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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Finance, University of Central Florida May 2018 -

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Finance, University of Houston, USA	2018
Master of Applied Econometrics, Monash University, Australia	2011
Master of Business in Banking and Finance, Monash University, Australia	2010
B. Tech. in Computer Engineering, National Institute of Technology Jaipur, India	2006

## PUBLICATIONS (Author order is alphabetical)

### Peer-reviewed Academic Publication:

1. Non-Executive Directors at Early-Stage Startups (with Vijay Yerramilli). *Conditionally Accepted, Review of Corporate Finance Studies*.  
- Featured in [Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations & Capital Markets - Blue Sky](#)
2. Product Market Competition, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Covenant Redesign (with Hadiye Aslan, Madhu Kalimipalli, and Praveen Kumar). *Conditionally Accepted, Review of Corporate Finance Studies*.
3. [Climate Risk Perceptions and Demand for Flood Insurance](#) (with Dimuthu Ratnadiwakara), *Financial Management*, 2023, 52(2): 297-331.
4. [Seed-Stage Success and Growth of Angel Co-investment Networks](#) (with Vijay Yerramilli), *Review of Corporate Finance Studies*, 2022, 11(1): 169-210.  
- Featured in [Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation](#)
5. [A Language-Based Approach to Measuring Creative Exploration](#) (with Vladimir Gatchev and Christo Pirinsky), *Research Policy*, 2022, 51(1) 104426. FT50 Journal
6. [Do Areas Affected by Flood Disasters Attract Lower-Income and Less Creditworthy Homeowners?](#) (with Dimuthu Ratnadiwakara), *Journal of Housing Research*, 2020, 29(1), S121-S143
7. [On the Impact of Regulating Commissions: Evidence from the Indian Mutual Funds Market](#) (with Santosh Anagol, Vijay Marisetty and Renuka Sane), *World Bank Economic Review*, 2017, 31(1), 241-270.

### Industry Publication:

[How Directors Shape Successful Startups](#) (with Sanjai Bhagat and Vijay Yerramilli), *NACD Directorship Entrepreneurial Governance*, August 2020

## WORKING PAPERS

8. Pollution and Business Activity: Evidence From Toxic Chemical Spills (with George Tian and Vijay Yerramilli)  
- 2023 IFA Best Paper Award

9. Do Labor Unions Influence Debt Contracting? Evidence from Private and Public Debt Markets (with Madhu Kalimipalli, Si Li, and Olaleye Morohunfolu)  
- Second prize, RSFE Best Research Paper Award in Finance
10. Homophily, Information Asymmetry and Performance in the Angels Market
11. Venture Capital Crossover Investing (with Vikram Nanda and Qinghai Wang)

## PERMANENT WORKING PAPERS

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1. The Implications of the New Media for Capital Markets: Evidence from the First Firm Websites (with Christo Pirinsky)
2. Position, Power and Demand for CEOs: Understanding Executive Compensation in the U.S. Market (with Vijay Marisetty and Hiroshi Osano)

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS (\* by co-author)

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### *Pollution and Business Activity: Evidence From Toxic Chemical Spills*

University of North Texas\*, University of Houston\*, Conference on Climate and Energy Finance, Wilfrid Laurier University, Indian Finance Conference 2023; MFA Annual Meeting\*, Finance Down Under, RMIT University, Deakin University, University of Sydney, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, ISB Summer Research Conference, Finance and Product Markets 2024

### *Do Labor Unions Influence Debt Contracting? Evidence from Private and Public Debt Markets*

FMA Annual Meeting\* 2023; New Zealand Finance Meeting\*, Research Symposium on Finance and Economics\* 2024

### *Product Market Competition, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Covenant Redesign*

McGill University; La Trobe University; University of South Florida; York University\*, 2021; FMA Annual Meeting; CICF, European FMA\*, Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference, 2022; University of Kansas KU Finance Conference\*; SFA Annual Meeting\*, 2023

