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Academic Appointments

NHH Norwegian School of Economics

Assistant Professor of Finance

08/2023 - Present

Education

University of Connecticut

Ph.D. in Finance 08/2018 - 05/2023

Colorado State University

Master of Finance 08/2017 - 05/2018

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Bachelor of Science 09/2010 - 05/2014

Major: Business Economics

CFA Institute

Passed CFA Exam Level I (December 2017)

Research Interests

Corporate Finance, Mergers and Acquisitions, Labor Economics, Executive Compensation, Product Market Competition

Working Papers

Shrink to Greatness? Evidence from Accounting-return Based Compensation Plans. With Lingling Wang.

- Revise & Resubmit at Review of Corporate Finance Studies
- Presentations: AAA Spark Meeting (2023)*; AAA Annual Meeting (2023)

Paid Family Leave Laws and Firm Resource Allocation. Solo-authored.

- Awards: EFMA-WRDS 2023 Best Conference Research Award
- Presentations: University of Connecticut (2022); University of North Dakota (2022); NHH Norwegian School of Economics (2023); EFMA Annual Meeting (2023); FMA Annual Meeting (2023); EALE Conference (2024)

Agglomeration and Post-Merger Restructuring. With Jarrad Harford and Yiming Qian.

- Media Coverage: ECGI Blog
- Presentations: NHH CCF Conference (2023); MFA (2024); FMA-Europe (2024); Eighth Annual Mergers and Acquisitions Research Centre Conference (2024); FMA-Asia/Pacific (2024); EuropeanFA (2024); AFA (2025); Colorado State University (2025); CICF (2025)

Risk, Reward, and Ratings: How Firms Use Tax Avoidance to Sustain Inflated Credit Ratings. With Sean Flynn, Todd Kravet, and Trent Krupa.

• Presentations: University of Washington – Terry Shevlin Retirement Conference (2023)*; University of Connecticut (2023)*; NHH Norwegian School of Economics (2023); ATA Midyear Meeting (2024)*

Import Competition and Investment in Corporate Lobbying. With Ying Xing.

• Presentations: NHH Norwegian School of Economics (2024); EasternFA (2025); Nordic Initiative for Corporate Economics Conference (2025); FMA-Europe (2025)*

The Value in Learning: Rival Responses to Cybersecurity Breaches. With Bharadwaj Kannan and Costanza Meneghetti.

Presentations: NHH CCF Conference (2024); Nordic Initiative for Corporate Economics Conference (2024); FMA (2024); Front Range Finance Seminar (2025)*; MFA (2025)*

Corporate Social Responsibility in Supply Chains: Evidence from Conflict Minerals Disclosure. With Jiaying Li and Karin Thorburn.

• Presentations: Bayes Business School (2025)*; 2nd Lake District Workshop in Corporate Finance (2025)*; Nordic Initiative for Corporate Economics Conference (2025)*; Journal of Corporate Finance Information, Contracts and Firms Conference (2025)*; FMA-Europe (2025)

Executive Pay Cuts: Solidarity or Bargaining? Evidence from the COVID-19 Pandemic. With Cianna Duringer, Yiming Qian, and Lingling Wang.

• Presentations: Virginia Tech (2023)*

Work in Progress

The Effect of Government Subsidies on Corporate Emissions. With Trent Krupa.

Avoid the Middle: The Real Effects of Changes to the Smaller Reporting Company Definition. With Sean Flynn.

^{*}Presentation by coauthor

Teaching Experience

NHH Norwegian School of Economics

Fall 2023: BED3E Finance (1 section)

Fall 2024: BED3E Finance (1 section); Master's Thesis Supervisor

Spring 2025: Master's Thesis Supervisor

University of Connecticut

Fall 2019: FNCE 3101 - Financial Management (1 section)
Fall 2020: FNCE 3101 - Financial Management (1 section)
Fall 2021: FNCE 3101 - Financial Management (1 section)
Spring 2023: FNCE 3101 - Financial Management (2 Sections)

Personal Honors and Awards

- EFMA-WRDS 2023 Best Conference Research Award (2023)
- University of Connecticut Finance Department Outstanding PhD Researcher (2022)
- University of Connecticut School of Business Rosenberg/McVay Scholarship (2021, 2022)
- University of Connecticut Finance Department Summer PhD Fellowship (2020, 2021, 2022)
- University of Connecticut Dean's Summer Fellowship (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
- Colorado State University Master of Finance Leadership Excellence and Academic Distinction Award (2018)

Service

- Ad-hoc Referee Journal of Empirical Finance
- Discussant FMA (2022, 2023, 2024); EFMA (2023); MFA (2024, 2025); FMA-Europe (2024); EasternFA (2025)
- Program Committee SFA (2021); FMA-Europe (2024, 2025); FMA-Asia/Pacific (2024); FMA (2024, 2025)
- NHH Untenured Faculty Representative on the Finance Department Board (2023-present)
- University of Connecticut PhD Student Speaker Series Organizer (2021, 2022)

Professional Affiliations

 American Finance Association, European Finance Association, Midwest Finance Association, Society for Financial Studies, Eastern Finance Association, Financial Management Association

Professional Experience

Skyward Inc. Training Specialist - Finance/HR Systems

01/2015 - 07/2017