

FINTECH: THE IMPACT ON CONSUMERS, BANKING, AND REGULATORY POLICY

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This conference provides a platform for experts from academic institutions, regulatory agencies, and the financial industry to come together to discuss the various issues related to fintech and its impact on consumer choice, shadow banking and regulatory arbitrage, cost/benefits and efficiencies, macroprudential supervision, and stability and resiliency in the financial system.

Fintech has changed the financial landscape and has been quite disruptive.

On the supply side, nonbank fintech servicers have grown rapidly in response to more stringent and complex financial regulations following the recent crisis. Some have argued that with its technology platforms and ability to use alternative information sources for credit decisions and unconventional underwriting techniques, the fintech shadow banking sector has been able to offer faster, better, and cheaper services to its customers in processing times, automatic applications, minimal demands for financial documents, and funding as early as the same day.

On the demand side, as more millennials make up the pool of small business owners, they may be more comfortable with technology and may prefer dealing with an online lender versus an in-person loan officer. Given the speed of innovation to date, there is likely to be continued advancements in this space.

In addition, blockchain technology, which was initially used for Bitcoin transactions, also has the potential to create a major disruption in the financial landscape. Moreover, many countries (including Sweden, Korea, and China) have explored their own digital currencies. It remains unclear whether this sector will continue to grow (since it has not yet gone through the entire economic cycle) and what impact it will have on monetary policy and financial stability overall.

Conference Organizers and Journal Guest Editors

Julapa Jagtiani (Managing Editor) — Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Robert M. Hunt — Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Kose John — NYU Stern School of Business

Ken Kopecky — *Journal of Economics and Business*

Agenda

Thursday, September 28

12:00 noon–12:40 p.m.

Registration and Refreshments

12:40 p.m.–12:50 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

William G. Spaniel (Senior Vice President, FRB Philadelphia)

12:50 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

Industry Keynote Speeches

- **Robert Nichols** (President and Chief Executive Officer, American Bankers Association)
- **Brad Pennington** (Chief Risk Officer, Prosper Marketplace) – substitute for Ron Suber (previous President and Chief Executive Officer, Prosper)

1:30 p.m.–2:10 p.m.

Topic Keynote — Fintech Lending and Roles of Alternative Informationw

Moderator: **Samuel Taussig** (Head of Global Policy, Kabbage, Inc.)

- **Tracy Basinger** (Executive Vice President, FRB San Francisco)
- **Spencer Robinson** (Head of Strategy, Kabbage)

2:10 p.m.–3:55 p.m.

Research — Fintech Lending and Roles of Alternative Information

Moderator: **Kose John** (NYU Stern School of Business)

Paper 1: “FinTechs and the Market for Financial Analysis”

Roni Michaely (Cornell University) and **Jillian Popadak** (Duke University)

Discussant: **Itay Goldstein** (The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania)

Paper 2: “Fintech Lending: Financial Inclusion, Risk Pricing, and Alternative Information”

Julapa Jagtiani (FRB Philadelphia) and **Catharine Lemieux** (FRB Chicago)

Discussant: **Christine Cumming** (Columbia)

University School of International and Public Affairs)

Paper 3: “Fintech, Regulatory Arbitrage, and the Rise of Shadow Banks”

Greg Buchak (University of Chicago), Gregor Matvos (University of Texas at Austin), **Tomasz Piskorski** (Columbia University), and Amit Seru (Stanford University)

Discussant: **John Sedunov** (Villanova University)

3:55 p.m.–4:10 p.m.

Coffee Break

4:10 p.m.–4:50 p.m.

Topic Keynote — Bitcoin, Blockchain, and Cryptocurrencies

Moderator: **William W. Lang** (Managing Director, Promontory Financial)

- **William Nelson** (Executive Managing Director, The Clearing House)
- **Jim Cunha** (Senior Vice President, FRB Boston)

4:50 p.m.–6:10 p.m.

