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Current Position:

2008-present Assistant Professor of Finance
Department of Economics & Finance
University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Louisiana, U.S.A.

2010-present Charles & Vicki Milam/Board of Regents Support Fund
Professorship in Business Administration

Education:

2001-2007 University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K.
D.Phil. (Ph.D.) in economics, St. Cross College
[*Essays on the Financial Governance of Firms*](#)
Accepted November 2007

2004-2005 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Visiting scholar in the economics department
Audited Ph.D. seminar in corporate finance at Wharton School

1998-2000 University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K.
M.Phil. in economics, Brasenose College
Option Papers: Money, Banking and Finance & Economics of Industry

1996-1997 University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K.
Visiting student for junior year abroad

1994-1997 Georgetown University, Washington D.C., U.S.A.
A.B. *summa cum laude*, (3.92/4.00), class rank 6th of 825

Research Interests:

Bank Bailouts, Corporate Finance, Financial Contracting, Financial Institutions, Industrial Organization, Madoff fraud, Privatization, Ponzi Schemes, Theory of the Firm, and Warrants

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals:

1. "Investment after tragedy," 2006, *Economics Bulletin*, Vol. 4, No. 18, pp. 1-7.

2. "Hidden Debt and the Selectivity of Professional Partnerships," 2008, *Quarterly Journal of Finance and Accounting*, Vol. 47, No. 4, pp. 25-56.
3. "Business Stealing and Bankruptcy," 2009, *International Business & Economics Research Journal*, Vol. 8, No. 3, pp. 59-76.
4. "Moonlighting Entrepreneurs," 2009, *Economics Bulletin*, Vol. 29, No.3, pp. 1900-1907.
5. "Should Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley Try to Get Half Price on the TARP Warrants?" 2009, *Journal of Finance and Accountancy*, Vol. 2, No. 1, pp. 83-90.
6. "The Goldman Sachs Warrants," 2009, *Review of Business*, Vol. 30, No. 1, Fall 2009, pp. 4-32.
7. "The Put Problem with Buying Toxic Assets," 2010, *Applied Financial Economics*, Vol. 20, No. 1, pp. 31-35.
8. "The Biggest Warrant Auction in U.S. History," 2010, *Research in Business and Economics Journal*, Vol. 3, pp. 1-12.
9. "Common (Stock) Sense about Risk-Shifting and Bank Bailouts" with Wendy Yan Wu, 2010, *Financial Markets and Portfolio Management*, Vol. 24, No. 1, pp. 3-29.
10. "Free Exit and Social Inefficiency," 2010, *Journal of Business & Economics Research*, Vol. 8, No. 3, pp. 117-122.
11. "Slicing the Toxic Pizza: An Analysis of FDIC's Legacy Loan Program for Receivership Assets," 2010, *International Journal of Monetary Economics and Finance*, Vol. 3, No. 3, pp. 300-309.
12. "Fixed Cost Efficiency with Infinitesimal Competitors," 2010, *Applied Economics Letters*, Vol. 17, No. 7, pp. 667-671.
13. "The Weight of Bad Governance in Foreign Mutual Funds," 2010, *Applied Economics Letters*, Vol. 17, No. 12, pp. 1189-1192.
14. "A Model for Estimating the Cancellation Probabilities of TARP Warrants," 2010, *Advances in Accounting Finance and Economics*, Vol. 3, No. 1, pp. 1-15.
15. "Troubling Research on Troubled Assets: Charles Zheng on the U.S. Toxic Asset Auction Plan," 2011, *Econ Journal Watch*, Vol. 8, No. 1, pp. 33-38.
16. "Estimating JP Morgan Chase's Profits from the Madoff Deposits" with Lou Davis, 2011, *The Risk Management and Insurance Review*, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp. 107-119.
17. "Sunk Cost Efficiency with Discrete Competitors," 2011, *Southwestern Economic Review*, Vol. 38, No. 1, pp. 37-48.

