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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Pennsylvania State University ■ Assistant Professor of Finance	State College, PA 2024–present
EDUCATION	The University of Chicago Booth School of Business ■ Ph.D. in Finance	Chicago, IL 2024
	Massachusetts Institute of Technology ■ B.S. in Economics and Mathematics	Cambridge, MA 2016
EMPLOYMENT	Federal Reserve Board of Governors Research Assistant, Division of Financial Stability	Washington, DC 2016–2018

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Corporate Finance, Corporate Debt, Entrepreneurial Finance

Student Intern, Division of Research & Statistics

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

"A Survey of Private Debt Funds" with Joern Block, Steven Kaplan, and Anna Schulze, *The Review of Corporate Finance Studies*, 2024.

2015

WORKING PAPERS

"Are Direct Lenders More Like Banks or Arm's-Length Investors?" R&R, Journal of Financial Economics

"Indirect Credit Supply: How Bank Lending to Private Credit Shapes Monetary Policy Transmission" with Sharjil Haque and Jessie Jiaxu Wang

"Valuation Discipline in Private Credit" with Ginha Kim

"Direct Lenders and Financial Stability" with Samuel Rosen

"Venture Capital Start-up Selection" with Steven Kaplan

"Private Equity and Corporate Borrowing Constraints: Evidence from Loan Level Data" with Sharjil Haque and Simon Mayer

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2025: Annual Private Markets Research Conference, Lausanne (scheduled); Columbia Private Equity Conference (discussant); CMU-PITT-PSU Finance Conference; LBS Private Capital Symposium (discussant); NY Fed* (scheduled); Office of Financial Research* (scheduled); Private Equity Research Consortium, Oxford (scheduled); Penn State Smeal; SFS Cavalcade (discussant); UBC Winter Finance Conference (discussant); University of Florida (scheduled); Virginia Tech*

2024: Carnegie Mellon Tepper; Columbia Private Equity Conference; Federal Reserve Board; Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (discussant); Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Gerzensee ESSFM; Korea University; LSE; NCPERS Public Pension Funding Forum; Northwestern Kellogg; Office of Financial Research; Ohio State Fisher; Penn State Smeal; UPenn Wharton; Private Equity Research Consortium, Oxford

2023: Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Workshop; Chicago Booth; Erasmus Corporate Governance Conference*; European Finance Association*; Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia; FMA (panelist); Federal Reserve Board*; Financial Restructuring Roundtable; Mitsui Finance Symposium, Michigan Ross*; Private Equity Research Consortium, Oxford; Private Equity Research Consortium, UNC*; SKEMA Corporate Restructuring Conference*; Wharton-Harvard Insolvency and Restructuring Conference

2022: Chicago Booth; Federal Reserve Board*; HEC Paris Entrepreneurship Workshop (discussant); Private Equity Research Consortium, UNC*

2021: Chicago Booth; Corporate Restructuring & Insolvency Seminar

2020: Chicago Booth; AFA*

* presented by coauthor

REFEREE SERVICE Review of Financial Studies

REVIEW PAPERS "Middle-Market Buyouts" (with Edoardo Marchesi), Palgrave Encyclopedia of Private Equity, 2023

"Capital Structure in Private Equity" (with Simon Mayer), Palgrave Encyclopedia of Private Equity, 2023

HONORS & AWARDS

- Katherine Dusak Miller PhD Fellowship, 2024
- Eugene F. Fama PhD Fellowship, 2023
- Financial Restructuring Roundtable Call for Paper Winner, 2023
- John and Serena Liew Fellowship, 2022
- Liew Fama-Miller Fellowship (for best second year paper), 2020
- CRSP Summer Research Grant, 2019
- Booth Doctoral Fellowship, Chicago Booth, 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pennsylvania State University

State College, PA

Advanced Financial Management – Instructor

2025 Chicago, IL

University of Chicago Booth School of Business

2023

Distressed Debt Investing (MBA) – TA for Amir Sufi
 Debt, Distress, and Restructuring (MBA) – TA for Amir Sufi

2021-2023

■ Entrepreneurial Finance and Private Equity (MBA) – TA for Steven N. Kaplan

2019-2022

CASES "BacklotCars" (with Steven Kaplan and Jeremy Ng), 2019

PERSONAL Citizenship: USA

Languages: English (fluent), Korean (native)

Hobbies: Soccer, Golf

Updated: April, 2025