Research — Bitcoin, Blockchain, Digital Currency, and Machine Learning

Moderator: **Robert M. Hunt** (Senior Vice President, FRB Philadelphia)

Paper 1: “The Law of One Bitcoin Price?”

Alexander Kroeger and **Asani Sarkar** (FRB New York)

Paper 2: “Blockchain Disruption and Smart Contracts”

Lin William Cong and Zhiguo He (University of Chicago)

Paper 3: “The Price of a Digital Currency”

Arash Aloosh (NEOMA Business School)

Paper 4: “The Economics of Distributed Ledger Technology for Securities Settlement”

Evangelos Benos (Bank of England), Rod Garratt (University of California, Santa Barbara), and Pedro Gurrola-Perez (Bank of England)

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6:10 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception

7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Speaker Dinner

Friday, September 29

7:45 a.m.–8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m.–9:55 a.m. **Research — Fintech and the New Financial Landscapes**

Moderator: **Ken Kopecky** (*Journal of Economics and Business*)

Paper 1: “Competition in the Financial Advisory Market: Robo versus Traditional Advisors”

Antje Berndt, Sevin Yeltekin, and Honglin Yu (Australian National University)

Paper 2: “Does FinTech Affect Household Saving Behavior?”

Gregor Becker (Goethe University)

Paper 3: “Integrating the Troublemakers: A Taxonomy for Cooperation between Banks and Fintechs”

Benedict Drasch, **André Schweizer**, and Nils Urbach (University of Bayreuth)

9:55 a.m.–10:45 a.m. **Topic Keynote – Fintech and the New Financial Landscapes**

Moderator: **Richard Neiman** (Head of Regulatory and Government Affairs, LendingClub)

- **Siddhartha Jajodia** (Chief Investment Officer, LendingClub)
- **Usman Ahmed** (Head of Global Public Policy, PayPal, Inc.)

10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m. **A Conversation with Patrick T. Harker**

Patrick T. Harker (President and Chief Executive Officer, FRB Philadelphia)

Introduced by: **Richard Herring** (The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania)

Moderator: **Mukul Pandya** (Knowledge@Wharton)

11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **A Fintech Conversation with OCC Comptroller**

Keith A. Noreika (Acting Comptroller of the Currency, OCC)

Introduced by: **Julapa Jagtiani** (FRB Philadelphia)

Moderator: **Richard Herring** (The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania)

12:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m. Lunch

1:45 p.m.–3:00 p.m. **Research — Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence**

Moderator: **Robin A. Prager** (Federal Reserve Board)

Paper 1: “Some Financial Regulatory Implications of Artificial Intelligence”

Larry Wall (FRB Atlanta)

Paper 2: “Market Design with Blockchain Technology”

Katya Malinova and **Andreas Park** (University of Toronto)

Paper 3: “Between the Lines: Decipher the Firms’ Fundamentals with Artificial Intelligence”

Yanzhen Chen, Huaxia Rui, and Andrew B. Whinston
(University of Texas at Austin)

3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Coffee Break

3:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m. **Research — Marketplace Lending and Crowdfunding**

Moderator: **Paul Calem** (FRB Philadelphia)

Paper 1: “Law, Trust, and the Development of Crowdfunding”

P. Raghavendra Rau (University of Cambridge)

Paper 2: “Profit Sharing: A Contracting Solution to Harness the Wisdom of the Crowd”

Jiasun Li (George Mason University)

Paper 3: “Financing Efficiency of Securities-Based Crowdfunding”

David C. Brown (University of Arizona) and Shaun William Davies (University of Colorado)

4:30 p.m.–5:15 p.m. **Topic Keynote — Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence**

Moderator: **Christine A. Parlour** (University of California, Berkeley)

- **John Schindler** (Federal Reserve Board)
- **Gurvinder Ahluwalia** (Founder of Digital Twin Labs, LLC; previously CTO Technical Solutioning and Blockchain, IBM)

