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Employment

Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Jul 2018 - Present.

Research Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Jun 2015 - Jul 2018.

Education

Ph.D. in Finance, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, Aug 2010 - May 2015.

M.B.A. Concentration in Finance, University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT, Aug 2005 - May 2007.

B.A. in Economics (Major: Business Information Systems), "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University, Iasi, Romania, Sep 1998 - Feb 2003.

Research Interests

Banking and Financial Institutions, Consumer Finance, Corporate Finance, International Finance.

Published Book

"TARP and Other Bank Bailouts and Bail-Ins around the World: Connecting Wall Street, Main Street, and the Financial System" (with Allen N. Berger).

Elsevier - North Holland, 2020, 476 pages, ISBN: 9780128138649, available at: https://bit.ly/36P1XJb

Publications (15)

Refereed Journal Articles (10)

[1] "The Effects of Cultural Values on Bank Failures around the World" (with Allen N. Berger, Xinming Li, and Chuck Morris).

Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis (JFQA), 2020, pp. 1-49.

[2] "Internationalization and Bank Risk" (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami).

Management Science (MS), 2017, Vol. 63, No. 7, pp. 2283-2301.

[3] "Did Saving Wall Street Really Save the Main Street? The Real Effects of TARP on Local Economic Conditions" (with Allen N. Berger).

Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis (JFQA), 2017, Vol. 52, No. 5, pp. 1827-1867.

[4] "Did TARP Banks Get Competitive Advantages?" (with Allen N. Berger).

Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis (JFQA), 2015, Vol. 50, No. 6, pp. 1199-1236.

[5] "Bank Size and Household Financial Sentiment - Some Surprising Evidence from the University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers" (with Allen N. Berger and Felix Irresberger).

Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking (JMCB), 2020, Vol. 52, pp. 149-191.

- [6] "The Winners and Losers of Supervisory Enforcement Actions against Banks" (solo-authored). **Journal of Corporate Finance (JCF)**, 2020, Vol. 60, 101516.
- [7] "Did TARP Reduce or Increase Systemic Risk? The Effects of Government Aid on Financial System Stability" (with Allen N. Berger and John Sedunov).

Journal of Financial Intermediation (JFI), 2020, Vol. 43, 100810.

[8] "Lending Implications of U.S. Bank Stress Tests: Costs or Benefits?" (with Viral V. Acharya and Allen N. Berger).

Journal of Financial Intermediation (JFI), 2018, Vol.34, pp.58-90.

[9] "Do Business Borrowers Benefit from Bank Bailouts? The Effects of TARP on Loan Contract Terms" (with Allen N. Berger and Tanakorn Makaew).

Financial Management (FM), 2019, Vol. 48, No. 5, pp. 575-639.

[10] "Does Efficiency Help Banks Survive and Thrive during Financial Crises?" (with Albert Assaf, Allen N. Berger, Mike Tsionas).

Journal of Banking and Finance (JBF), 2019, Vol.106, pp. 445-470.

Book Chapters and Other Professional Publications (5)

- [11] *Book Chapter:* "Bank Bailouts and Bail-Ins" (solo-authored). in **Oxford Handbook of Banking (3rd edition)**, Oxford University Press, 2019, pp. 630-684.
- [12] *Book Chapter:* "Finance and the Real Economy: Evidence from the U.S." (with Allen N. Berger). in **Handbook of Finance and Development** (Editors: Thorsten Beck and Ross Levine), 2018.
- [13] "Enforcement Actions and Bank Loan Contracting" (solo-authored).
 Economic Review, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Fourth Quarter 2016.
- [14] "Bank Financial Restatements and Market Discipline" (with Blake Marsh).
 Economic Review, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Second Quarter 2018.
- [15] *Ph.D. Dissertation*: "Three Essays in Banking: Corporate Governance, Internationalization, and Government Bailouts."

Ph.D. Dissertation, University of South Carolina, 2015, 292 pages, 3704393.

Working Papers (9)

[1] "Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or No Regulatory Intervention? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulation" (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov).

Best Paper Award in Financial Institutions, Southern Finance Association, 2018.

