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McDonough School of Business
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Finance, New York University
- M.A., Economics, Stanford University
- B.A. with Honors, Economics, University of Chicago

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

Publications

- “Controlling for Fixed Income Exposure in Portfolio Evaluation: Evidence From Hybrid Mutual Funds,” with Norris Larrimore, and Javier Rodriguez, forthcoming *Review of Financial Studies*
- “Hybrid Mutual Funds and Market Timing Performance,” 2006, *Journal of Business*, Vol. 79, No. 2.
- “Spiders: Where Are the Bugs?” with Edwin Elton, Martin Gruber, and Kai Li, 2002, *Journal of Business*, Vol. 75, No.3.

Working Papers

- “Timing the Investment Grade Securities Market: Evidence from High Quality Bond Funds,” with Vaneesha Boney and Lynne Kelly
- “Corporate and Government Bond Funds: An Analysis of Investment Style, Performance, and Cash Flows,” with Javier Rodriguez
- “Evaluating Bond Fund Sector Timing Skill”
- “On Equity and Fixed Income Investing Styles: A Look at Hybrid Mutual Funds”

ACADEMIC TEACHING

Georgetown University: Assistant Professor, Finance, McDonough School of Business, 2001-present

- Fall 2006, FINC 211: Business Financial Management (4 sections), Average rating: 4.91 out of 5.0
- Fall 2005, FINC 211: Business Financial Management (2 sections), Average rating: 4.90 out of 5.0

Awarded the Joseph LeMoine Award for Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching Excellence

- Fall 2004, FINC 211: Business Financial Management (4 sections), Average rating: 4.75 out of 5.0

- Fall 2003, FINC 211: Business Financial Management (4 sections), Average rating: 4.72 out of 5.0
- Fall 2002, FINC 211: Business Financial Management (3 sections), Average rating: 4.73 out of 5.0
- Fall 2001, FINC 211: Business Financial Management (3 sections), Average rating: 4.77 out of 5.0

New York University, Instructor, Finance, Stern School of Business, 1999-2000

- Fall 2000, C15.0025: Foundations of Financial Markets (1 section), Rating: 6.2 out of 7.0
- Spring 2000, C15.0025: Foundations of Financial Markets (1 section), Rating: 6.9 out of 7.0

ACADEMIC GRANTS AND HONORS

- Georgetown University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Academic Grant, Summer 2006
- Robert H. Steers Faculty Research Fellowship, McDonough School of Business, Summer 2005
- Georgetown University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Junior Faculty Research Fellowship, Spring 2005
- Leo I. Higdon Jr. Endowment Fund, McDonough School of Business, Summer 2004
- Ronald and Arleigh Tysoe Faculty Research Fellowship, McDonough School of Business, Summer 2003
- Georgetown University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Academic Grant, Summer 2002
- New York University Willensky Fellowship, 2000-2001
- New York University Minority Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, 1997-2000
- Stanford University Graduate Fellowship, 1991-1993

INVITED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (including coauthors)

- “Hybrid Mutual Funds and Market Timing Performance”: New York University, Syracuse University, Georgetown University, Indiana University, University of Notre Dame, Babson College, University of North Carolina, University of Illinois, University of Virginia (Darden), Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and Fordham University
- “Measuring the Value of Active Fund Management: The Case of Hybrid Mutual Funds”: University of Connecticut, 2004 PhD Project Doctoral Student Association Conference, Syracuse University
- “Timing the Investment Grade Securities Market: Evidence from High Quality Bond Funds”: University of Delaware, 2005 Washington Area Finance Association Conference
- “Evaluating Bond Fund Sector Timing Skill”: University of Puerto Rico, 2006 FMA Conference
- “Controlling for Fixed Income Exposure in Portfolio Evaluation: Evidence from Hybrid Mutual Funds”: 2006 University of Chicago CRSP Forum, Hofstra University

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Georgetown University

- Faculty Presenter, “Major Choices Forum: Finance,” McDonough School of Business, Fall 2003-present
- Member, Georgetown University Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards Committee, Fall 2005-present
- Presenter, “Overview of Investments, New Student Orientation, Georgetown University, Fall 2006
- Presenter, “Overview of Investments,” LEAD Program, Georgetown University, Summer 2006-present
- Faculty Mentor, Georgetown Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, Spring 2002-Spring 2004

KPMG PhD Project Annual Conference

- Faculty Presenter, “Teaching” and “Mock Interviews”, Big Sky, Montana, June 2007
- Faculty Presenter, “Research Proposals” and “Having A Full Life”, Keystone, Colorado, June 2006
- Faculty Presenter, “The Research Process” and “Choosing Your Target Market: Defending Your Dissertation and the Interview,” Portland, Oregon, June 2005
- Faculty Presenter, “Dissertation Overview,” Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, June 2004
- Faculty Presenter, “Balancing Teaching, Research, and Service,” Los Cabos, Mexico, June 2003
- Faculty Presenter, “Managing Your Research Career,” San Antonio, Texas, October 2002

Miscellaneous

- Session Chair and Discussant, “Smart Money”, FMA Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2006
- Ad Hoc Referee, *Journal of Financial Research*, Fall 2006
- Ad Hoc Referee, *The Financial Review*, Spring 2006
- Session Chair and Discussant, “Market Timing”, FMA Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, October 2005
- Outside Examiner, Dissertation Committee of Lynne Kelly, George Washington University, November 2004

OTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- First Manhattan Consulting Group: Finance 101 Instructor, 1998-2000, 2005-present
- JP Morgan: JPM Core Training Program and JPM BIM Training Program Instructor, 1997-2000

NON ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Economic Analyst, Finance and Budget Division, 1994-1996
- Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Intern, Domestic Research and Foreign Research Departments, 1991-1993