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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Boston College, 2004-Present
Finance Department, Carroll School of Management, Chestnut Hill, MA

EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Doctor of Philosophy, Finance, 2004

Washington University, St. Louis, MO, *Summa Cum Laude*
Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, 1992
Bachelor of Arts in Economics, 1992
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, 1992

PUBLICATIONS

“Are Fairness Opinions Fair: The Case of Mergers and Acquisitions”, with Jun Qian and Weihong Song, *Journal of Financial Economics*, forthcoming

“Do Firms Target Credit Ratings or Leverage Levels?”, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, forthcoming

“The Influence of Credit Ratings on Corporate Capital Structure Decisions”, *Journal of Applied Corporate Finance*, 2007

“Credit Ratings and Capital Structure”, *Journal of Finance*, 2006, Brattle Prize Finalist

“Evaluating Fixed Income Fund Performance with Stochastic Discount Factors”, with Wayne Ferson and Tyler Henry, *Review of Financial Studies*, 2006

“Fixed Income Fund Performance across Economic States”, *Research in Finance*, with Wayne Ferson and Tyler Henry, 2006

WORKING PAPERS/WORK-IN-PROGRESS

“Gender Differences in Corporate Financial Decision Making”, with Jiekun Huang

“Does Variation in the Supply of Credit Ratings affect Firm Capital Structure?”, with Philip Strahan

“The Information Content of Bond Prices: Evidence from Corporate Rating Changes”, with Edith Hotchkiss

“How Do Rating Agencies Really Determine Ratings?”

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vice President, Head of Energy Investment Banking Group

Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. (New York, NY), 1997-1999

Vice President, International Sales and Trading

Credit Suisse First Boston (New York, NY), 1996-1997

Associate and Senior Associate, Investment Banking

Peregrine Capital (USA) Inc. (New York, NY), 1994-1996

Analyst, Investment Banking

First Boston Corporation (New York, NY), 1992-1994

Economic Research Analyst

Laurence H. Meyer & Associates (St. Louis, MO), 1990-1992

Treasurer

James B. Kisgen Foundation, 2007-Present

HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS, AND CERTIFICATIONS

Voted "Favorite Teacher" in the University of Washington Business School, 2002

Average teacher rating in courses taught: 4.7 out of 5.0 (1998-Present)

Gutmann Center research grant, 2003

Q-Group research grant, 2002

AFA Student Travel Award, 2003

CIBER Fellowship, 2003

Ph.D. Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2001

Dean's Achievement Award for Outstanding Academic Performance, 2001

Financial Executives Institute Award (top graduating Finance/Econ student), 1988

Passed the Series 7 and 63 securities examinations

Passed three actuarial exams

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee Reports: *Journal of Finance*, *Review of Financial Studies*, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, *Management Science*, *Journal of Corporate Finance*, *Journal of Financial Research*, *Research Grants Council of Hong Kong*

Professional Presentations: Presenter at the American Finance Association (2004, 2007), Western Financial Association (2006), Financial Management Association (2005), and European Finance Association (2004) conferences

Other: Member of Recruiting Committee (2004-), Investment Challenge Judging Board (2004), Ph.D. Admissions Committee (2005, 2007-), Teaching Committee (2007-), Financial Management Association Conference Paper Reviewer (2005), Ph.D. Exam Committee (2006-), FRA discussant (2006), FMA discussant (2007)