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## EDUCATION

- 2015      Ph.D., Finance, New York University Stern School of Business, New York, NY  
Dissertation:    Essays in Asset Pricing and Volatility Econometrics  
Committee:      Professor Robert F. Engle (Chair)  
                         Professor Viral V. Acharya  
                         Professor Xavier Gabaix  
                         Professor Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh
- 2012      M.Phil, Finance, New York University Stern School of Business, New York, NY
- 2009      B.S.E., *magna cum laude*, Operations Research and Financial Engineering,  
                 Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015-present      Assistant Professor, Harvard Business School, Boston, MA

## HARVARD UNIVERSITY

### Appointments

- 7/1/2015-present      Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School

### Assignments

- 2015-2020      Finance II, MBA First-Year MBA Required Curriculum  
2018-2020      HBS Finance for Senior Executives  
2018-2020      HBS Summer Venture in Management Program

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2012-2017                      Research Associate, U.S. Treasury Department, the Office of Financial Research  
2008                              Analyst, UBS Investment Bank, Equity Capital Markets Group

## OTHER AFFILIATIONS

2018-present                      Consultant, National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC)  
2016-2017                        Research Associate, Commodity Futures and Trading Commission (CFTC)

## HONORS and AWARDS

2018                              Finalist, AQR Capital Management Insight Award  
2016                              NASDAQ OMX Award, Western Finance Association (WFA)  
2015                              Top Finance Graduate Award, AQR Capital Management  
2015                              Herman E. Krooss Award for Best Dissertation,  
New York University Stern School of Business  
2015                              Edwin Elton Prize for Best Job-Market Paper in Finance,  
New York University Stern School of Business  
2014                              Finalist, AQR Capital Management Insight Award  
2013                              Finalist for Best Finance Ph.D. Award, Washington University in St. Louis Olin  
School of Business  
2011                              David M. Graifman Memorial Award for Best Summer Paper in Finance,  
New York University Stern School of Business  
2009                              Tau Beta Pi Honor Society (top 12.5% of Engineering class), Princeton University

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2013-2015, 2017                      Macro Financial Modeling Group Research Grant, Funded by the Sloan Foundation,  
the Becker Friedman Institute and the MIT Laboratory for Financial Engineering  
2013-2014                        Ph.D. Research Grant, Center for Global Economy and Business at the New York  
University Stern School of Business

## PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

With Carolin E. Pflueger and Adi Sunderam, "Financial Market Risk Perceptions and the Macroeconomy,"  
*Quarterly Journal of Economics* (conditionally accepted)  
**Finalist for 2018 AQR Insight Award**

"Limited Investment Capital and Credit Spreads," *Journal of Finance* 74, no 5 (October 2019): 2393-2347.  
**Winner of NASDAQ QMX Best Paper in Asset Pricing Award, Western Finance Association**

With Robert F. Engle, "Structural GARCH: The Volatility-Leverage Connection," *Review of Financial  
Studies* 31, no. 2 (February 2018): 449-492.  
**Finalist for 2014 AQR Insight Award**

With Robert F. Engle and Guillaume Roussellet, “Scenario Generation for Long Run Interest Rate Risk Assessment,” Special Issue on Theoretical and Financial Econometrics: Essays in Honor of C. Gourieroux, *Journal of Econometrics* 201, no. 2 (December 2017): 333–347.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

With Juliane Begenau, “How do private equity fees vary across public pensions?,” Working Paper

With Andrea L. Eisfeldt, Bernard Herskovic, and Sriram Rajan, “OTC Intermediaries,” Working Paper

“The Probability of Rare Disasters: Estimation and Implications,” Working Paper. Reject and Resubmit at the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

With Juliane Begenau, Jonathan B. Berk, and Peter M. DeMarzo, “A simple approach to calculating the beta of private equity”

With Juliane Begenau, “What explains public pension investment decisions?”

With Daniel W. Green and Victoria Ivashina, “Are CLOs Mispriced?”

## **COURSE DEVELOPMENT**

With Luis M. Viceira and Shawn O’Brien, “Blackstone Alternative Asset Management in 2018,” Harvard Business School case 219-063 (January 2019) [20p]

With Luis M. Viceira, “Blackstone Alternative Asset Management in 2018,” Harvard Business School teaching note 219-092 (January 2019) [14p]

With Scott E. Mayfield, “Tesla-SolarCity,” Harvard Business School case 218-108 (April 2018, Revised August 2018) [21p]

With Scott E. Mayfield, “Tesla-SolarCity,” Harvard Business School teaching note 219-032 (December 2018) [23p]

With Juliane Begenau and Yuval I. Gonczarowski, “Asset Allocation at the Cook County Pension Fund,” Harvard Business School case 218-030 (September 2017, Revised August 2018) [12p]

“Asset Allocation at the Cook County Pension Fund,” Harvard Business School teaching note 219-074 (December 2018) [25p]

## **PRESENTATIONS**

## Invited Seminars

- 2019 Yale School of Management Finance, University of Washington Foster School of Business, Swedish House of Finance
- 2018 Stanford Graduate School of Business
- 2017 Northwestern Kellogg School of Business, Carnegie Mellon Tepper School of Business
- 2015 BYU Marriott School of Business, Harvard Economics Department, London School of Economics, London Business School, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, MIT Sloan School of Management, University of Massachusetts Isenberg School of Management, Harvard Business School, Ohio State University Fisher College of Business, The Federal Reserve Board, Cornell University Johnson School of Management, USC Marshall School of Business, UCLA Anderson School of Management

## Conference Presentations (\* indicates coauthor presentation, [d] indicates discussant)

- 2019 University of British Columbia Winter Conference[d], Macro Financial Modeling Group Winter Meetings, American Finance Association Annual Meeting[d]
- 2018 German Economists Abroad\*, NBER Behavioral Finance Fall Workshop\*, Chicago Board of Options Exchange Conference on Derivatives and Volatility\*, Central Bank of Chile\*, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas\*, University of Minnesota Carlson Junior Finance Conference, Yale Junior Finance Conference, AQR Insight Award Conference\*, NBER Asset Pricing Summer Meeting\*, American Finance Association Annual Meeting[d]
- 2017 NBER Asset Pricing Fall Meeting\*, Federal Reserve Board of San Francisco Conference on Advances in Financial Research, Financial Management Association Annual Meetings[d], University of Chicago CITE Conference, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics Workshop\*, Society for Computational Economics Summer Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston[d], NBER Conference on Financial Market Regulation\*, Society of Financial Econometrics Summer Conference[d], University of British Columbia Summer Conference, Society of Financial Studies Cavalcade\*[d], University of Connecticut Risk Management Conference, American Finance Association Annual Meeting[d]
- 2016 Chicago Board of Options Exchange Conference on Derivatives and Volatility[d], Society for Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting\*, Western Finance Association Summer Meetings, Society of Financial Studies Cavalcade, NYU Stern Volatility Institute Conference[d], Financial Intermediation Research Society Conference
- 2015 Copenhagen School of Business AQR Top Finance Award Conference, The OTC Derivatives Regulators' Forum, Montreal Institute of Structured Finance and Derivatives Conference[d], Financial Intermediation Research Society Conference[d]

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Referee	American Economic Journal: Micro, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Management Science, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Financial Studies
Program Committee	European Finance Association (2017-present), Financial Management Association Conference on Derivatives and Volatility (2016-present)
Paid Consulting	2016: Consultant to the Risk Management group at American International Group (AIG)