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EMPLOYMENT

University of Toronto
Assistant Professor of Finance
2014-Present

EDUCATION

London Business School, London, UK
PhD, Finance, 2009-2014
Master of Research, 2011

McGill University, Montreal, Canada
Bachelor of Commerce, Finance, 2004-2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Empirical corporate finance: the interactions between legal institutions, political institutions and corporate finance, empirical microeconomics

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

Valuing Changes in Political Networks: Evidence from Campaign Contributions to Close Congressional Elections, *Review of Financial Studies*, 2015, 28:3188–3223
2016 RFS Rising Scholar Award
2013 USC Finance PhD Conference Best Paper Award

WORKING PAPERS

“Policy Uncertainty, Political Capital, and Firm Risk-Taking”
with Stefan Lewellen
R&R at *Review of Financial Studies*
Media coverage: *The Economist*

“Politicizing Consumer Credit”
with Rawley Z. Heimer and Stefan Lewellen

“Pushing Boundaries: Political Redistricting and Consumer Credit”
with Christine Dobridge, Rawley Z. Heimer and Stefan Lewellen

“Limited Liability and the Incentives to Pollute”
With Ian Appel

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Political Engagement and Corporate Social Responsibility”
with Stefan Lewellen and Inessa Liskovich

“Elections and Economic Beliefs”
with Kelly Shue

“Stock Market Perceptions of Legal Policy”
with Thomas Bourveau and Tony Cookson

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (* Conference presentation by coauthor)

2018 AFA Meetings, AEA Meetings, Manchester Business School

2017 AFA Meetings, University of Illinois, ASU Winter Finance Conference(*), University of Southern California, Chicago Quantitative Alliance Spring Conference, American Law and Economics Association Meetings, 14th IDC Herzliya Conference, Asian Bureau of Finance and Economics Research Meetings, CEPR Spring Symposium in Financial Economics(*), Joseph Stigler Conference on Political Economy (Chicago Booth)(*), Finance UC Conference of Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, WFA Meetings(*), EFA Meetings, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics Workshop, Northern Finance Association Meetings, Tsinghua University

2016 University of Toronto Law School, McGill University, University of Toronto Finance (2X), American Law and Economics Association Meetings, FIRS Meetings, University of Edinburgh, WFA Meetings(*), Gersenzee Summer Symposium on Financial Markets (Informal Session), University of Washington Summer Conference, EFA Meetings(*), Northern Finance Association Meetings, University of Alberta, DePaul University, TAU December Finance Conference

2015 American Law and Economics Association Annual Meetings, Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting, University of Western Ontario, Queen’s University

2014 AEA Annual Meetings, HKUST, University of Toronto, University of Utah, INSEAD, Nanyang Technical University, FIRS Meetings, Gersenzee Summer Symposium on Financial Markets (Informal Session), 4th MSUFCU Conference on Financial Institutions and Investments, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies

2013 AFA Annual Meetings, Transatlantic Doctoral Conference - London Business School, FMA European Conference, USC Marshall PhD Conference in Finance, EFA Doctoral Tutorial, INSEAD, University of Iowa, FMA Annual Meetings, FMA Doctoral Consortium, Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting, London Business School, Eurofidai December Meetings

2012 Eastern Finance Association Annual Meetings, Transatlantic Doctoral Conference - London Business School, INSEAD, London Business School Seminar (2)

2011 London Business School, INSEAD

2010 Conference on Social Change - London School of Economics

2009 Bank of Canada Conference on Financial Market Stability - Simon Fraser University, London Business School

2008 What is an Organization? - HEC Montreal

INVITED CONFERENCE DISCUSSANT

2017 Chicago Financial Institutions Conference, FIRS, Joseph Stigler Conference on Political Economy (Chicago Booth), WFA, CEPR Workshop on the Economics of Entrepreneurship and Organizational Economics

2016 American Law and Economics Association, LBS Finance Symposium, EFA, FMA, Journal of Law, Finance, and Accounting Meetings

2015 American Law and Economics Association, CICF, Lithuanian Conference on Economic Research, EFA, NFA

2014 NFA

2013 FIRS, EFA

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Review of Financial Studies — Rising Scholar Award (2016)

USC Marshall Finance PhD Conference — Best Paper Award (2013)

Connaught New Researcher Award — Grant Value \$10,000 (2016)

British Academy Small Research Grant with Lora Dimitrova and Juanita Gonzales-Uribe grant value £10,000 (2015)

AXA Doctoral Fellowship — AXA Research Fund grant value €120,000 (2012-2014)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Toronto

Business Finance II (Undergraduate), 2015, 2016, 2017 (Teaching Evaluations 4.2/5)

Identification and Empirical Corporate Finance (PhD, Half Course), 2016, 2017

Topics in Finance Lecture (PhD), 2015, 2016

London Business School

Teaching Assistant for Econometrics I (PhD), 2011

Teaching Assistant for Mergers, Acquisitions and other Corporate Reorganizations (MBA), 2011

McGill University

Guest Lecturer on Islamic Finance (Undergraduate, MBA), 2007, 2008 (Five talks in total)

Teaching Assistant for International Finance (Undergraduate), 2008

Teaching Assistant for Operations Strategy (Undergraduate, MBA), 2008, 2009

Teaching Assistant for Organizational Policy (Undergraduate), 2008 (two terms)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

University of Toronto

Recruiting Committee Member, 2015, 2016, 2017

PhD Pre-seminar co-organizer, 2015, 2016, 2017

PhD Admission Committee Member, 2015, 2016, 2017

London Business School

London Business School Finance PhD Student Seminar organizer, 2012

Conference organizing Committee for the 2011 Transatlantic Doctoral Conference

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Program Committees

2018 Kentucky Finance Conference, FIRS Annual Meeting

2017 Kentucky Finance Conference, Stigler Center Conference on Political Economy of Finance, NFA Annual Meeting

2016 Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting

Ad hoc referee for *Review of Financial Studies*, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, *Management Science*, *Review of Finance*, *Journal of Empirical Finance*, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy*, *Journal of Law, Finance and Accounting*, *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organizations*, *Financial Management*, and *Thunderbird International Business Review*

PUBLISHED OPINION EDITORIALS

“Magna Should be Wary of the Kremlin” *The National Post* July 29, 2009

With A. Durnev

“What’s ahead for BCE?” *The Globe and Mail* December 1, 2008

With A. Durnev and K. Moore

“Count on Gazprom to work in the best interests of Russia” *The Montreal Gazette* July 24, 2008
With A. Durnev

PERSONAL

Citizenship American

Languages English (native), French (fluent), Italian (conversational), Mandarin (conversational)

REFERENCES

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