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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Financial Economics: Private Equity and Venture Capital, IPOs, Empirical Corporate Finance

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. - Finance, The University of Texas at Austin 2013
Dissertation: Career Concerns and Venture Capital
Committee Chairs: Sheridan Titman and Robert Parrino
- M.S. - Finance, The University of Texas at Austin 2009
- M.A. - Applied Economics, Washington State University 2007
- B.S. - Mechanical Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University 2001
University Honors

CURRENT ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

Vanderbilt University, Owen Graduate School of Management
Nashville, TN
Assistant Professor of Finance

July 2013 - Present

WORKING PAPERS

“Career Concerns and Venture Capital”

Runner-up 2012 Collier Ph.D. Prize, London Business School
Best Paper in Corporate Finance, 2014 FMA Europe Annual Meeting

“Uncertainty and Price Updates Prior to Initial Public Offerings” with Raji Srinivasan and Robert Parrino.

“Do Marketing Questions Matter? Analysts’ Inquiries in Conference Calls and Intra-day Stock Performance” with Raji Srinivasan and Yong Yu.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

2014: Financial Management Association Europe Annual Meeting (Best Paper Award - Corporate Finance), Financial Management Association Asia Annual Meeting, Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting, Collier Institute of Private Equity: London Business School (Discussant).

2013: University of Rochester, University of Kentucky, University of Michigan, University of Maryland, University of Miami, Virginia Tech, University of Georgia, University of Texas at Dallas, Purdue University, Southern Methodist University, Vanderbilt University, 2013 Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mergers and Acquisition, MGT 530

MBA elective course. Owen Graduate School of Management, Fall 2013 and Spring 2014.

Business Finance, FIN 357

*BBA core finance course. McCombs School of Business, Summer 2009 and Spring 2013.
2009 Finance department nominee for instructor teaching award.*

Financial Strategies(Energy Focus), FIN 394 (TA)

MBA elective course. McCombs School of Business, Spring 2011 and Spring 2012.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Best Corporate Finance Paper, FMA Europe Annual Meeting, 2014.

Runner-up Collier Ph.D. Prize, London Business School, 2012.

William and Libbie Moody Endowed Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, 2011-2012.

University Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, 2010-2011.

American Finance Association Student Travel Grant, 2010.

Finance Department Nomination for Fred Moore Assistant Instructor Award, 2010.

Donald H. Harrington Doctoral Fellowship, 2007-2010.

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, U.S. Navy, 2007.

Junior Officer of the Year, Submarine Development Squadron 12, U.S. Navy, 2006.

University Honors, Carnegie Mellon University, 2001.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps - University of Idaho

Moscow, ID

Associate Professor of Naval Science

2005-2007

Taught undergraduate-level courses in ship systems and weapons to officer candidates in the United States Navy and Marine Corps. Advised students as they progressed toward an active duty commission with special emphasis on students entering the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program.

USS Augusta (SSN 710)

Groton, CT

Division Officer

2002-2005

Qualified to stand watch on a nuclear fast-attack submarine. Served in several capacities, including Chemical and Radiological Controls Assistant, responsible for supervising radiological maintenance and reactor plant chemistry. Qualified as Professional Nuclear Engineering Officer, finishing first out of twenty-eight in the Professional Nuclear Engineering Officer examination.