5:15 p.m.–5:25 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

James D. Narron (First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, FRB Philadelphia)



Gurvinder Ahluwalia

**Founder
Digital Twin Labs, LLC**

Gurvinder Ahluwalia founded Digital Twin Labs, LLC, in mid-2017. His lab produces new technologies that are interwoven with the cloud, the Internet of things (IoT), and machine learning for cohesive value. Previously, Ahluwalia was the chief technology officer for IBM's Technical Solutioning unit in the cloud, blockchain, and IoT. At Motorola, Ahluwalia deployed the second-largest enterprise network in the world at the beginning of the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP). Ahluwalia is a frequent speaker at leading industry venues, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Stanford University; the University of California, Berkeley; the Samsung Developer Conference; the Interop conference; and private workshops. His team at Digital Twin Labs is proving and building products and venture formations based on blockchain, the cloud, IoT, artificial intelligence, machine learning, cryptotokens, and other cryptoassets.



Usman Ahmed

**Head of Global Public Policy
PayPal, Inc.**

Usman Ahmed is the head of global public policy at PayPal, Inc. His work covers a variety of global issues, including financial services regulation, innovation, international trade, and entrepreneurship. He has presented on these subjects at conferences and universities around the world and has been published in the *World Economic Forum Global Information Technology Report*, MIT Press's *Innovations* journal, and the Boston University *International Law Journal*. Ahmed is also an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law School, where he teaches fintech law and policy. Prior to PayPal, Ahmed worked at a number of policy think tanks in the Washington, D.C., area, focusing on governance issues. Ahmed has a J.D. from the University of Michigan, an M.A. from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, and a B.A. from the University of Maryland.



Arash Aloosh

**Assistant Professor of Finance
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Arash Aloosh is an assistant professor of finance at the NEOMA Business School. Before joining NEOMA, he spent two

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years at Columbia Business School as a visiting scholar. His research interests are mainly in international finance, corporate finance, digital currencies, and financial markets and innovations. Aloosh has a Ph.D. in finance from the BI Norwegian Business School.



Tracy Basinger

**Executive Vice President
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Tracy Basinger is executive vice president and director of the Financial Institution Supervision and Credit Division (FISC) at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. She is also an executive committee member at the San Francisco Fed. Basinger started her career at the Bank in 1989 as an associate examiner and has held a number of positions with increasing responsibility during her 28-year tenure. In 2001, she became a Bank officer with responsibility for Consumer Compliance Supervision. She was promoted to vice president in 2008 and added oversight of the Safety and Soundness Examination Teams to her portfolio. Basinger was named group vice president in 2012 and took on additional responsibility for the division's Shared Support Services. In 2015, her responsibilities expanded to include oversight of the Bank's Regulatory Applications and Financial Technology (fintech) functions. Her leadership in the fintech arena extends beyond the Bank. She is a Federal Reserve representative on the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision's Task Force on Financial Technology and is leading the System's supervision initiative to research developments in fintech to better understand risks and opportunities and help shape the System's response.



Gregor Becker

**Doctoral Candidate
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Gregor Becker is a Ph.D. student of Andreas Hackethal, dean of the Goethe Business School at Goethe University, Frankfurt. His main research interest is the effect of emerging financial technology (fintech) on household saving and consumption behavior. To answer his research questions, he works with a European bank and uses granular deidentified data from its proprietary fintech services. Before joining Hackethal's research team, Becker was a senior associate at McKinsey & Company's office in Cologne, Germany. He also gained working experience at Morgan Stanley, Deutsche Bank, Boston Consulting Group, and A.T. Kearney. Becker has an M.S. and a B.S. in business administration from the University of Mannheim. He also studied at the University of Washington and Mahidol University.



