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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Johnson Graduate School of Management, Cornell University
Assistant Professor of Finance 2016 - present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., M.A., Finance
Rice University, Jones Graduate School of Business 2016

Bachelor of Arts, Summa cum Laude with Honors, Economics
Tulane University 2005

Bachelor of Fine Arts, cum Laude, Vocal Performance
Tulane University 2005

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Empirical Corporate Finance, Entrepreneurship, Financial Institutions, Labor Economics,
Product Market Competition, Causal Inference

WORKING PAPERS

“Finance in the New US Economy: Does Local Finance Influence Post-Industrial Job Growth”
2018

- Presented at SFS Cavalcade Conference, European Finance Association Conference 2017
- Presented at Labor and Finance Group Meeting, Washington University of St. Louis, University of Utah, Cornell University, Southern Methodist University, University of Miami, University of Virginia, University of Kentucky, Michigan State University, Emory University 2016
- Presented at Rice University Faculty Seminar Series, Washington University Olin Corporate Finance Conference (PhD Session), University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Fordham University, Brandeis University 2015

“Does Stock Mispricing Drive Firm Policies: Mutual Fund Fire Sales and Selection Bias”
2017

- Presented at FMA Conference 2016
- Presented at WFA-CFAR Corporate Finance Conference 2015
- Presented at FMA Doctoral Consortium Workshop 2014

“WHEN FINANCE LEAVES DOES ENTERPRISE FOLLOW? The Lasting Impact of Bank Distress on Entrepreneurship” 2017

(with Tania Babina)

- Presented at China International Conference in Finance (Yihong Xia Best Paper Award), Financial Intermediation Research Society, IDEA Workshop (UNC Chapel Hill), Showcasing Women in Finance/AFFECT Conference 2017
- Presented at WAP Fin at NYU Stern*, 2016

“Credit Be Dammed: The Impact of Banking Deregulation on Economic Growth” 2017

(with Alexander W. Butler, Edwin Hu, and Morad Zekhnini)

- Presented at Yale University* 2015
- Presented at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission*, University of Kentucky*, University of Cincinnati*, Fordham University* 2014
- Presented at Causal Inference Workshop, FMA*, Rice University Faculty Seminar Series*, MFA, EFA* 2013

“Credit Where Credit is Due: Drivers of Subprime Credit” 2017

(with Alexander W. Butler and Erik Mayer)

- Presented at the Rice University Faculty Seminar Series*, Cornell University Faculty Brownbag Series 2017
- Presented at the WAP Fin at NYU Stern*, 2016

“Survival of the Fittest: An Assessment of the Herfindahl Index” 2014

- Presented at FMA, MFA 2014

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WORK IN PROGRESS

“Firm Investment Under Uncertainty” 2017

(with Candace Jens and Morad Zekhnini)

“Local Finance and Product Market Competition” 2017

(with Nathan Seegert)

- Presented at the WAP Fin at NYU Stern, 2017

CONFERENCE and SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2017: WAP Fin at NYU Stern, European Finance Association Conference, China International Conference in Finance (Yihong Xia Best Paper Award), Financial Intermediation Research Society, IDEA Workshop (UNC Chapel Hill), SFS Cavalcade Conference, Showcasing Women in Finance/AFFECT Conference

2016: Washington University in St. Louis, Southern Methodist University, Emory University, Cornell University, University of Miami, University of Utah, University of Virginia, University of Kentucky, Michigan State University, Labor and Finance Conference, Financial Management Association, Cornell University Brownbag Series, WAP Fin at NYU Stern

2015: University of Nebraska, Fordham University, Brandeis University, Yale University*, Rice University Faculty Seminar Series, Financial Management Association

2014: FMA Doctoral Consortium, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission*, University of Kentucky*, University of Cincinnati*, Fordham University*, Financial Management Association, Midwest Finance Association

2013: Causal Inference Workshop, Financial Management Association*, Midwest Finance Association, Eastern Finance Association*

2012: Rice University Seminar Series*

* denotes presentation by coauthor

CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS

2017 Tuck Private Equity and Entrepreneurship Research Conference: “Does Economic Insecurity Affect Employee Innovation?”, by Shai Bernstein, Tim McQuade, and Rick Townsend

2017 EFA: “Debt and Human Capital: Evidence from Student Loans”, by Vyacheslav Fos, Andres Liberman, and Constantine Yannelis

2016 EFA: “CEOs and the Product Market: When are Powerful CEOs Beneficial?”, by Minwen Li, Yao Lu, and Gordon Phillips

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Program Committee, 2018 FMA, 2018 EFMA, 2017 FMA, 2017 EFMA, 2016 Conference on Corporate Finance at Washington University in St. Louis,

Ad Hoc Referee, Review of Financial Studies, Management Science, Journal of Banking and Finance, European Journal of Finance, North American Journal of Economics and Finance, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Annual Review of Financial Economics
Session Chair, Banking: Macro Issues, 2017 FMA, Human Capital and Innovation, 2016 FMA, Financial Institutions, 2014 MFA

Discussant, 2017 EFA, Tuck, 2016 EFA, 2016 FMA, 2015 FMA, 2014 FMA, 2014 MFA, 2013 MFA

University Service, 2017 Finance Seminar Series Committee, 2017 Finance Ph.D. Admissions Committee, 2017, 2016 Sandwiches and Sage, 2017, 2016 Smart Woman Securities, 2016 Women’s Office Hours

RESEARCH/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching

Entrepreneurial Finance (Cornell Johnson Spring 2017, Fall 2017)

Entrepreneurial Finance (Cornell Tech Spring 2017, 2018)

Lectures in Finance (Cornell Johnson Spring 2017, 2018)

Valuations (Cornell Johnson Fall 2017)

Teaching Assistant

James Weston, Core Finance (Full-time MBA) 2011-2012

Alexander Butler, Financial Management (Undergraduate) 2012

Gustavo Grullon, Corporate Finance (Executive MBA) 2015-2016

Research Assistant
Alex Butler, Gustavo Grullon, James Weston
Kevin Crotty, David De Angelis, Sebastian Michenaud 2010-2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

CitiSmithBarney, New Orleans, LA
Financial Advisor and Chartered Retirement Plans Specialist 2006 - 2009

Western & Southern Life Insurance Company, Cincinnati, OH
Cash Portfolio Analyst 2005 - 2006

Hibernia National Bank, New Orleans, LA
Product Management Intern June - Aug 2004

Sotheby's, London, England
Victorian Pictures, Musical Instruments,
and Client Development Intern June - July 2003

AWARDS

Yihong Xia Best Paper Award, China International Conference in Finance 2017

Best Finance PhD Award and Poster Session in honor of Stuart I. Greenbaum,
Olin Business School, Washington University in St. Louis 2015

TXRDC Seed Grant Award 2015

Full tuition assistantship, Rice University,
Jones Graduate School of Business 2010 - 2016

Research assistantship stipend, Rice University,
Jones Graduate School of Business 2010 - 2016

Phi Beta Kappa Society, Mary B Scott Memorial Prize for 2005
Best thesis in Economics, Political Science, or History,
Earnest J Tanner Award for Excellence in Economics,
Economics Senior Scholar, Cum Laude Society,
Tulane Commencement Vocal Soloist

Newcomb College Summer Research Grant 2003

Tulane University Deans Honor Scholarship (Full-tuition scholarship) 2001-2005
Tulane Honors Program, Tulane University Dean's List