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Academic and Industry Appointments

University of Massachusetts Boston - Department of Accounting and Finance

- Assistant Professor of Finance, 2024 – present

International Monetary Fund

- Climate Finance Researcher, Summer 2022

Education

University of South Carolina - Darla Moore School of Business

- Ph.D. in Business Administration, Finance Concentration, 2024

  Advisor: Allen N. Berger

Research Interests

Climate and Sustainable Finance; Banking and Financial Intermediation; FinTech and Digital Assets; Financial Regulation

Accepted & Published Papers

A Secondary-Market Test of Private Credit Markets: The "Bright Side" Versus the "Dark Side" of Relationship Lending (with Allen N. Berger, Jiarui Guo, and Stephen A. Karolyi)
Review of Corporate Finance Studies, forthcoming 2026

Working Papers

Digital Financial Infrastructure and Climate Resilience: Evidence from Mobile Money Adoption (with Minjie Guo, Stephen A. Karolyi, and Uchenna C. Onuoha)
Revise and Resubmit, ***Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis***

Pricing Biodiversity Law in Court (**Solo Authored**)

The Returns to Financial Literacy: Evidence from Consumer Complaints (with G. Andrew Karolyi and Stephen A. Karolyi)

Blocking the Credit Chain: Cryptocurrencies, Deposits, and Bank Loan Growth (with Allen N. Berger, Jiarui Guo, and Stephen A. Karolyi)
Conference/Seminar: *2026 American Finance Association Annual Meeting, 2026 Columbia University 10th Annual Bank Regulation Research Conference, 2026 Fintech and Financial Institutions Conference (Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia), 2026 Loyola University Chicago Annual Policy Conference, 2025 Annual RCF-ECGI Corporate Finance and Governance Conference, 2025 Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, 2025 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Conference, 2025 Southern Finance Association Annual Meeting, 2025 Friends of Women in Finance 4th Symposium in Greater New York*

When Global Banks Leave: Capital Regulation and Deindustrialization in Developing Countries (with G. Andrew Karolyi and Stephen A. Karolyi)
Award: *Semifinalist for Best Paper Award in Financial Markets and Institutions, 2026 Financial Management Association Annual Meeting*
Conference/Seminar: *2027 IBEFA Annual Meeting at the ASSA Conference, 2026 Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, 5th DC Finance Conference (Kogod School of Business, American University)*

Sovereign Risk and Global Digital Finance: Evidence from Cryptocurrency Apps (with Rashad Ahmed and Stephen A. Karolyi)
Conference/Seminar: *2025 Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Conference, 2025 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Conference, 2025 Interagency Risk Quantification Forum, 2025 MRS International Risk Conference, 2025 Southern Finance Association Annual Meeting, 2025 Friends of Women in Finance 4th Symposium in Greater New York*

Are We There Yet? Emerging Technologies in Corporate America (with Rashad Ahmed and Stephen A. Karolyi)
Award: *Semifinalist for Best Paper Award in Corporate Finance, 2026 Financial Management Association Annual Meeting*
Conference/Seminar: *2026 Financial Management Association Annual Meeting*

The Shadow Cost of Bank Liquidity Regulation (with Rashad Ahmed, Stephen A. Karolyi, and John Sedunov)
Conference/Seminar: *2026 Federal Reserve Stress Testing Research Conference, 2026 Fischer-Shain Center Research Conference*

Banking on Other People's Nature (with G. Andrew Karolyi and Stephen A. Karolyi)

Financial Terms as Signals? Cryptocurrency Acceptance and Housing Market Liquidity (with Stephen A. Karolyi, Matthew Pierson, and John Sedunov)

Invited Presentations

2026 Federal Reserve Stress Testing Research Conference (Federal Reserve Bank of Boston)

2026 Financial Management Association Annual Meeting

2026 Open Finance Conference (Federal Reserve Bank of Boston)

2026 IBEFA Summer Meeting at the WEAI Conference

2026 Loyola University Chicago Annual Policy Conference

2026 Fintech and Financial Institutions Conference (Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia)

2026 American Finance Association Annual Meeting

2026 American Finance Association Annual Meeting - Junior Faculty

2025 Annual RCF-ECGI Corporate Finance and Governance Conference

2025 Friends of Women in Finance 4th Symposium in Greater New York

2025 Southern Finance Association Annual Meeting

2023 Southern Finance Association Annual Meeting (Crypto Panelist)

2022 Southern Finance Association Annual Meeting

Professional Service

Conference Track Chair at 2025 Southern Finance Association Annual Meeting

Editor of InterConnectedness Newsletter

Ad hoc Referee The Quarterly Journal of Finance, Emerging Market Review

Conference Discussant 2027 IBEFA Annual Meeting at the ASSA Conference, 2026 Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, 2025 American Finance Association Annual Meeting, 2025 Annual RCF-ECGI Corporate Finance and Governance Conference, 2025 Friends of Women in Finance 4th Symposium in Greater New York, 2025 Southern Finance Association Annual Meeting, 2023 Southern Finance Association Annual Meeting, 2021 Financial Management Association Annual Meeting

Teaching

Climate Finance and Impact Investing (Graduate) - UMass Boston

Introduction to Financial Management - UMass Boston

Seminar in Financial Economics (Ph.D.) - UMass Boston

Introduction to Finance - University of South Carolina

Additional Training

Machine Learning and Deep Learning (Stanford University); FinTech, Cryptocurrency and Blockchain, and ESG Materiality (The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania)