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## EMPLOYMENT

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Assistant Professor of Finance, School of Business, University of Connecticut 2021 – present

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Finance, Carroll School of Management, Boston College 2016 – 2021

M.A. in Economics (honors), Central University of Finance and Economics 2012 – 2015

B.Eng. in Mechanical Engineering, Zhejiang University of Technology 2008 – 2012

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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FinTech/Innovation, Corporate Finance, Banking

## WORKING PAPERS

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- Housing Speculation, GSEs, and Credit Market Spillovers  
(with Natee Amornsiripanitch, Philip Strahan, and Song Zhang)
- From Competitors to Partners: Banks' Venture Investments in Fintech  
(with Manju Puri and Yiming Qian)
- Can Small Businesses Survive Chapter 11?  
(with Edith Hotchkiss and Ben Iverson)
- How Can Innovation Screening Be Improved? A Machine Learning Analysis with Economic Consequences for Firm Performance
  - *The FMA Best Paper Award in FinTech, 2021*
  - *The EasternFA Kuldeep Shastri Outstanding Doctoral Student Paper, 2021*
- Do Fintech Shadow Banks Compete with Technological Advantages? Evidence from Mortgage Lending  
(with Siyi Shen and Sijie Wang)
- Barbarians at the Gate? Informed Option Trading on Newly Public Firms  
(with Thomas Chemmanur, Chayawat Ornthanalai, and Padma Kadiyala)
- Buying the Imagination of Comfort? The Staging Effect during House Sales  
(with Sherry Li, Yu Wang, and Cedric Wu)
  - *Semi-finalist for the FMA Best Paper Award, 2023*
- How Does Private Firm Innovation Affect Anti-Takeover Provisions in Corporate Charters? Evidence from Initial Public Offerings  
(with Thomas Chemmanur, Manish Gupta, and Karen Simonyan)  
*Revise & Resubmit, **Journal of Law and Economics***
- The Role of Investor Attention in Seasoned Equity Offerings: Theory and Evidence  
(with Thomas Chemmanur, Karen Simonyan, and Yu Wang)
  - *Semi-finalist for the FMA Best Paper Award in Corporate Finance, 2020*

– Featured in Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog

- o Underwriter Networks, Information Asymmetry, and Seasoned Equity Offerings  
(with Thomas Chemmanur and Karen Simonyan)  
– Semi-finalist for the FMA Best Paper Award in Corporate Finance, 2020

## **PUBLICATION**

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- o How Does Greater Bank Competition Affect Borrower Screening? Evidence from China's WTO Entry  
(with Thomas Chemmanur, Jiaqi Qin, Yan Sun, and Qianqian Yu)  
*Journal of Corporate Finance*, 65 (2020): 101776.

## **CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2024: MFA (3 papers + discussant), EasternFA\*, Wharton Financial Regulation Conference, Corporate Restructuring & Insolvency Seminar, University of Connecticut
- 2023: AEA (Poster), AFBC (1 paper + discussant), ASSA-IBEF, EasternFA (1 paper + discussant), FMA (2 papers), GSU-RFS Fintech Conference, MFA (2 papers + discussant), Finance Theory Group Summer School\*, Northeastern University Finance Conference\*, Southwest Finance Symposium\*, Summer Institute of Finance (SIF), Sydney BFBRG Workshop\*, Telfer Conference on Corporate Finance and Banking\*, WEFI Virtual Seminar\*, University of Alabama\*, University of Connecticut Schoolwide Research Seminar, Boston College\*, Fudan University\*, Peking University\*, Seoul National University\*, University of Toronto\*
- 2022: AEA, AMES\*, FIFI\*, FIRS\*, FMA (1 paper + discussant), MFA, International Conference on Finance & Technology, OCC Symposium on the Implications of Fintech for Banking, UConn Finance Conference (discussant), Nankai University, University of Arkansas\*, University of Connecticut
- 2021: CFRC (1 paper + discussant), EasternFA (2 papers + discussant), FMA, Greater Boston Annual Corporate Governance Workshop\*, MFA (discussant), California State University–Fullerton, City University of Hong Kong, Durham University, Fudan University, Luohan Academy, Peking University, San Diego State University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, SKEMA Business School, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, University of Connecticut, University of Florida
- 2020: AFA (PhD Poster), FMA (2 papers + Doctoral Consortium), Georgetown Global Virtual Seminar on FinTech, Boston College, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen), Oregon State University
- 2019: FMA\*, Boston College  
(\*by coauthor)

## **INVITED WORKSHOPS**

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- 2021: Mitsui Center Summer School on Structural Estimation in Corporate Finance
- 2020: NBER Entrepreneurship Working Group Meeting
- 2019: 12th NBER Entrepreneurship Research Boot Camp

## **TEACHING**

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**Instructor, University of Connecticut, 2021 –**

Introductions to Financial Models (FinTech): 2022 –

Investments & Security Analysis (BA): Fall 2021, Spring 2022

Financial Modeling (MBA): Fall 2021

**Teaching Assistant, Boston College, 2017 – 2021**

Basic Finance (BA), Corporate Financial Strategies (BA/MBA), Corporate Finance Theory (PhD), Financial Management (MBA), Fixed Income Analysis (MBA/MSF), Investments (BA/MBA)

## SERVICE

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### Referee:

Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Corporate Finance, Journal of Credit Risk, Journal of Empirical Finance

### Conference Program Committee:

UConn Finance Conference: 2023, 2024

### University of Connecticut:

Fintech UG Program Curriculum Committee: 2022

Undergraduate Faculty Advisor: 2022-

### Doctoral Dissertation Committee:

Cianna Durringer (ongoing)

Ying Xing (ongoing)

## AWARDS & GRANTS

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UConn CPEC Research Grant (\$9,000)	2023
Semi-finalist for the FMA Best Paper Award	2023
UConn OVPR/AAUP Faculty Travel Award	2023
The FMA Best Paper Award in FinTech	2021
The EasternFA Kuldeep Shastri Outstanding Doctoral Student Paper	2021
Semi-finalist for the FMA Best Paper Award in Corporate Finance (2 papers)	2020
AFA Student Travel Grant	2018
Doctoral Fellowship, Carroll School of Management, Boston College	2016 – 2021
National Scholarship, Central University of Finance and Economics	2013

## PERSONAL

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Married with two daughters: Scarlett and Gretchen

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