18. "A Binomial Model of Geithner's Toxic Asset Plan," 2011, *Journal of Economics and Business*, Vol. 63, No. 5, pp. 349-371.
19. "Good Timing? How One Bank Cut Its Link to a \$1.2 Billion Ponzi Scheme," 2011, with Lou Davis, *Journal of Legal Economics*, Vol. 18, No. 1, pp. 1-26.
20. "Hard Debt, Soft CEOs, and Union Rents," 2011, *Managerial Finance*, Vol. 37, No. 8, pp. 736-764.
21. "Selling Citigroup: A Simulation of the U.S. Treasury's \$37 Billion TARP Share Sale," 2011, *Review of Business*, Vol. 31, No. 2, pp. 3-14.
22. "Stocks Demand Curves and TARP Returns" 2011, *Journal of Financial Economic Policy*, Vol. 3, No. 3, pp. 229-242.
23. "Anchoring Bias in TARP Warrant Negotiations," 2012, *Journal of Economics and Business*, Vol. 64, No. 1, January–February, pp. 63-76.
24. "Financing Professional Partnerships," 2012, *Journal of Economics and Finance*," Vol. 36, No. 1, pp. 58-92.
25. "Escaping TARP," with Wendy Yan Wu, *Journal of Financial Stability*, Vol. 8, No. 1, January, pp. 32–42.
26. "Lessons for the TARP Warrants from 1983 Chrysler Auction," *Academy of Accounting and Financial Studies Journal*, Vol. 16, No. 1, pp. 69-76.

Papers Accepted for Publication in Peer-Reviewed Journals:

27. "Debt Overhang and Bank Bailouts" online at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1336288>. Accepted in 2011 by the *International Journal of Monetary Economics and Finance*.
28. "Executive Options with Inflated Equity Prices" with Wendy Yan Wu online at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1265827>. Accepted in 2011 by the *International Journal of Managerial Finance*.
29. "Valuing the TARP Preferred Stock" online at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2103299>. Accepted in 2012 by the *Review of Business and Finance Case Studies*.
30. "Managerial Ownership with Rent-Seeking Employees" online at <http://www.linuswilson.com/CEOSharesMain.pdf>. Accepted subject to minor revisions by the *Annals of Finance*.

Working Papers:

1. "Does Receiving TARP Funds Make it Easier to Roll Your Commercial Paper Onto the Fed?" with Yan Wendy Wu online at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1911454>
2. "Madoff's Dirty Money," online at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1772266>. This paper has been on the top ten recent downloads on SSRN one or more subject lists.

3. “Overpaid CEOs Got FDIC Debt Guarantees” online at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1977345>
4. “Political Influence and TARP Investments in Credit Unions” online at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1698945>. This paper has been on the top ten recent downloads on SSRN one or more subject lists.
5. “TARP’s Deadbeat Banks” online at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1527270>. This paper has been on the top ten recent downloads on SSRN one or more subject lists.
6. “TARP’s Dividend Skippers” with Dobrina Georgieva online at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1654677>. This paper has been on the top ten recent downloads on SSRN one or more subject lists.
7. “Toxic Asset Subsidies and the Early Redemption of TALF Loans” online at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1742640>.
8. "Valuing the First Negotiated Repurchase of the TARP Warrants" online at <http://papers.ssrn.com/abstract=1404069>. This paper has been on the top ten recent downloads on SSRN one or more subject lists.

Ranks in the top 1 percent of the over 190,000 authors on the Social Science Research Network (SSRN) by downloads.

Testimony:

“Written Testimony for the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations' Hearing on 'TARP Oversight: An Update on Warrant Repurchases and Benefits to Taxpayers,” May 11, 2010, online at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1603513> and http://www.house.gov/apps/list/hearing/financialsvcs_dem/wilson_testimony_5.11.10.pdf

Past Teaching Experience:

Assistant Professor of Finance (and Visiting Assistant Professor of Finance), University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana, Department of Economics & Finance, Fall 2007 through Fall 2010

- FNAN-400, Financial Problems Analysis (3 hours x 8 sections)
- FNAN-412, International Finance (3 hours x 8 sections)
- FNAN-335 Financial Institutions & Markets (3 hours x 2 sections)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Finance, Department of Finance-Real Estate, University of Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A., Fall 2005 to Spring 2007

- INTB-464-International Business Finance (3 credits x 1 quarter); Undergraduate
- FIN 471-Financial Markets and Institutions (3 credits x 3 quarters); Undergraduate
- FIN 715-Global Economic Content of Business (2 credits x 2 quarters); M.B.A.
- FIN 725-Financial Economics (4 credits x 2 quarters); Masters
- FIN 751-Money and Capital Markets (4 credits x 1 quarter); Masters
- FIN 756-International Financial Markets (4 credits x 1 quarter); Masters
- FIN 761-Advanced Corporate Finance (4 credits x 1 quarter); M.B.A.
- FIN 902-Current Topics in Corporate Finance (4 hours x 2.5 weeks); Ph.D.