Evangelos Benos

**Research Economist
Bank of England**

Evangelos Benos is a research economist in the Markets Infrastructure Directorate of the Bank of England. His work spans a range of topics related to market structure, such as over-the-counter derivatives, securities markets, high-frequency trading, and payment systems. Benos has taught undergraduate and graduate courses at various universities in the U.S. and Europe. He has a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



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Antje Berndt is a professor in finance and the deputy director (research) at the Research School of Finance, Actuarial Studies, and Statistics at Australian National University (ANU). Before joining the ANU, Berndt held academic appointments at North Carolina State University, Carnegie Mellon University, and Cornell University. Her research focuses on the theoretical and empirical analysis of different sources of delinquency risk: corporate credit risk, mortgage default risk, and fiscal risk. She has published in many finance and economics journals, including the Wall Street Journal and for Reuters. She has also appeared on CNBC's Squawk Box and American Public Media's Marketplace. She has presented at National Bureau of Economic Research workshops; annual meetings of the American Finance Association, the Western Finance Association, the European Finance Association, and the Society for Economic Dynamics; and nearly 50 seminars. Berndt is an ANU Futures Fellow and was the recipient of the PNC Professorship in Computational Finance, the Global Association of Risk Professionals Risk Management Research Award, a Fulbright Enterprise Scholarship, Moody's Research Award, and National Science Foundation and National Security Agency funding. She has a Ph.D. from Stanford University and an M.A. from Columbia University.



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David C. Brown is an assistant professor of finance at the Eller College of Management at the University of Arizona. His areas of research are asset management, crowd-funding,

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Paul Calem

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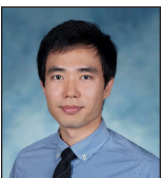
Paul Calem is vice president and chief of the Risk Identification section in the Supervision, Regulation, and Credit Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. His current responsibilities include developing advanced quantitative tools for monitoring emerging risks in retail credit markets, quantitative support of bank examinations, and policy analysis and research. Previously, he was a senior economist in the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation at the Federal Reserve Board. Calem transitioned to banking supervision after several years in mortgage market modeling and analytics in the private sector, including LoanPerformance and Freddie Mac, and he held positions in the Division of Research and Statistics at the Federal Reserve Board and the Research Department of the Philadelphia Fed. He has a Ph.D. in economics from Brown University and a B.A. in mathematics from Duke University.



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Yanzhen Chen is an assistant professor at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology's Business School. Her research focuses on artificial intelligence in transforming financial analytics. Her current projects include empirical studies on corporate finance and behavior asset pricing. Yangzhen has a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin.



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Lin William Cong is an assistant professor of finance and a Ph.D. advisor at the University of Chicago's Booth School

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Christine Cumming

**Adjunct Senior Research Scholar
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Christine Cumming is an adjunct senior research scholar and an adjunct professor in the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University. She was appointed SIPA's first Central Banker in Residence. Before retiring in 2015 as first vice president and chief operating officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, her 35-year career at the Bank included participating in international working groups on financial institution capital, liquidity, and risk management. When she retired, Cumming chaired the Financial Stability Board's Cross-Border Crisis Management Group, which coordinates resolution planning for global financial institutions. Cumming has a Ph.D. and a B.S. in economics from the University of Minnesota.



Jim Cunha

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invoice exchange processing for U.S. government agencies and their vendors and functions as a central repository for vendor payment-related information. The Payment Strategies group works with the industry to understand and remove barriers to adoption of mobile payments in the U.S. Cunha is also leading the Bank's applied research into distributed ledger technologies in financial services and studies digital currencies. He joined the Federal Reserve in 1984. Prior to that, Cunha worked at Fleet National Bank. He is a member of the board of directors of the New England ACH (NEACH) Association and the Justice Resource Institute (JRI). He has a B.S. in accounting and philosophy from Northeastern University and a B.A. in computer science from Rhode Island College.



