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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2008-Present Assistant Professor of Finance, University of Texas at Austin

EDUCATION

2008 *Ph.D., Finance*, University of Michigan
2002 *MBA*, Washington University in St. Louis
1997 *BS, Management*, University of Alabama at Birmingham

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Corporate Governance, Incentives and Performance Evaluation, Private Equity, Financial Market Regulation, Corporate and Personal Taxation, Capital Structure and Non-Financial Stakeholders

ACCEPTED AND PUBLISHED PAPERS

"On Enhancing Shareholder Control: A (Dodd-) Frank Assessment of Proxy Access," with Stu Gillan and Jay Hartzell (October 2013), forthcoming, *Journal of Finance*.

"The Evolution of Capital Structure and Operating Performance After Leveraged Buyouts: Evidence From U.S. Corporate Tax Returns," with Lillian Mills and Erin Towery (May 2013), forthcoming, *Journal of Financial Economics*.

- Recipient of Charles River Associates Award for the Best Paper on Corporate Finance, 2012 WFA

"Optimal Corporate Governance in the Presence of an Activist Investor," with Uday Rajan, *Review of Financial Studies*, 2013, 26(4):985-1020.

WORKING PAPERS

Empirical

"Firm Financing and Workplace Safety," with Malcolm Wardlaw (December 2013)

- Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Finance*
- Presented at University of Rochester, New York University, University of Michigan, University of Illinois, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2014 American Finance Association meeting, University of Texas at Austin (coauthor), and University of Texas at Dallas (coauthor).

"The Causes and Consequences of Private Equity Buyouts of Private Firms: Evidence from U.S. Corporate Tax Returns," with Erin Towery (December 2013)

- Presented at the University of Texas at Austin

"How Much Do Analysts Influence Each Other's Forecasts," with Jennifer Juergens (November 2013)

- Presented at the University of Texas at Austin, Drexel University (coauthor), Penn State University (coauthor), and 2012 Financial Intermediation Research Society Conference (coauthor).

"Do Stock Analysts Influence Merger Completion? An Examination of Post-Merger Announcement Recommendations," with David Becher and Jennifer Juergens (November 2013)

"A Project-Level Analysis of Value Creation in Firms," with Umit Gurun and Rabih Moussawi (November 2011)

- Presented at the University of Texas at Austin and 2013 American Finance Association.

"Capital Gains Lock-in and Share Repurchases," with Stephanie Sikes (June 2011)

- Presented at the 2009 Texas Finance Festival, 2009 European Finance Association meetings, 2009 Lone Star Conference, 2009 American Accounting Association meetings (coauthor), 2009 Southeast Summer Accounting Research Colloquium (coauthor), 2009 Duke/UNC Fall Camp (coauthor), 2011 American Finance Association meetings, University of Texas at Austin, University of Texas at San Antonio, Boston College (coauthor), Duke University (coauthor), University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (coauthor), Penn State University (coauthor), University of Pennsylvania (coauthor), and Rice University (coauthor).

"Corporate Taxes and Investment: The Cash Flow Channel" (January 2011)

- Presented at the 2006 Financial Management Association meetings, 2007 Western Finance Association meetings, Michigan State University, University of Pittsburgh, Southern Methodist University, Arizona State University, University of Texas at Austin, Boston College University, McGill University, University of Colorado at Boulder, Tulane University, University of Florida, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and University of Maryland.

Theory

"Credit Ratings: Strategic Issuer Disclosure and Optimal Screening," with Uday Rajan and Günter Strobl (November 2013)

- Presented at Boston University (coauthor), IDC Herzliya (coauthor), University of Michigan (coauthor), Tel Aviv University (coauthor), and University of Texas at Austin.

"Financial Reporting Accountability" (November 2012)

- Presented at 2010 China International Conference in Finance, University of Michigan, and University of Texas at Austin.

"The Temporal Structure of Equity Compensation," with Sugato Bhattacharyya (June 2009)

- Presented at the 2008 Financial Intermediation Research Society conference, 2008 Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting, 2010 China International Conference in Finance and University of Michigan.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Corporate Mergers and Workplace Safety, with Nicole Nestoriak and Malcolm Wardlaw

Personal Taxes and Capital Structure, with Sheridan Titman and Garry Twite

Post-bankruptcy Performance: Evidence from Corporate Tax Returns

Optimal Disclosure with Market Feedback, with Uday Rajan

PAPER DISCUSSANT

Financial Management Association (2007)
Financial Intermediation Research Society (2008)
American Finance Association (2009)
Financial Intermediation Research Society (2009)
Western Finance Association (2009)
European Finance Association, 3 papers (2009)
American Finance Association (2010)
Western Finance Association (2010)
Indian School of Business Summer Conference (2011)
Financial Intermediation Research Society (2012)
Western Finance Association (2013)

TEACHING

2009-2013	Advanced Corporate Finance (FIN 394.1), MBA-level course, University of Texas at Austin
2010, 2012	Corporate Finance and Financial Markets (FIN 394.16), evening MBA course, University of Texas at Austin
2004	Corporate Finance Theory and Practice (FIN 317), undergraduate course, University of Michigan

SERVICE

Co-chair PhD dissertation committee of Bomi Lee (current)

Served on PhD dissertation committees of Malcolm Wardlaw, Andy Koch, Nicholas Crain, Irem Demirci, Jung-Eun Kim, Jordan Nickerson (current)

Reviewed papers for Journal of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Journal of Corporate Finance, Management Science, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, and Managerial Finance

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

2003-2004	Litigation Consultant, U.S. Department of Justice
1997-2000	Credit Analyst and Credit Manager, Colonial Bank, Birmingham, Alabama