Stipendiary Lecturer in Economics, Keble College, Oxford University, U.K., 2002 to 2004

- Taught theory of finance (4 terms), microeconomics (2 terms), macroeconomics (2 terms), macroeconomic theory (1 term), and mathematical methods (1 term).
- Participated in subject organization and the admission of new undergraduates.

Tutor in Game Theory, Taylor University Study Abroad, Oxford, U.K., Spring 2002

Tutor in Corporate Finance, OPUS Study Abroad, Oxford, U.K., Fall 1999

Citizenship:

United States Citizen

Professional Exams Passed:

June 2006 Passed Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) Level I exam

January 2010 Series 65, NASAA Uniform Investment Advisor Law Exam

Programming Experience:

In December 2011, earned an “A” mark in Python programming semester course at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Business Experience:

Intern, KPMG, L.L.P., Economic Consulting Services, Chicago, U.S.A., Summer 2002

Senior Business Analyst, A.T. Kearney, Strategy Practice, Chicago, U.S.A., 2000 to 2001

Honors and Scholarships:

- B.I. Moody College of Business Research Award, 2009-2010
- Allbritton Scholarship, 1998 to 2000
- *Phi Beta Kappa*, Georgetown University, Washington D.C., U.S.A., 1996
- Co-Valedictorian, New Albany High School, New Albany, Ohio, U.S.A., 1994

Media Mentions:

- ABCNews.com, the Associated Press, Bloomberg, *Bloomberg Businessweek* magazine, Bloomberg TV, BBC Business Daily, CNN Money, Dow Jones Newswires, *Financial Times*, *Fortune*, *New York Times*, NPR Marketplace, Reuters, and the *Wall Street Journal*.
- Has been quoted or cited in hundreds of news stories primarily on the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), financial regulatory reform, and the banking industry.

Conference Presentations:

- “A Binomial Model of Geithner’s Toxic Asset Plan”: Financial Management Association 2010
- “Business Stealing and Bankruptcy”: Eastern Economic Association 2005, Washington Area Finance Association 2005, Southern Economic Association 2005, and ASSA 2006
- “Common (Stock) Sense about Risk-Shifting and Bank Bailouts”: Financial Management Association 2009 and 2009 Financial Services Institute
- “Debt Overhang and Bank Bailouts”: 26th Symposium on Money, Banking and Finance 2009, Southern Finance Association 2009, Corporate Governance & Global Financial Crisis 2010, and Financial Management Association 2010
- “Estimating JP Morgan Chase’s Profits from the Madoff Deposits”: Eastern Economic Association 2010 and the Midwestern Economic Association 2010

- “Financing Professional Partnerships”: Midwest Economics Association 2004 and IAFEP 2004
- “Free Exit and Social Inefficiency”: Eastern Economic Association 2009
- “Hard Debt, Soft CEOs, and Union Rents”: Illinois Economics Association 2003, Midwest Economics Association 2003, and ASSA 2004
- “Hidden Debt and the Selectivity of Professional Partnerships”: Eastern Economic Association 2007, Midwest Finance Association 2008, Eastern Finance Association 2008, and IAFEP 2008
- “Managerial Ownership with Rent-Seeking Employees”: Financial Management Association 2008
- “Moonlighting Entrepreneurs”: Eastern Economics Association 2009
- “Option-Based Pay with Overvalued Equity”: Midwest Finance Association 2009
- “Political Influence and TARP Investments in Credit Unions”: Financial Management Association 2011
- “Sunk Cost Efficiency with Discrete Competitors”: Midwest Economics Association 2008

Conference Program Committee Reviewing:

- 2007 & 2008 Eastern Finance Association
- 2008, 2009, 2010 & 2011 Financial Management Association
- 2008, 2009, and 2012 Midwest Finance Association
- 2009 Southern Finance Association

Refereeing:

Applied Financial Economics
Contemporary Economic Policy
Corporate Governance: an International Review
Economics Bulletin
Emerging Markets Finance and Trade
Financial Review
Journal of Financial Services Research
Journal of Banking and Finance
Journal of Economics and Business
Journal of Economics and Finance
Managerial Finance
Management Research Review
Revue Finance
Review of Business