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## Education

<i>Since July 2013</i>	Assistant Professor of Finance, Olin Business School at Washington University in St Louis
<i>June 2013</i>	Ph.D. Finance, London School of Economics
<i>June. 2009</i>	M.Sc. Financial Markets and Intermediaries, Toulouse School of Economics
<i>June 2008</i>	M.Sc. in Finance, Rome Tor Vergata University
<i>Dec. 2005</i>	B.Sc. Economics and Management, Rome Third University

## Research Interests

Institutional Investors, Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance, Credit Rating Agencies, Optimal Contracting

## Working Papers

“Do Institutional Investors Improve Capital Allocation?”

“The Wall Street Walk when Blockholders Compete for Flows”, with Amil Dasgupta, June 2012 (R&R, Journal of Finance)

“Investment Mandates and the Downside of Precise Credit Ratings”, with Jason R. Donaldson

“The Real Harm of Too Much or Too Little Credit Competition (and the Role for Venture Capital)”, with Jason R. Donaldson and Anjan Thakor

“Overrating Agencies: Competition, Collusion, Information and Regulation”, with Jason R. Donaldson

## Awards, Scholarships and Fellowships

<i>June 2012</i>	Granted the renewal of the Deutsche Bank Fellowships to finance my PhD studies
<i>June 2011</i>	Awarded one of the two Deutsche Bank Fellowships to finance my PhD studies
<i>June 2010</i>	Granted the renewal of the scholarships “Giovanna Crivelli” sponsored by Unicredit Group won in 2009
<i>Jan. 2009</i>	Awarded with one of the two scholarships “Giovanna Crivelli” sponsored by Unicredit Group. The scholarship provides a grant for being enrolled in a PhD in Finance or Economics in a foreign country
<i>April 2008</i>	Awarded with a prize by Unicredit - Banca di Roma, for being one of the top students of Tor Vergata University
<i>Dec. 2007</i>	Selected as one of the best 40 students of Tor Vergata University

## Teaching Experience

<i>2013</i>	Advanced Financial Management at Washington University in St. Louis (undergraduate)
<i>2012 and 2013</i>	Class teacher at the LSE for FM212 Principles of Finance (undergraduate)
<i>2011 to 2013</i>	Course Support Manger at the LSE for FM422 Corporate Finance (executive)
<i>Summer 2010 and 2011</i>	Class teacher at the LSE for AF250 Financial Markets (summer school)