[2] "Hedge Fund Activism and Bank Fragility" (solo-authored).

 $Outstanding\ Paper\ Awards,\ Eastern\ Finance\ Association.$

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Research Working Paper Series, RWP 15-09.

[3] "Geographic Deregulation and Bank Capital Structure" (with Allen N. Berger and Ozde Oztekin).

- [4] "Deregulation and Banks' Cost of Equity Capital" (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami).
- [5] "Unexpected Effects of Bank Bailouts: Depositors Need Not Apply and Need Not Run" (with Allen N. Berger, Martien Lamers, and Koen Schoors).
- [6] "Bank Stress Test Results and Their Impact on Consumer Credit Markets" (with Sumit Agarwal, Xudong An, and Larry Cordell).
- [7] "Supervisory Enforcement Actions Against Banks and Systemic Risk" (with Allen N. Berger, Jin Cai, and John Sedunov)
- [8] "Is a Friend in Need a Friend Indeed: How Business Relationship Borrowers Fare during the COVID-19 Crisis" (with Allen N. Berger, Christa Bouwman, Lars Norden, Greg Udell, and Teng Wang).
- [9] "Piercing through Opacity: Relationships and Credit Card Lending to Consumers and Small Businesses during Normal Times and COVID-19 Crisis" (with Allen N. Berger, Christa Bouwman, Lars Norden, Greg Udell, and Teng Wang).

Awards (14)

- [1] **Highest Award for Achievement**, The "Dale Carnegie" Course, 2020.
- [2] Best Paper in Financial Institutions Award, Southern Finance Association, 2018.
- [3] Outstanding Paper Award, Eastern Finance Association, 2014.
- [4] American Finance Association (AFA) Travel Grant, 2014.
- [5] Graduate School Travel Grant, University of South Carolina, 2014.
- [6] "Performance Above and Beyond" Award, University of South Carolina, 2014.
- [7] **Darla Moore School of Business Research Grant** (with Allen N. Berger and Tanakorn Makaew), 2014.
- [8] Korea Development Bank Outstanding Paper Award, Asia-Pacific Financial Markets (CAFM) of the Korean Securities Association (KSA), 2013.
- [9] Outstanding Paper Award, Southern Finance Association, 2013.
- [10] MBA Director Award, Best MBA Academic Results, University of Bridgeport, 2007.
- [11] "Idea Exchange Award" for Innovation, UBS Investment Bank, 2007.
- [12] **Best Business Plan Award, 2nd Place**, CT Business Plan and Entrepreneurship Competition, "Le Delicieux," (French pastry shop and restaurant to be franchised), University of Bridgeport, 2006.
- [13] Service Excellence Award, MasterCard International, 2004.
- [14] **Best Research Paper Award**, "Foreign Exchange, Key to Romania Restructuring", Annual Business Research Contest, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, 2001.

Conference and Invited Seminar Presentations (121)

2020:

[1] **Third District Supervisory Risk Council Conference**, Virtual - TARP and Other Bank Bailouts and Bail-Ins around the World: Connecting Wall Street, Main Street, and the Financial System (with Allen N. Berger).

- [2] Federal Reserve System 2020 Stress Testing Conference, Virtual Bank Stress Test Results and Their Impact on Consumer Credit Markets (with Sumit Agarwal, Xudong An, and Larry Cordell) (presented by co-author).
- [3] **Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meetings**, Virtual Unexpected Effects of Bank Bailouts: Depositors Need Not Apply and Need Not Run (with Allen N. Berger, Martien Lamers, and Koen Schoors).
- [4] Southern Finance Association (SFA) Annual Meetings, Virtual Unexpected Effects of Bank Bailouts: Depositors Need Not Apply and Need Not Run (with Allen N. Berger, Martien Lamers, and Koen Schoors).