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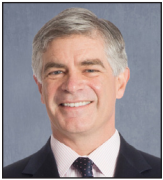


Itay Goldstein

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Patrick T. Harker

President and Chief Executive Officer Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Patrick T. Harker took office on July 1, 2015, as the 11th president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. In 2017, he serves as a voting member of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC). Before taking office at the Philadelphia Fed, Harker was the 26th president of the University of Delaware. He was also a professor at the university's Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics and a professor of civil and environmental engineering at the College of Engineering. Before joining the University of Delaware in 2007, he was dean of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to being appointed dean in 2000, Harker was the Wharton School's interim dean and deputy dean as well as the chair of its operations and information management department. In 1991, he was the youngest faculty member in Wharton's history to be awarded an endowed professorship as UPS Transportation Professor of the Private Sector. He has published/edited nine books and more than 100 professional articles. From 1996 to 1999, he was editor-in-chief of the journal *Operations Research*. In 2012, Harker was named a fellow of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences and a charter fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. He was also named a White House fellow by President George H.W. Bush in 1991 and served as a special assistant to FBI Director William S. Sessions from 1991 to 1992. Harker was also a nonbanking Class B director of the Philadelphia Fed from 2012 to 2015. He has a Ph.D. in civil and urban engineering, an M.A. in economics, and an M.S.E. and B.S.E. in civil engineering, all from the University of Pennsylvania.



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Robert M. Hunt is a senior vice president at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. He is associate director of the Consumer Finance Institute and director of the Payment Cards Center (PCC). Before joining the PCC, he was a senior economist in the Bank's Research Department. His research has focused on consumer payments, consumer finance, and the economics of innovation. His published research includes studies of payment cards, mortgage default, adoption of new payment technologies, consumer credit reporting, identity theft, credit counseling organizations, the collections industry, regulation, and antitrust issues in consumer payment networks. He has also published papers on topics in economic geography and intellectual property. Before joining the Bank in 1998, Hunt worked for the U.S. Congressional Budget Office. Before attending graduate school, he was an industry risk analyst for Bank One, Indianapolis. Hunt has a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. in political science and economics from Butler University.



Julapa Jagtiani

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Siddhartha Jajodia

**Chief Investment Officer
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As chief investment officer at LendingClub, Siddhartha Jajodia is responsible for managing and monitoring performance on the LendingClub platform as well as the LendingClub Advisor funds and reports to investors on a frequent basis.

He has been at LendingClub since 2013, overseeing risk performance and investor returns across several loan products and leading risk management, underwriting, policy, and product development for the small business segment. Before joining LendingClub, Jajodia was a senior vice president at Capital One Bank and head of small business lending. Prior to working in small business banking at Capital One, he held various roles in the consumer and small business credit card segments. He has extensive experience in developing data-driven strategies for risk management, customer acquisition, and product development. He is also on the board of directors of the Small Business Financial Exchange. Jajodia has a master's degree from the Smeal College of Business at the Pennsylvania State University and a bachelor's degree from the School of Planning and Architecture.



Kose John

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Kose John is the Charles William Gerstenberg Professor of Banking and Finance at the NYU Stern School of Business. He has also taught at the University of Chicago, Columbia

University, and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po). He has won several awards, including the Batterymarch Fellowship in 1983 and the Jensen Prize for the best paper published in 2000 in the *Journal of*

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Financial Economics. He is on the nomination committee for the Nobel Prize in Economics for 2017. He is the author of two books on futures markets and dividend policy, and the editor of 22 books and special issues in finance journals on topics such as financial stability, financial distress, and valuation of distressed securities; corporate governance; and investments innovations in finance. He has published more than 103 research articles in major finance and economics journals. He was the president of the Financial Management Association International in 2014–15. He also is the program chair of the Association of Financial Economists and has been a mentor and advisor to 103 doctoral students who are finance professors and finance practitioners all over the world. He has a Ph.D. from University of Florida.



