: SFS Cavalcade Asia Pacific, 2019. FMA Annual Conference, 2020. 33rd Australasian Finance and Banking Conference, 2020.

Teaching Experience

Teaching assistant (with evaluation): Applied Corporate Finance and Valuation. HKUST-NYU Stern Master of Science in Global Finance (MSGF). Summer 2021. (6.14/7)

Teaching assistant: Behavioral Finance, Intermediate Corporate Finance, Investments, Fintech: Algorithmic Trading, Big Data in Finance, and Family Business. 2017–2020.

Pre-PhD Work Experience

ICICI Bank Ltd.(Manager, Infrastructure Finance)	2015–2016
Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) (Scientist/Engineer)	2012–2013
Freescall Semiconductor India Pvt. Ltd. (Semiconductor Design Engineer)	2011–2012

Miscellaneous

- Mitsui Center Summer School on Structural Estimation (2021).
- Naples Summer School in Economics, 2nd Edition (2019).
- Among the 54 students across India who were selected by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in 2012.

References

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