2019:

- [5] **Federal Reserve System 2019 "Day-Ahead" Conference**, Atlanta, GA Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or Bankruptcy? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulatory Design (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov).
- [6] Federal Reserve System 2019 System Conference on Financial Institutions, Regulations, and Markets, Boston, MA How Does Competition Affect Bank Capital Structure? Evidence from a Natural Experiment (with Allen N. Berger and Ozde Oztekin).
- [7] Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or Bankruptcy? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulatory Design (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov).
- [8] Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS) Annual Meetings, Savannah, GA Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or Bankruptcy? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulatory Design (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov).
- [9] Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or Bankruptcy? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulatory Design (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov).

- [10] Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland's and Office of Financial Research's December 2018 Conference on Financial Stability, Washington, DC - Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or Bankruptcy? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulatory Design (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov) (expected)
- [11] The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)/Journal of Financial Services Research (JFSR) Annual Bank Research Conference, Arlington, VA Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or Bankruptcy? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulatory Design (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov).
- [12] Yale School of Management Conference on "The Financial Crisis Ten Years Afterwards", Yale University, New Haven, CT Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or Bankruptcy? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulatory Design (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov) (presented by co-author).

[13] **Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meetings**, San Diego, CA - Competition and Banks' Cost of Capital: Evidence from a Natural Experiment" (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami).

- [14] European Financial Management Association (EFMA) Annual Meetings, Milan, Italy Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or Bankruptcy? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulatory Design (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov) (presented by co-author).
- [15] Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS) Annual Meetings, Barcelona, Spain Competition and Banks' Cost of Capital: Evidence from a Natural Experiment" (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami) (presented by co-author).
- [16] **Fixed Income and Financial Institutions Conference (FIFI) Conference**, Columbia, SC Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or Bankruptcy? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulatory Design (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov) (presented by co-author).
- [17] Baffi Carefin 1st Biennial Bank of Italy and Bocconi University Conference on "Financial Stability and Regulation", Rome, Italy Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or Bankruptcy? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulatory Design (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov) (presented by co-author).
- [18] **Southern Finance Association (SFA) Annual Meetings**, Ashville, NC Competition and Banks' Cost of Capital: Evidence from a Natural Experiment" (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami) (presented by co-author).
- [19] **Southern Finance Association (SFA) Annual Meetings**, Ashville, NC Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or Bankruptcy? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulatory Design (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov) (presented by co-author).
- [20] **University of South Carolina Seminar**, Columbia, SC Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or Bankruptcy? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulatory Design (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov) (presented by co-author).
- [21] Case Western Reserve University Seminar, Cleveland, OH Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or Bankruptcy? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulatory Design (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov) (presented by co-author).
- [22] **Higher School of Economics Seminar**, Moscow, Russia Bank Bailouts, Bail-ins, or Bankruptcy? A Dynamic Model and Empirical Tests of Optimal Regulatory Design (with Allen N. Berger, Charles P. Himmelberg, and Sergey Tsyplakov) (presented by co-author).

- [23] Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL Do Bank Bailouts Reduce or Increase Systemic Risk? The Effects of TARP on Financial System Stability (with Allen N. Berger and John Sedunov) (presented by co-author).
- [24] Chicago Financial Institutions Conference (CIFC), Chicago, IL Do Small Banks Alleviate Households' Financial Constraints? Surprising Evidence from the University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers (with Allen N. Berger and Felix Irresberger).
- [25] Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS) Annual Meetings, Hong Kong, HK Do Bank Bailouts Reduce or Increase Systemic Risk? The Effects of TARP on Financial System Stability (with Allen N. Berger and John Sedunov) (presented by co-author).

[26] Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL - Impact of Regulatory Enforcement Actions on Banks' Corporate Borrowers' Stock Returns and Credit Conditions (solo-authored).