### *A Language-Based Approach to Measuring Creative Exploration*

University of Central Florida, Orlando\*, Tulane University, New Orleans, 2020

### *Climate Risk Perceptions and Demand for Flood Insurance*

CEAR/MRIC Behavioral Insurance Workshop\*; University of Central Florida, 2019; Urban Economics Association\*, FMA Annual Meeting\*, Tulane University\*, Western Economic Association\*, 2020 UAB Personal Finance Symposium\*, UZH Young Researcher Workshop on Climate Finance, University of Zurich\* MFA Annual Meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Climate Change Ca' Foscari University of Venice\*, Louisiana State University\*, 2020; CEPR Household Finance Seminar Series\*, AEA Poster Session\*, ABFER Annual Conference, 2021

### *Do Areas Affected by Flood Disasters Attract Lower-Income and Less Creditworthy Homeowners?*

2<sup>nd</sup> Econ Summit, Federal Housing Finance Agency, Washington D.C., 2022

### *Non-Executive Directors at Early-Stage Startups*

Northern Finance Association, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee\*, University of Kansas\*, 2019; EFA Annual Meeting, 2020

### *Homophily, Information Asymmetry and Performance in the Angels Market*

University of Central Florida, Farmer School of Business, Miami University, Fowler College of Business, San Diego State University, 30th AFBC (accepted), Auckland Finance Meeting (accepted), CIRANO-Sam M. Walton College of Business Workshop on Networks, 2017; FMA

Annual Meeting (*Top 10 session*), FIRS Barcelona (accepted), AFA Ph.D. Poster Session, MFA Annual Meeting, 2018; RCEA Growth, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference, 2019; Boca Corporate Finance and Governance Conference, 2021

*Seed-Stage Success and Growth of Angel Networks*

14th Paris December Finance Meeting, 29th AFBC, 2016; SFS Cavalcade Nashville, ISB Summer Research Conference, FMA Annual Meeting, MFA Annual Meeting, 2017; 29th CFEA, Finance Down Under Conference (accepted), 2018

*Position, Power and Demand for CEOs: Understanding Executive Compensation in the U.S. Market*

FMA Annual Meeting, Nürtingen-Geislingen University (HfWU), Nürtingen, Germany, 2015\*; Financial Institutions, Regulation and Corporate Governance Conference, 2017\*

*On the Impact of Regulating Commissions: Evidence from the Indian Mutual Funds Market*

IGIDR Emerging Market Finance Conference, 2010\*; AsianFA 2012\*; AEA Annual Meeting\*, NBER Summer Institute, Law and Economics Workshop\*, 2013

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Instructor*

Foundations of FinTech (FIN6778), University of Central Florida	2022-
Foundations of FinTech (FIN4450), University of Central Florida	2019-
Seminar on FinTech (Ph.D.), University of Central Florida	2019, 2021, 2023
Debt & Money Markets (FIN4243), University of Central Florida	2020, 2022, 2024
Corporate Finance (FIN4330), University of Houston	Summer 2016
Financial Management (AFW2631), Monash University	Fall 2011, Spring 2012

*Student Supervision: University of Central Florida*

Finance Honors thesis committee member for Adam Wing	2019-2020
Senior design project committee member - Computer Science Department	
Jimmy Seeber, Matthew Saucedo, Daniel Canas	2019
Ryan Pattillo, Tim Yang, Will Ortiz, Jesse Johnson, Jasaan Lan, Zac Ebaugh	2023

*Instructional Assistant: University of Houston*

Intermediate Corporate Finance: Valuation (MBA, 2013-2018); Managerial Finance (MBA, 2015-2018); Game Theory (Ph.D., 2015-2018); Investments (2013); Principles of Financial Management (2012-2013)

*Teaching Assistant: Monash University*

Money and Capital Markets (2010-2012); Financial Management (2010-2012)

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Second prize, RSFE Best Research Paper Award in Finance	2024
IFA Best Paper Award	2023
CBA Summer Research Grant	2023, 2024
Lazaridis Institute Seed Grant (Co-Principal Investigator)	2023
Dean's Award for Academic Excellence	2018
Best Bauer Dissertation Proposal Award	2017

Cullen Fellowship Travel Grant	2017
American Finance Association Travel Grant	2017
Graduate Student Fellowship, University of Houston	2012 - 2018
Victoria India Doctoral Scholarship ( <i>Australian government award</i> )	2012
Deakin University Doctoral Scholarship	2011
Deakin International Postgraduate Research Scholarship	2011

