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Education

University of Connecticut , Storrs, CT Doctor of Philosophy – Finance	2020-2026
University of Connecticut , Storrs, CT Master of Arts – Economics	2017-2019
Saint Bonaventure University , Allegany, NY Bachelor of Business Administration Major(s): Finance and Mathematics dual major	2013-2017

Research Interests

Corporate finance, capital markets, firm growth, and access to financing

Working Papers

“Executive Pay Cuts: Solidarity of Bargaining? Evidence from the COVID-19 Pandemic”
with Yiming Qian (University of Connecticut), Samuel Piotrowski (University of Connecticut),
and Lingling Wang (University of Connecticut)

“The Role of Disclosure Quality in Financially Distressed Firms during the COVID-19 Pandemic” with Ilona Bastiaansen (University of Notre Dame)

- Presentations: Canadian Academic Accounting Association Annual Conference* (2022)

“Skill or Luck? Prior Experience and SPAC Performance” Solo-authored, Advisor: Yiming Qian (University of Connecticut)

** denotes presentation by co-author*

Teaching Experience

North Central College

Fall 2026: FINA 350 – Corporate Finance

Fall 2026: FINA426 – Securities Markets

University of Connecticut

Spring 2024: FNCE3101 – Financial Management (4.4/5.0)

Fall 2023: FNCE 3101 – Financial Management (4.1/5.0)

Fall 2022: FNCE 3101 – Financial Management (4.1/5.0)

Spring 2022: FNCE 3101 – Financial Management (4.5/5.0)

Personal Honors and Awards:

Future Faculty Diversity Fellow – Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (2023)

University of Connecticut Finance Department Named Scholar (2023-2024)

University of Connecticut Finance Department Outstanding PhD Student Teacher (2023)

University of Connecticut Finance Department Summer PhD Fellowship (2020, 2021, 2022)

Skills

Software:

Proficiency in: R, Stata, Python, Excel (including VBA), LaTeX, Overleaf, Jupyter

Familiarity with: SAS, Matlab

Language:

English – Native proficiency

Service

Reviewer – Southern Finance Association (2021)

University of Connecticut PhD Speaker Series – Organizer (2023)

Conferences

Invited Talk – Finance department, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (2023)

Attended – University of Connecticut's Finance Conference (2023)

Attended – Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting (2024)