- [27] Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL Do Bank Bailouts Reduce or Increase Systemic Risk? The Effects of TARP on Financial System Stability (with Allen N. Berger and John Sedunov) (presented by co-author).
- [28] Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL Lost in Translation: The Effects of Cultural Values on Bank Failures around the World (with Allen N. Berger, Xinming Li, and Chuck Morris) (presented by co-author).
- [29] Eastern Finance Association (EFA) Annual Meetings, Jacksonville, FL Lost in Translation: The Effects of Cultural Values on Bank Failures around the World (with Allen N. Berger, Xinming Li, and Chuck Morris) (presented by co-author).
- [30] International Banking, Economics, and Finance Association (IBEFA) Summer Meetings, San Diego, CA Impact of Regulatory Enforcement Actions on Banks' Corporate Borrowers' Stock Returns and Credit Conditions (solo-authored).
- [31] World Bank Presentation on The Effects of Banking Industry Consolidation on Small Businesses and Consumers, Washington, DC Do Small Banks Alleviate Households' Financial Constraints? Surprising Evidence from the University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers (with Allen N. Berger and Felix Irresberger) (presented by co-author).
- [32] Cardiff University Seminar, Cardiff, UK Do Small Banks Alleviate Households' Financial Constraints? Surprising Evidence from the University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers (with Allen N. Berger and Felix Irresberger) (presented by co-author).
- [33] **Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Seminar**, Kansas City, MO Do Small Banks Alleviate Households' Financial Constraints? Surprising Evidence from the University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers (with Allen N. Berger and Felix Irresberger).
- [34] **Academy of International Business (AIB) Annual Meetings**, Dubai, UAE Lost in Translation: The Effects of Cultural Values on Bank Failures around the World (with Allen N. Berger, Xinming Li, and Chuck Morris) (presented by co-author).
- [35] **Northern Finance Association (NFA) Annual Meetings**, Halifax, Canada Impact of Regulatory Enforcement Actions on Banks' Corporate Borrowers' Stock Returns and Credit Conditions (solo-authored).
- [36] Northern Finance Association (NFA) Annual Meetings, Halifax, Canada How Does Competition Affect Bank Capital Structure? Evidence from a Natural Experiment (with Allen N. Berger and Ozde Oztekin).
- [37] Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meetings, Boston, MA Impact of Regulatory Enforcement Actions on Banks' Corporate Borrowers' Stock Returns and Credit Conditions (solo-authored).
- [38] Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meetings, Boston, MA Do Small Banks Alleviate Households' Financial Constraints? Surprising Evidence from the University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers (with Allen N. Berger and Felix Irresberger) (Scheduled).
- [39] **Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meetings**, Boston, MA How Does Competition Affect Bank Capital Structure? Evidence from a Natural Experiment (with Allen N. Berger and Ozde Oztekin).

[40] **Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meetings**, Boston, MA - Lost in Translation: The Effects of Cultural Values on Bank Failures around the World (with Allen N. Berger, Xinming Li, and Chuck Morris).

- [41] **Southern Finance Association (SFA) Annual Meetings**, Key West, FL Impact of Regulatory Enforcement Actions on Banks' Corporate Borrowers' Stock Returns and Credit Conditions (solo-authored).
- [42] **Southern Finance Association (SFA) Annual Meetings**, Key West, FL Do Small Banks Alleviate Households' Financial Constraints? Surprising Evidence from the University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers (with Allen N. Berger and Felix Irresberger).
- [43] **Southern Finance Association (SFA) Annual Meetings**, Key West, FL How Does Competition Affect Bank Capital Structure? Evidence from a Natural Experiment (with Allen N. Berger and Ozde Oztekin).
- [44] **Federal Reserve Stress Testing Research Conference**, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Boston, MA Lending Implications of U.S. Bank Stress Tests: Costs or Benefits? (with Viral V. Acharya and Allen N. Berger).

