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## *Area of Specialization*

Empirical Corporate Finance, Financial Intermediation, Institutional Investors

## *Academic Appointment*

Assistant Professor of Finance, **Rice University**, *Jones School of Business*, 2018 to Present

## *Education*

Ph.D. Finance, **Columbia University**, *Columbia Business School*, 2018

M.Fin. Finance, **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, *Sloan School of Management*, 2011

B.A. Economics (with distinction), **Queen's University**, *Arts and Sciences*, 2008

B.Sc. Electrical Engineering, **Queen's University**, *Applied Science*, 2007

## *Working Papers*

1. **Liquidity and Longevity, Bequest Adjustments Through the Life Settlement Market**

2. **Skin or Skim? Inside Investment and Hedge Fund Performance** with Arpit Gupta

Media and Coverage: [Harvard Law School Forum](#), [Bloomberg View](#), [Institutional Investor](#), [ValueWalk](#), [Reuters](#)

3. **The Impossibility of Communication Between Investors**

## *Work In Progress*

1. **Human Capital Considerations for Optimal Lifecycle Consumption** with Byeong-Je An

2. **Inside Ownership and Returns in Private Equity** with Arpit Gupta and Sabrina Howell

## *Academic Presentations*

**2018:** University of Rochester (Simon), Dartmouth College (Tuck), University of British Columbia (Sauder), Ohio State University (Fisher), 10th Annual Hedge Fund and PE Research Conference\*, Louisiana State University (Ourso), University of Florida (Warrington), University of Toronto (Rotman), City University of Hong Kong, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Nanyang Technological University, National University of Singapore, Vanderbilt University (Owen), Rice University (Jones), Midwest Finance Association Meeting, PNC University of Kentucky Finance Conference, NBER Long-Term Asset Management Conference.

**2017:** NYU PhD Seminar (Stern), IPC Hedge Fund Research Symposium\*, Columbia University (GSB), Northern Finance Association Meeting, Berkeley (Haas)\*, Junior Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation Workshop, CEPR ESSFM in Gerzensee\*, The University of Florence (IRMC)\*, Two Sigma Investments LP\*, New York University (Stern)\*, Thirteenth Annual Penn/NYU Conference on Law and Finance\*, NASDAQ DRP Research Day\*, NYU/Penn Conference on Law and Finance\*.

**2016 and Before:** Canadian Economic Association Meeting, Columbia University (numerous).

(\* indicates presented by coauthor, s indicates scheduled presentation)

## Teaching

### Columbia Business School

Teacher Assistant, **Global Economic Environment (MBA, EMBA)**, Prof. John Donaldson, Winter 2017

Teacher Assistant, **The Psychology and Economics of Consumer Finance (MBA, EMBA)**, Prof. Stephen Zeldes, and Prof. Eric Johnson, Winter 2016, 2017

Teacher Assistant, **Corporate Finance (EMBA)**, Prof. Wei Jiang, Fall 2015

Teacher Assistant, **Capital Markets and Investments (MBA)**, Prof. Kent Daniel, Fall 2015

Teacher Assistant, **Behavioral Finance (PhD)**, Prof. Kent Daniel, Spring 2015

Teacher Assistant, **Managerial Economics (MBA)**, Prof. Paolo Siconolfi, Fall 2013, 2014

### Professional and Executive Education

Sole Instructor, **Financial Education for Interns**, Edgewood Management, Spring 2014 – 2017

Sole Instructor, **Financial Education for Interns**, LSH Partners (formerly Loeb), Spring 2015 - 2017

Head Teacher Assistant, **Columbia Executive Education for Debevoise & Plimpton**, Fall 2015, 2017

## Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

CEIBS Cathay Cross-border Private Equity Research Fund, 2017<sup>j</sup>

Doctoral Research Grant, Chazen Institute of International Business, 2016

Distinguished Paper Award, Finance Department, 2016

Columbia Business School Doctoral Fellowship

(j indicates joint with coauthors)

## Past Employment

**BlackRock**, Associate, Blackrock Alternative Advisors (BAA), August 2011 to July 2012

*Conducted research for BlackRock's fund-of-hedge fund (FOHF) platform.*

**Bloomberg LP**, Financial Software Developer, Trading Systems, June 2008 to March 2010

*Designed Bloomberg's sell-side equity trade management financial products for market dealers.*