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Employment/Affiliations

2016 – Present	Assistant Professor of Finance, University of Colorado at Boulder – Leeds School of Business (semester paternity leaves Spring 2019 & Fall 2020; full-year policy leave 2021-2022)
2020 – Present	Faculty Research Fellow - National Bureau of Economic Research
2021 – 2022	Senior Academic Advisor on Climate Issues, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
Spring 2020	Visiting Faculty, Stanford GSB
2008 - 2010	Quantitative Trading and Analysis Analyst, Citigroup
2007	Structured Finance & Banking Summer Analyst, Countrywide Capital Markets.

Education

2016	PhD Financial Economics, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Dissertation committee: Antoinette Schoar, Jonathan Parker, Deborah Lucas, Nittai Bergman)
2008	B.S. Mathematics & B.S. Economics, w/ distinction, Harvey Mudd College

Research

Research Interests: macroprudential policy, economic history, corporate finance, household finance, real estate

Refereed publications & accepted papers

1. Financial Disruptions and the Organization of Innovation: Evidence from the Great Depression, Tania Babina and Filippo Mezzanotti, accepted, *Review of Financial Studies*.
2. Partisan Residential Sorting on Climate Change Risk, with Stephen Billings, Matthew Gustafson, and Ryan Lewis, forthcoming, *Journal of Financial Economics*. 2021 NBER SI Environmental & Energy Economics.
3. Housing Lock: Dutch Evidence on the Impact of Negative Home Equity on Household Mobility, with Daan Struyven, forthcoming, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.
4. Negative Home Equity and Household Labor Supply, *Journal of Finance* 76:2963-2995 (2021), 2016 AQR Top Finance Graduate Award, 2016 WFA Cubist Systematic Strategies Award, 2015 Colorado Finance Summit Best PhD Paper.
5. Counterparty Risk and the Establishment of the New York Stock Exchange Clearinghouse, with Eric Hughson and Marc Weidenmier, *Journal of Political Economy* 127.2 (2019): 689-729.
6. Disaster on the Horizon: The Price Effect of Sea Level Rise, with Ryan Lewis and Matthew Gustafson, *Journal of Financial Economics* 134.2 (Nov 2019): 253-300, 2019 AQR Insight Distinguished Paper Award, 2018 ICPM Research Award, 2018 NFA Best Paper in Risk Management, 2020 Kahle Family Research Award.
7. Identifying the Effect of a Lender of Last Resort: Lessons from the Founding of the Fed, with Eric Hughson and Marc Weidenmier, *Journal of Financial Economics* 98.1 (2010): 40-53.

Working Papers

1. The Mortgage Piggy Bank: Building Wealth through Amortization, with Peter Koudijs, *revise and resubmit*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

2. The Economic Burden of Pension Shortfalls: Evidence from House Prices, with Darren Aiello, Mahyar Kargar, Ryan Lewis, and Michael Schwert, *2021 SFS Cavalcade, 2021 Red Rock Finance Conference*.
3. Costs of Curbing Speculation: Evidence from the Establishment of “Investment Grade”, *2019 NBER Summer Institute (Development of American Economy), 2018 AFA, 2017 EHA, 2016 SFS Cavalcade* under title “More Than Just Speculation: The Costs of Restrictions on Speculative Investing”.
4. Securities Ratings and Information Provision, with Carola Frydman and Eric Hilt

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

- 2022 CU Boulder Prestigious Appointment Award (for 2021-2022 SEC appointment)
- 2021 CU Boulder Kahle Family Research Award Finance Division Nominee (voted most impactful finance division publication)
- 2020 CU Boulder Kahle Family Research Award (voted most impactful business school publication)
- 2019 AQR Insight Distinguished Paper Award (Second prize)
- 2018 International Centre for Pension Management Research Award
- 2018 Northern Finance Association Best Paper in Risk Management Award
- 2018 CU-Boulder Research Innovation Office Seed Grant
- 2018 CU-Boulder UROP Grant (x2)
- 2016 AQR Top Finance Graduate Award
- 2016 WFA Cubist Systematic Strategies Award
- 2015 Colorado Finance Summit Best PhD Paper
- 2010 – 2016 MIT Sloan Doctoral Program Fellowship
- 2008 CMC Undergraduate Finance Thesis Award

Presentations

* Scheduled; ** Co-author presented

2022: UT Dallas, Auburn University, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, EFA Annual Meeting**

2021: Louisiana State University, Midwestern Finance Association, Western Finance Association Annual Meeting, NBER – EEE, EFA Annual Meeting*, CFPB Research Conference, Cornell Bi-Annual Household and Behavioral Finance Symposium, SITE – Financial Regulation, SFS Finance Cavalcade**, Alberta School of Business, SEA Annual Meeting, Tuck School of Business, NFA Annual Meeting, Red Rock Finance Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia's 11th biennial New Perspectives on Consumer Behavior in Credit and Payments Markets, UN PRI Academic Network Conference, Financial Intermediation Research Society**, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum**

2020: AREUEA Virtual Seminar, European Finance Association**, FDIC Consumer Research Symposium, Finance in the Cloud Conference, Haas School of Business, Kellogg School of Management**, MWEHC, NBER SI – DAE, NBER SI – CF, NBER (PIE) Spring Meeting*, Stanford Macroeconomics Brown Bag, Stanford GSB Finance Seminar, Western Finance Association Annual Meeting**, UEA Annual Meeting**, University of Auburn**, University of Virginia**, Zicklin School of Business**