- [45] Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA Did Bank Loan Customers Benefit from the TARP Program? The Effects of TARP on Loan Contract Terms (with Allen N. Berger and Tanakorn Makaew).
- [46] Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York City, NY Lending Implications of U.S. Bank Stress Tests: Costs or Benefits? (with Viral V. Acharya and Allen N. Berger) (presented by co-author).
- [47] **First European Banking Center (EBC) Network Workshop**, Lancaster, UK Do Bank Bailouts Reduce or Increase Systemic Risk? The Effects of TARP on Financial System Stability (with Allen N. Berger and John Sedunov) (presented by co-author).
- [48] Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS) Annual Meetings, Lisbon, Portugal Did Bank Loan Customers Benefit from the TARP Program? The Effects of TARP on Loan Contract Terms (with Allen N. Berger and Tanakorn Makaew).
- [49] **Federal Reserve System Committee on International Economic Analysis (SCIEA)**, Federal Reserve Board, Washington D.C. Lost in Translation: The Effects of Cultural Values on Bank Failures around the World (with Allen N. Berger, Xinming Li, and Chuck Morris).
- [50] Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Conference on The Interplay between Financial Regulation, Resilience, and Growth, Philadelphia, PA Do Bank Bailouts Reduce or Increase Systemic Risk? The Effects of TARP on Financial System Stability (with Allen N. Berger and John Sedunov) (presented by co-author).
- [51] **Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Seminar**, Kansas City, KS Do Bank Bailouts Reduce or Increase Systemic Risk? The Effects of TARP on Financial System Stability (with Allen N. Berger and John Sedunov) (presented by co-author).
- [52] **Kent State University Seminar**, Kent, OH Do Bank Bailouts Reduce or Increase Systemic Risk? The Effects of TARP on Financial System Stability (with Allen N. Berger and John Sedunov) (presented by co-author).

[53] **Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting**, Las Vegas, NV - Do Bank Bailouts Reduce or Increase Systemic Risk? The Effects of TARP on Financial System Stability (with Allen N. Berger and John Sedunov).

- [54] U.S. Department of the Treasury, The Office of Financial Research, Washington D.C. Do Bank Bailouts Reduce or Increase Systemic Risk? The Effects of TARP on Financial System Stability (with Allen N. Berger and John Sedunov). (presented by co-author).
- [55] **Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting**, Las Vegas, NV Does Efficiency Help Banks Survive and Thrive during Financial Crises? (with Albert Assaf, Allen N. Berger, Mike Tsionas).
- [56] **Southern Finance Association (SFA) Meeting**, San Destin, FL Do Bank Bailouts Reduce or Increase Systemic Risk? The Effects of TARP on Financial System Stability (with Allen N. Berger and John Sedunov). (presented by co-author).
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- [59] Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings, Boston, MA Did Saving Wall Street Really Save the Main Street? The Real Effects of TARP on Local Business Conditions (with Allen N. Berger).
- [60] **Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS) Annual Meetings**, Reykjavik, Iceland Did Saving Wall Street Really Save the Main Street? The Real Effects of TARP on Local Business Conditions (with Allen N. Berger) (presented by co-author).
- [61] **Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS) Annual Meetings**, Reykjavik, Iceland Internationalization and Bank Risk (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami) (presented by co-author).
- [62] **Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting**, Orlando, FL Did Bank Loan Customers Benefit from the TARP Program? The Effects of TARP on Loan Contract Terms (with Allen N. Berger and Tanakorn Makaew).
- [63] System Committee Meeting on Financial Structure and Regulation, Charlotte, SC Did Bank Loan Customers Benefit from the TARP Program? The Effects of TARP on Loan Contract Terms (with Allen N. Berger and Tanakorn Makaew).
- [64] **Southern Finance Association (SFA) Meeting**, Captiva Island, FL Did Bank Loan Customers Benefit from the TARP Program? The Effects of TARP on Loan Contract Terms (with Allen N. Berger and Tanakorn Makaew).
- [65] **Northern Finance Association (NFA) Meeting**, Lake Louise, Canada Did Bank Loan Customers Benefit from the TARP Program? The Effects of TARP on Loan Contract Terms (with Allen N. Berger and Tanakorn Makaew).
- [66] **Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Seminar**, Kansas City, KS Did Bank Loan Customers Benefit from the TARP Program? The Effects of TARP on Loan Contract Terms (with Allen N. Berger and Tanakorn Makaew).

[67] **Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System Seminar**, Washington, DC - Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).