Ken Kopecky

Executive Editor
Journal of Economics and Business

Ken Kopecky is executive editor of the *Journal of Economics and Business* and a professor emeritus at Temple University. While at Temple, he was the W. D. Fuller Professor of Economics and Finance and chairman of the Department of Finance. Prior to joining Temple, Kopecky was a senior economist at the Federal Reserve Board and an assistant professor at Ohio State University. He has been published in the *Journal of Finance*; the *Journal of Macroeconomics*; the *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*; and the *Journal of Banking and Finance*, among others.



William W. Lang

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William W. Lang is managing director of Promontory Financial Group, an IBM company. Before joining Promontory, Lang was executive vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, where he led its supervision of banking organizations and oversaw discount window lending. During 2010–11, Lang was assigned to the Federal Reserve Board as head of risk and cochair of the risk committee for systemically important banks. During that time, he prepared numerous briefings for the Board of Governors and wrote memos on bank supervisory issues for the Federal Open Market Committee. Lang created and led the quantitative group responsible for supervisory stress models and Basel II model assessments for the retail credit portfolio. He was also a major contributor to the Federal Reserve Board's Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review (CCAR). Lang has published numerous articles in academic journals, including the *Journal of Finance*, the *Journal of Monetary Economics*,

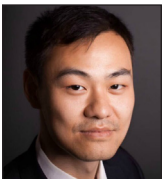
the *Journal of Financial Intermediation*, and the *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*. He is a fellow of the Wharton Financial Institutions Center. Lang has a Ph.D. from Yale University and a B.A. from the City College of New York.



Catharine Lemieux

Executive Vice President Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Catharine Lemieux is executive vice president in charge of supervision and regulation at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. She directs the supervision and regulation of more than 800 banking organizations, including bank holding companies, state-chartered member banks, bank and savings and loan holding companies, financial holding companies, and U.S. foreign bank branches within the Federal Reserve's Seventh District. She also cochairs the Supervision Performance and Planning Committee. Lemieux, who joined the Chicago Fed as a senior examiner, has assumed a number of management positions of increasing responsibility within the department. She has more than 30 years of experience in the industry as a lender, professor, policy analyst, and bank regulator. She has a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University.



Jiasun Li

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Jiasun Li is an assistant professor of finance at George Mason University. His main research interest focuses on the interaction of blockchain, crowdfunding, and smart contracts. He has presented his research at many institutions and conferences, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Michigan, Northwestern University, Yale University, the National Bureau of Economic Research, the Western Finance Association, and the Econometric Society. He was a winner of the 2016 Yihong Xia Best paper award at the China International Conference in Finance (CICF) and the 2014 Chicago Quantitative Alliance (CQA) academic paper competition. He is also a frequent speaker for investment professionals. He has a Ph.D. in finance from UCLA's Anderson School of Management and a B.S. in mathematics from Fudan University (Shanghai, China).

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James D. Narron joined the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia in April 2016 as first vice president and chief operating officer. Previously, Narron was a senior vice president and product manager at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, where he led the Federal Reserve System's Cash Product Office. From 2003 to 2013, Narron was a senior vice president at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Before joining the New York Fed, Narron worked at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and the Board of Governors in Washington, D.C. He also worked at Productivity Systems International, a consulting firm specializing in projects for central banks. Narron speaks Spanish and has published a number of articles for the New York Fed's Liberty Street Economics blog. He is the chair of the board of directors of the Keep A Breast Foundation and is on the board of directors of Ben Franklin Technology Partners. Narron has a master's degree in international business administration from the University of South Carolina and a bachelor's degree in finance and economics from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, MO.



