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Academic Appointments and Affiliations

- 2023 – Washington University in St. Louis, Olin School of Business
Assistant Professor of Finance
- 2023 – Transdisciplinary Institute in Applied Data Science (TRIADS)
Faculty Fellow

Education

- 2018 – 2023 University of Chicago, Booth School of Business
M.A., Finance
Ph.D., Finance
- 2012 – 2016 University of Pennsylvania
B.A., Mathematical Economics

Prior Employment

- 2016 – 2018 Fama-Miller Center for Research in Finance
Research Professional

Selected Awards and Fellowships

- 2022 Eugene F. Fama PhD Fellowship
Yiran Fan Memorial Prize
Arnold Zellner Doctoral Prize
Awarded for “Elections Have Consequences: The Impact of Political Agency on Climate Policy and Asset Prices”
FMCG Best Paper Award Behavioral Finance
Awarded for “Partisanship and Portfolio Choice: Evidence from Mutual Funds”
- 2019 CRSP Summer Paper Award
- 2018 Booth Doctoral Fellowship, Chicago Booth

PhD References

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| Lubos Pastor | Zhiguo He |
| Charles P. McQuaid Professor of Finance
University of Chicago | Fuji Bank and Heller Professor of Finance
University of Chicago |
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Working Papers

- “[Elections have Consequences: The Impact of Political Agency on Climate Policy and Asset Prices](#)”
Job Market Paper – previously circulated under the title “Policy Opacity”
- “[Partisanship and Portfolio Choice: Evidence from Mutual Funds](#)” (with Blair Vorsatz)
- “[Partisan Corporate Speech](#)” (with Elisabeth Kempf)
- “[The Debt Ceiling’s Disruptive Impact: Evidence from Many Markets](#)” (with Shreye Mirani)

Publications in Other Fields

"Improving Predictive Accuracy in Elections" (with David Sathiaraj and Eric Rohli), *Big Data*, 5(4): 325-336, 2017

Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations (* scheduled, †presentation by coauthor)

2024

WashU, Chicago Booth, Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting (x2), Western Finance Association Annual Meeting*, NBER SI*, European Finance Association Annual Meeting (x2)*

2023

Rice Jones, UBC Sauder, Cornell College of Business, HKU Business School, WashU Olin (x3), CU Boulder Leeds, Maryland Smith, OSU Fisher, UIUC Gies, Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting, CICE, USC Conference on Social and Behavioral Finance, CUHK-RAPS Conference, Transdisciplinary Institute in Applied Data Science (TRIADS)

2022

Chicago Booth, AFA Student Poster Session, Southwestern Finance Association Annual Meeting, Louisiana State University Finance Workshop, Stigler Center Workshop in Political Economy, Eastern Finance Association Annual Meeting, UChicago Joint Economics and Finance Conference, Monash Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference, Helsinki Finance Summit on Investor Behavior, Dauphine Finance PhD workshop

2021 and earlier

Chicago Booth, Inter-Finance PhD Program Seminar

Discussions

R. Kamdar and W. Ray, "Polarized Expectations, Polarized Consumption,"
BFI Conference on the Determinants and Consequences of Inflation Expectations, 2023

M. Chernov, V. Haddad and O. Itskhoki, "What do financial markets say about the exchange rate?,"
Yiran Fan Memorial Conference, 2023

Refereeing

Journal of Finance | *Review of Asset Pricing Studies* | *Journal of Banking and Finance*
Review of Finance | *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*

Grants & Other Funding

2023	Fama-Miller Center Research Grant (\$2,000)
2022	Fama-Miller Center Research Grant (\$15,000) UChicago Library
2021	Fama-Miller Center Research Grant (\$12,500)

Teaching

Investment Theory (WashU Olin Masters)	Fall 2023
10/10 median rating all sections	
Portfolio Management (Chicago Booth MBA), TA for Lubos Pastor	Spring 2021, Spring 2022
Portfolio Management (Chicago Booth EMBA), TA for Lubos Pastor	Summer 2021
Investments (Citadel), TA for John Heaton	Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Other Professional Service

WashU Olin Finance Brownbag Organizer (2023 - 2024)
Inter-Finance PhD Program Seminar Organizer (2020 – 2021)
Chicago Booth Brownbag Organizer (2020 – 2021)
Stigler Center Workshop in Political Economy Organizer (Winter and Spring Quarter 2022)

Other Skills

Programming Languages: R, Python, SQL, OCaml, Java, Matlab, C++
Software & Web Tools: Unix, Vim, LaTeX, Mathematica, Stata, SAS, Git, Lyx, Slurm, HTML
Hobbies: Tennis, Reading, Travel
Foreign Languages: French (intermediate)

Other Professional Experience

2015 – 2016	Pecan Analytics, LLC Cofounder, accepted into Wharton’s Venture Initiation Program and Princeton’s TigerLaunch
Summer 2016	Elliott Management Corporation Intern
Summer 2015	Federal Reserve Board of Governors Intern, International Financial Stability Section under Ricardo Correa
Summer 2013	United States House of Representatives Intern, Energy and Commerce Committee

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