- [68] **University of Hawaii Manoa Seminar**, Honolulu, HI Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [69] **University of North Carolina Charlotte Seminar**, Charlotte, NC Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [70] **University of Rhode Island Seminar**, Providence, RI Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [71] **University of Massachusetts Lowell Seminar**, Lowell, MA Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [72] **Babson College Seminar**, Boston, MA Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [73] **Auburn University Seminar**, Auburn, AL Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [74] **Clemson University Seminar**, Clemson, SC Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [75] **Baylor University Seminar**, Waco, TX Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [76] **Florida International University Seminar**, Miami, FL Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [77] **Utah State University Seminar**, Logan, UT Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [78] **University of Houston Downtown Seminar**, Houston, TX Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [79] **Seton Hall University Seminar**, South Orange, NJ Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).

- [80] American Finance Association (AFA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA Internationalization and Bank Risk (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami) (presented by co-author).
- [81] **Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings**, Philadelphia, PA Did TARP Banks Get Competitive Advantages? (with Allen N. Berger).
- [82] The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)/Journal of Financial Services Research (JFSR) Annual Bank Research Conference, Arlington, VA Did Saving Wall Street Really Save the Main Street? The Real Effects of TARP on Local Business Conditions (with Allen N. Berger).
- [83] Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) Seminar, Washington DC Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).

[84] **Eastern Finance Association (EFA) Meeting**, Pittsburg, PA - Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).

- [85] **Southwestern Finance Association (SWFA) Meeting**, Dallas, TX Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [86] Financial Management Association European Conference, Maastricht, The Netherlands Internationalization and Bank Risk (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami) (presented by co-author).
- [87] **University of South Carolina Seminar**, Columbia, SC Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [88] **Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Seminar**, Cleveland, OH Did Saving Wall Street Really Save the Main Street? The Real Effects of TARP on Local Business Conditions (with Allen N. Berger) (presented by co-author).
- [89] **Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting**, Nashville, TN Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [90] **Southern Finance Association (SFA) Meeting**, Key West, FL Did Saving Wall Street Really Save the Main Street? The Real Effects of TARP on Local Business Conditions (with Allen N. Berger).
- [91] **Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Seminar**, Kansas City, KS Did Saving Wall Street Really Save the Main Street? The Real Effects of TARP on Local Business Conditions (with Allen N. Berger) (presented by co-author).
- [92] **Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Seminar**, Charlotte, NC Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [93] **Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Seminar**, Kansas City, KS Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [94] **University of Kansas Seminar**, Lawrence, KS Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [95] **University of Texas El Paso (UTEP) Seminar**, El Paso, TX Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [96] **University of Villanova Seminar**, Villanova, PA Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [97] **North Dakota State University Seminar**, Fargo, ND Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [98] **Boise State University Seminar**, Boise, ID Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [99] **Pace University Seminar**, New York City, NY Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [100] **Dutch National Bank Policy Lecture Series Seminar**, Amsterdam, Netherlands Did Saving Wall Street Really Save the Main Street? The Real Effects of TARP on Local Business Conditions (with Allen N. Berger) (presented by co-author).

[101] **Bank of Canada Seminar**, Ottawa, Canada - Did Saving Wall Street Really Save the Main Street? The Real Effects of TARP on Local Business Conditions (with Allen N. Berger) (presented by co-author).

- [102] **Temple University Seminar**, Philadelphia, PA Did Saving Wall Street Really Save the Main Street? The Real Effects of TARP on Local Business Conditions (with Allen N. Berger) (presented by co-author).
- [103] **Tokyo Keizai University Seminar**, Tokyo, Japan Internationalization and Bank Risk (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami) (presented by co-author).
- [104] 10th International Conference on Asian Financial Markets and 1st World Conference on Risk, Banking and Finance, Tokyo, Japan Internationalization and Bank Risk (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami) (presented by co-author).