Richard Neiman

Head of Regulatory and Government Affairs LendingClub

Richard Neiman is the head of regulatory and government affairs for LendingClub. He joined LendingClub in 2014 after three years as vice chairman of the Global Financial Services Regulatory Practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC). Neiman was previously superintendent of banks for the state of New York from 2007 to 2011, responsible for the supervision of all state chartered and licensed financial institutions, including banks, nonbank lenders, money transmitters, and the majority of foreign bank branches in the U.S. During his term as superintendent, Neiman was appointed by the U.S. Congress to serve on the five-member Congressional Oversight Panel for the Troubled Asset Relief Program. Earlier in his career, he was executive vice president and general counsel for TD Waterhouse (now TD Ameritrade), and general counsel of the Global Equities Division at Citibank. Neiman began his career with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in Washington, D.C., where he initially was staff attorney and then special assistant to the chief counsel. Neiman also advises the Bipartisan Policy Center's Financial Regulatory Reform Initiative and cochairs its Regulatory Architecture Task Force. He is on the advisory council of the Institute for Financial Market Regulation and on the advisory board of Columbia Business School's Chinese Business Initiative. Neiman has a J.D. from Emory University's School of Law and a B.A. from the American University School of Government.



William Nelson

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William (Bill) Nelson is executive managing director, chief economist, and head of research at the Clearing House Association, and chief economist of the Clearing House Payments Company. Nelson contributes to and oversees research and analysis to support the advocacy of the association on behalf of owner banks. Before joining the Clearing House in 2016, Nelson was a deputy director of the Division of Monetary Affairs at the Federal Reserve Board, where his responsibilities included monetary policy analysis, discount window policy analysis, and financial institution supervision. Nelson attended Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meetings and regularly briefed the Board and FOMC. He was a member of the Large Institution Supervision Coordinating Committee and the steering committee of the Comprehensive Liquidity Analysis and Review. He has chaired and participated in several Bank for International Settlements working groups on the design of liquidity regulations and most recently chaired the Committee on the Global Financial System Markets Committee working group on regulatory change and monetary policy. Nelson has a Ph.D., an M.S., and an M.A. in economics from Yale University and a B.A. from the University of Virginia.



Robert Nichols

President and Chief Executive Officer American Bankers Association

Robert Nichols is the president and chief executive officer of the American Bankers Association (ABA), which represents banks of all sizes and charters and is the voice for the nation's \$17 trillion banking industry. Nichols joined the ABA in August 2015, following 10 years at the helm of the Financial Services Forum, a nonpartisan financial and economic policy organization. Before that, Nichols was assistant secretary of the Treasury for Public Affairs, a position requiring confirmation by the U.S. Senate. Nichols also was communications director for the Electronic Industries Alliance; communications director to U.S. Senator Slade Gorton and Press Secretary to the late Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn, a former member of the House leadership; and in the West Wing as an aide in the Office of the Chief of Staff in the George H.W. Bush administration. He is a recipient of the Alexander Hamilton Award, the highest honor of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Nichols also is consistently ranked as one of Washington's top lobbyists by *The Hill* and was recently described as one of the "new generation of trade group CEOs" by *The Washington Post*. He is also vice chair of the board of directors of Food Allergy Research & Education. Nichols is a graduate of the George Washington University.

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Keith A. Noreika

Acting Comptroller of the Currency Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Keith A. Noreika is the acting comptroller of the currency, the administrator of the federal banking system, and head of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC).

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Andreas Park is an associate professor of finance at the University of Toronto, where he has been a faculty member since 2003; his appointment is with the Department of Management at the University of Toronto Mississauga, and he is cross-appointed at the Rotman School of Management and the Institute of Management and Innovation. His research covers empirical topics, such as the impact of maker-taker pricing, dark orders, and high-frequency trading, and theoretical topics, such as herd behavior in financial markets or the impact of market design when securities are on a blockchain. His work has been published in many journals, including *Econometrica*, the *Journal of Finance*, the *Journal of Financial Economics*, and the *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*. He has received and has been an affiliate on a number of research grants, including from the Economic and Social Research Council, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, RCF, and the Global Risk Institute, and he is engaged in several fintech-related initiatives at the University of Toronto. Park was codirector of the Master of Financial Economics program at University of Toronto and was associate chair in the Department of Management, and he teaches courses on fintech, market microstructure, trading, investments, asset pricing, and corporate finance. He is currently serving a two-year term on the Ontario Security Commission's Market Structure Advisory Committee.