## EXPERT PANELS, LECTURES & MEDIA

Fireside Chat on Digital Assets, UCF FinTech Summit, Orlando	2024
Blockchain and DeFi, UCF FinTech Summit, Orlando	2024
Effect of pollution on businesses, CNBC TV18	2023
The (Potential) Benefits & Risks of Decentralized Finance, UCF Dean's Speaker Series	2023
Government Infusions and Financial Stability (moderator), The India Center, Orlando	2023
Rattled crypto industry could emerge stronger after USDC depeg	2023
Stablecoins: good as the buck, or breaking the buck?	2023
Stability of Stablecoins and FTX Collapse	2022
Federal Housing Finance Agency's Econ Summit	2022
Why we buy - or don't buy - flood insurance, San Antonio Express	2022
Uganda's gold discovery: What it could mean for crypto, Cointelegraph	2022
FinTech & Blockchain, UCF Annual Accounting Conference (speaker), Orlando	2022
FinTech Digital Transformation, UCF FinTech Summit, Orlando	2022
Crypto's crash shows digital currency is not a hedge against inflation, Quartz	2022
Fintech and Blockchain, UTVS, Orlando	2022
How high can meme coin prices go?, Quartz	2021
Are NFTs really a thing?, UCF College of Business Podcast	2021
Cryptocurrencies: A non-technical primer, UCF Foundation	2021
Issues with cryptocurrencies, Spectrum News 13	2021
Blockchain Task Force, Florida Department of Financial Services, Tallahassee	2019
Data Science Summit: Smart Cities of the Future, Orlando	2018

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

### *Ad-hoc Referee*

Quantitative Finance, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, North American Journal of Economics and Finance, Electronic Markets, International Review of Finance, Sage Open, International Journal of Hospitality Management (COVID-19 Series), Corporate Governance: An International Review (X3), Journal of Financial Research, Venture Capital, Australian Journal of Management

### *Conference Program Committee*

Financial Management Association (2021); Southern Finance Association Annual Meeting (2019, 2020, 2021); Eastern Finance Association Annual Meeting (2019, 2020); Southwestern Finance Association Annual Meeting (2020, 2021, 2022)

### *Conference Discussion*

Indian Finance Conference (2023); Conference on Climate and Energy Finance (2023); Florida Finance Conference (2023); FMA Annual Meeting (2022); Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference (2022); Boca Corporate Finance and Governance Conference (2021); FMA Annual Meeting (2020); Florida Finance Conference, MFA Annual Meeting (2018); Summer Research Conference, Indian School of Business (2017); Paris December Finance Meeting, Australasian Finance and Banking Conference, FMA Annual Meeting (2016); FMA Annual Meeting (2015)

### *Selected University Service*

Judge, FinTech Capstone Finals	2023
M.S. FinTech admissions committee	2021-
Undergraduate FinTech Certificate/Minor department screening	2019-
Advisor, UCF FinTech Innovators Club	2022-2024
CBA Teaching Committee Member	2021-2022
Finance Seminar Series Coordinator	2020-2021

### *Public Policy Advice*

Consulting on HB 1351: Money Services Businesses for Florida Senator Jason Brodeur	2021
Blockchain Task Force, Florida Department of Financial Services, Tallahassee	2019

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

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Monash University, Australia (2009-2012); Deakin University, Australia (2009-2011); RMIT University, Australia (2011-2012)

## OTHER INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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<i>Financial Advisor</i>	2004 - 2009
Life Insurance Corporation of India & UTI Mutual Funds, Puducherry, India	
<i>Assistant Systems Engineer</i>	2006 - 2008
Data Warehousing & Business Intelligence, Tata Consultancy Services, Mumbai, India	

## CERTIFICATIONS

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National Institute of Securities Markets certified Mutual Fund Distributor, India	2008-
PGP in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Purdue University	Expected Spring 2025

## PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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Python, Stata, R (with focus on Machine Learning and Text Mining Applications)

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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I am married and have one daughter. I hold permanent residency in the U.S.