- [105] Chicago Federal Reserve Bank Annual Conference on Bank Structure and Competition, Chicago, IL Did TARP Banks Get Competitive Advantages? (with Allen N. Berger).
- [106] The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)/Journal of Financial Services Research (JFSR) Annual Bank Research Conference, Arlington, VA Did TARP Banks Get Competitive Advantages? (with Allen N. Berger).
- [107] **Northern Finance Association (NFA) Meeting**, Quebec City, Canada Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [108] **Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting**, Chicago, IL Internationalization and Bank Risk (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami).
- [109] **Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting**, Chicago, IL Did TARP Banks Get Competitive Advantages? (with Allen N. Berger).
- [110] International Finance and Banking Society (IFABS) Conference, Nottingham, UK Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [111] **Southern Finance Association (SFA) Meeting**, Fajarto, Puerto Rico Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).
- [112] **Eastern Finance Association (EFA) Meeting**, St. Pete Beach, FL Internationalization and Bank Risk (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami) (presented by co-author).
- [113] Multinational Finance Society (MFS) Meeting, Turkey Internationalization and Bank Risk (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami) (presented by co-author).
- [114] European Financial Management Association (EFMA) Meeting Internationalization and Bank Risk (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami) (presented by co-author).
- [115] **Federal Reserve Bank of New York Seminar**, New York City, NY Internationalization and Bank Risk (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami) (presented by co-author).
- [116] **University of South Carolina Seminar**, Columbia, SC Shareholder Activism Effects in Banking: Is Activism Beneficial for Bank Shareholders, Creditors, and the Public? (Solo-authored).

[117] **North Carolina State University Seminar**, NC - Internationalization and Bank Risk (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami) (presented by co-author).

[118] International Conference on Asia-Pacific Financial Markets (CAFM) by Korean Securities Association, South Korea - Internationalization and Bank Risk (with Allen N. Berger, Sadok El Ghoul, and Omrane Guedhami) (presented by co-author).

2012:

- [119] **Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting**, Atlanta, GA Competition and Stability during Financial Crises (Solo-authored).
- [120] **Southern Finance Association (SFA) Meeting**, Charleston, SC Competition and Stability during Financial Crises (Solo-authored).
- [121] **University of South Carolina Seminar**, Columbia, SC Competition and Stability during Financial Crises (Solo-authored).

Conference Discussions, Chair, and Programme Committee (26)

2020:

- [1] Fixed Income and Financial Institutions Conference (FIFI) (1 discussion).
- [2] Financial Management Association (FMA) (3 discussions, session chair, session organizer).
- [3] Southern Finance Association (SFA) Meeting (1 discussion and session chair).

2019:

[4] Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting (1 discussion).

2018:

- [5] Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting (1 discussion).
- [6] Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting (1 discussion).

2017:

- [7] Midwest Finance Association (MFA) (1 discussion).
- [8] International Banking, Economics, and Finance Association Conference (IBEFA) (1 discussion).

2016:

- [9] Chicago Financial Institutions Conference (CIFC) (1 discussion).
- [10] Fixed Income and Financial Institutions Conference (FIFI) (1 discussion).
- [11] Financial Management Association (FMA) (2 discussions, session chair, session organizer).
- [12] Southern Finance Association (SFA) Meeting (1 discussion and session chair).

- [13] Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting (1 discussion).
- [14] Southern Finance Association (SFA) Meeting (1 discussion, session chair, and session organizer).

2014:

- [15] Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS) Meeting (1 discussion).
- [16] Southwestern Finance Association (SWFA) Meeting (1 discussion).
- [17] Eastern Finance Association (EFA) Meeting (1 discussion and session chair).
- [18] Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting (session organizer).
- [19] Southern Finance Association (SFA) Meeting (2 discussions and session chair).

2013:

- [20] Northern Finance Association (NFA) Meeting (1 discussion).
- [21] Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting (4 discussions and session chair).
- [22] Southern Finance Association (SFA) Meeting (2 discussions and session chair).
- [23] Fixed Income Conference (organizing volunteer).

2012:

- [24] Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting (4 discussions).
- [25] Southern Finance Association (SFA) Meeting (2 discussions).
- [26] Fixed Income Conference (session chair and organizing volunteer).

Journal and Conference Reviewer (24)

Journal Referee:

- Review of Financial Studies (RFS)
- Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis (JFQA)
- Journal of Financial Intermediation (JFI)
- *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking (JMCB)*
- *Journal of Corporate Finance (JCF)*
- Journal of Banking and Finance (JBF)
- Journal of Business Ethics (JBE)
- Journal of Financial Stability (JFS)
- Corporate Governance: An International Review (CGIR)
- Economic Inquiry (EI)
- Contemporary Economic Policy (CEP)
- Journal of International Money and Finance (JIMF)
- European Journal of Finance (EJF)
- Asia Pacific Journal of Financial Studies (AJFS)
- Journal of Financial Research (JFR)
- Journal of Credit Risk (JCR)
- International Journal of Central Banking (IJCB)

• Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Economic Review.