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Brad Pennington

**Chief Risk Officer
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Brad Pennington is the chief risk officer at Prosper Marketplace. In this role, he leads the team that develops proprietary models, builds automated credit strategies, and designs automated fraud and income verification strategies.

The team is a blend of consumer unsecured business experts, data scientists, and quantitative analysts. Pennington joined Prosper in 2012 and was instrumental in the development of its rating systems, automated strategies, and risk monitoring systems and brings more than 10 years of experience in risk management and applied analysis. Before Prosper, Pennington was a credit risk consultant with Moody's Analytics, where he worked with large global and U.S. clients focusing on economic capital, Basel compliance, and probability of default, loss given default, and exposure at default model development. He began his risk career designing the automated underwriting and pricing strategies at First Equity Card, a small business credit card specialty finance startup. Pennington has a B.S in economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he completed a self-directed course of study, obtaining minors in finance, statistics, mathematics, econometrics, and operations research.



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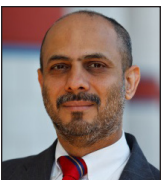
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Robin A. Prager is a senior advisor in the Division of Research and Statistics at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. She joined the Board staff in 1994 as an economist in the Financial Structure Section and was chief of the Financial Structure Section from 2000 to 2007. Throughout her tenure at the Board, Prager has been involved in conducting economic analysis of issues relating to the structure and performance of the financial services sector, with an emphasis on banking. Recently, she has devoted much of her attention to issues surrounding the availability of credit to small businesses and the role of community banks in the U.S. financial system. Before joining the Federal Reserve Board, Prager was on the faculty of the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University for several years. She has also been a visiting faculty member at Boston University's School of Management and MIT's Sloan School of Management, and she was a visiting senior policy scholar at Georgetown University's Center for Business and Public Policy. She is on the board of the Industrial Organization Society and on the editorial boards of the *Review of Industrial Organization* and *Journal of Regulatory Economics*. Prager has a Ph.D. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an A.B. in economics from Harvard University.



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Spencer Robinson

**Head of Strategy
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As the head of strategy at Kabbage, Inc., Spencer Robinson uses his 15 years of product development experience to support small business growth. Robinson joined Kabbage in 2010 as one of the original designers and developers of the technology platform. Robinson's ability to understand and act upon the business's goals has enabled him to build various teams in the organization, ranging from technology to risk/analytics. That same ability is now leveraged in guiding efforts around the company's strategy. Before joining Kabbage, Robinson spent seven years as a consultant to Bear Stearns/JPMorgan Chase inside the global equities group. During that time, he oversaw the applications used internally for systems monitoring as well as the front-end trading system used by the institutional traders and sales traders inside the organizations. Before that, Robinson helped various Internet-based technology companies build custom solutions to generate business value. Robinson has a degree in computer science from the University of Notre Dame.



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John Schindler

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André Schweizer

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André Schweizer started as a research assistant at the Research Center of Finance and Information Management at the University of Bayreuth in October 2015. In his research, Schweizer focuses on the fields of strategic information

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Regensburg, University of Technology in Sydney, and Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University, receiving an M.S. with honors; he also has a B.S. in engineering (management and information technology) from the University of Applied Sciences Esslingen.



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John Sedunov joined the Villanova School of Business as an assistant professor of finance in fall 2012. His research and teaching interests include systemic risk, banking, financial crises, and risk management. His work has been published in the *Journal of Banking and Finance*, the *Journal of Financial Stability*, the *Journal of Empirical Finance*, and the *Journal of Financial Research*. His current research projects include examining the effects of government relief programs on systemic risk, the effects of cross-border bank flows on international systemic risk, and the impact of large institutional investors on financial market stability. Sedunov also teaches courses on the risk management of financial institutions to undergraduates and alternative investments to graduate students. He has a Ph.D. in finance and an M.A. in business administration, both from the Ohio State University, and a B.S. in business administration from Carnegie Mellon University.



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