2019: AQR Capital Management, Amsterdam Business School**, Auburn University**, Columbia Business School Junior Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation Workshop, Georgia State University, HEC Workshop on Entrepreneurship, Michigan State University**, Minnesota Junior Finance Conference**, MIT Sloan Junior Finance Conference, NBER SI – DAE, Labor and Finance Group**, Office of Financial Research, Owen Graduate School of Management**, Rutgers University, UTD Finance Conference, Texas A&M**, Tuck School of Business**, Zicklin School of Business

2018: American Finance Association Annual Meeting, Catholic University of Chile, Texas Finance Festival**, Western Finance Association, Consumer Financial Decision Making, Chicago Financial Institutions Conference, Northern Finance Association**, European Finance Association**, Chicago Booth Recent Advances in Empirical Asset Pricing**

2017: Claremont McKenna College, Cornell Bi-Annual Household and Behavioral Finance Symposium, Ross School of Business, Tuck School of Business, Economic History Association Annual Meeting

2016: Boston College, Carnegie Mellon Tepper School of Business, Columbia Business School, Copenhagen Business School, Haas School of Business, Harvard Business School, Kellogg School of Management, MIT Sloan School of Management, NYU Stern School of Business, UCLA Anderson School of Management, UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of Colorado at Boulder - Leeds School of Business, USC Marshall School of Business, Utah Eccles School of Business, Wharton, WUSTL Olin Business School, Yale School of Management, Stanford Business School, Stanford Institute of Theoretical Economics, SFS Finance Cavalcade, Western Finance Association.

2015: Colorado Finance Summit, CU Boulder – Leeds School of Business Lunch Seminar, 24th Mitsui Finance Symposium – University of Michigan.

2014: Harvard Business School Lunch Seminar, London Business School Summer Finance Symposium

2010: Western Economic Association International Meetings – Presidential Session

Discussant

2022: Annual Conference on Financial Market Regulation, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Mortgage Market Research Conference, OCC Symposium on Climate Risk in Banking and Finance, SFS Finance Cavalcade, University of Oklahoma Energy and Climate Finance Research Conference

2021: AFA-AREUEA, ITAM Finance Conference, SFS Finance Cavalcade, CEPR European Conference on Household Finance, Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting

2020: FMA

2019: Financial Intermediation Research Society (+ session chair), Midwestern Finance Association, Northern Finance Association

2017: AFA-AREUEA, ASU Sonoran Winter Finance Conference, LBS Summer Finance Symposium, CFEA, SFS Finance Cavalcade

2016: Financial Intermediation Research Society Annual Meetings

2014: FMA Applied Finance Conference

Professional Activities

Ad Hoc Referee: *American Economic Review*, *Explorations in Economic History* *Journal of Banking and Finance*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Review of Corporate Finance Studies*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Empirical Finance*, *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, *Financial Planning Review*, *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*, *Management Science*, *Money Credit and Banking*, *Nature: Climate Change*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Financial Studies*, *Review of Finance*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Norges Bank*

Program committee: Western Finance Association Annual Meeting 2021, SFS Finance Cavalcade 2021, Midwestern Finance Association Conference 2020, Consumer Financial Decision-Making Conference 2019-2021, Financial Intermediation Research Society 2017-2021, Annual Conference on Financial Market Regulation 2021, FMA 2021, Labor and Finance Group Meeting 2017.

Session chair: Financial Intermediation Research Society 2019; Western Finance Association Annual Meeting 2022

Media Interviews/Featured Research

Crisis Innovation

- Marginal Revolution April 7th, 2020

- Marginal Revolution September 29th, 2020

Disaster on the Horizon: The Price Effect of Sea Level Rise

- New York Times *October 17th, 2019*
- Yahoo Finance *July 2nd, 2019*
- Washington Post *August 20th, 2018*
- CNN *June 18th, 2018*
- Bloomberg News *December 29th, 2017; June 18th, 2018; March 12, 2019*
- Miami Herald *April 23rd, 2018*
- Wall Street Journal *April 20th, 2018*
- Marginal Revolution *December 24th, 2017*
- Public Radio International *December 19, 2017*

Interviews

- New York Times *Sept 27th, 2019*

Security Clearance

Special Sworn Status, U.S. Census Bureau

Relevant Positions

2008: Harvey Mudd College Senior Research Project - Stat Arb Group at Citadel Investment Group

Teaching

2022: FNCE 3010: Corporate Finance; FNCE 7020 Financial Economics Research (PhD)
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2020: FNCE 7020 Financial Economics Research (PhD)
2019: FNCE 3010: Corporate Finance; FNCE 7200 Research Methods in Finance (PhD)
2018: FNCE 3010: Corporate Finance
2017: FNCE 3010: Corporate Finance
2016: FNCE 3010: Corporate Finance

Service

Research Director of the CU Real Estate Center (Fall 2022)

Other Work

Real Estate as a Tool for Adaptive Banking, with Ryan Lewis and Matthew Gustafson, *Community Development Innovation Review*, 2019.