Program Committee and Reviewer:

- Financial Management Association (FMA) Program Committee (2016, 2020)
- Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Program Committee (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
- Northern Finance Association (NFA) Program Committee (2018)
- Eastern Finance Association (EFA) Program Committee (2018, 2019)
- International Business, Economics, and Finance Association (IBEFA) Program Committee (2018, 2020).
- Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS) Program Committee (2019, 2020).

Professional Experience - Teaching

Instructor, University of South Carolina, Department of Finance.

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2013: Corporate Finance, Darla Moore School of Business, Student Rating: 4.8/5.0.
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2012: Corporate Finance, Darla Moore School of Business, Student Rating: 4.4/5.0.

2011: Introduction to Finance, Darla Moore School of Business, Student Rating: 4.6/5.0.

Teaching Assistant, University of South Carolina, Department of Finance.

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2010-2014: Commercial Bank Practice and Policy (For Professor Allen N. Berger).
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2012: Fixed Income Securities (2012, For Professor Steve Mann).

2012: Investment Analysis (2012, For Professor Donghang Zhang).

2010-2014: **Introduction to Finance** (2010-2014, For Professors Eric Powers, Shingo Goto, Robin Grieves, Bruce Cole).

Professional Experience - Academic and Research

Ph.D. Research Assistant, University of South Carolina, Department of Finance, 2010-2015.

Graduate Assistant, University of Bridgeport, 2005-2006.

Professional Experience - Banking and Corporate Finance (7+ Years)²

Lead Client Data and Reporting Manager, UBS Investment Bank, Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Compliance - Global Review Program, Office of the COO & Operations, Stamford, CT, 2006-2009.

Business Analyst, MasterCard International, Global Operations & Technology, St. Louis, MO, 2003-2005.

Assistant Manager and Administrator, Miralucia Prod Ltd, Romania, 2000-2003.

²Detailed description of these positions is available upon request.

Other Certifications and Courses

- The "Dale Carnegie" Skills for Success Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, 2019-2020.
- "Full Voice" Communication and Presentation Skills Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, 2017.
- Foreign Exchange Markets Fundamentals UBS Investment Bank, 2008.
- Six Sigma Yellow Belt Training UBS Investment Bank, 2008.
- Assertiveness for Maximum Impact, Having Presence UBS Investment Bank, 2008.
- Art of Thinking on Your Feet (Meeting Communication & Impact) UBS Investment Bank, 2008.
- Management Essentials UBS Investment Bank, 2007.
- Presentation Skills UBS Investment Bank, 2007.
- Strategies for Influencing and Persuasion UBS Investment Bank, 2007.

Affiliations and Honor Societies

- American Finance Association (AFA).
- Financial Management Association (FMA).
- Northern Finance Association (NFA).
- Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP).
- Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society Membership.
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Membership.
- Delta Mu Delta Honor Membership.
- International Association of Students in Economic and Commercial Sciences (AIESEC) Alumni.

Computer Skills

Office Productivity: MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Lotus Notes, LaTex, Business Objects; RDBMS: MS Access, PL/SQL; Internet Technologies: HTML; Authoring Programs: Dreamweaver; Graphics: Photoshop; Statistical: SAS, STATA.

Research Databases: Call Reports, Y-9C, Y-14M, Y-14Q, FDIC Summary of Deposits, Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA), LPS McDash, Consumer Credit panel (CCP), Mintel, Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), LPC DealScan, Bankscope, Bloomberg, COMPUSTAT, CRSP, I/B/E/S, Factiva, LexisNexis, SNL Financial, Thompson Reuters.

Language Skills

English (Fluent), French (Advanced 8+ yrs), German (Zertifikat Deutsch), Spanish (DELE Basico), Italian (Basic), Chinese (Basic), Romanian (Native).

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