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**EMPLOYMENT:** Assistant Professor of Finance and Business Economics  
University of Southern California  
Marshall School of Business  
July 2009 - Present

**EDUCATION:** PhD (Finance), MBA (2009)  
*University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, USA*  
Dissertation Committee: Lubos Pastor (Chair), Tobias Moskowitz, Richard Thaler, Luigi Zingales

Bachelor of Commerce (Honors), Quantitative Finance Major (2003)  
*University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia*

## **RESEARCH**

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:** Behavioral Finance, Empirical Asset Pricing, Media, Mutual Funds, Dividends, Investor Psychology

**PUBLICATIONS:** [9.] ‘Being Surprised by the Unsurprising: Earnings Seasonality and Stock Returns’

with Tom Chang, Samuel M. Hartzmark and Eugene Soltes, April 2016.

*Review of Financial Studies (Forthcoming)*

*Best Paper Award, California Corporate Finance Conference, 2015*

*Hillcrest Behavioral Finance Award (First Place), 2015*

[8.] ‘Looking for Someone to Blame: Delegation, Cognitive Dissonance and the Disposition Effect’

with Tom Chang and Mark Westerfield.

2016, *Journal of Finance*, 71 (1), 267-302, February 2016.

[7.] ‘What Are We Meeting For? The Consequences of Private Meetings with Investors’

with Eugene Soltes

2015, *Journal of Law and Economics*, 58 (2), 325-355, May 2015.

*Winner, Best Paper Award, Financial Research Association Conference 2012*

[6.] 'Juicing the Dividend Yield: Mutual Funds and the Demand for Dividends'

with Lawrence Harris and Samuel M Hartzmark.

2015, *Journal of Financial Economics*, 116 (3), 433-451, June 2015.

Lead Article

*Fama/DFA Prize for the Best Paper in the Journal of Financial Economics on Capital Markets and Asset Pricing (Second Place), 2015*

[5.] 'Winners in the Spotlight: Media Coverage of Fund Holdings as a Driver of Flows'

with Eugene Soltes and Denis Sosyura.

2014, *Journal of Financial Economics*, 113 (1), 53-72, July 2014.

[4.] 'The Dividend Month Premium'

with Samuel M. Hartzmark,

2013, *Journal of Financial Economics*, 109 (3), 640-660, September 2013.

*Best Paper, California Corporate Finance Conference, 2011*

[3.] 'Selective Publicity and Stock Prices',

2012, *Journal of Finance* 67 (2), 599-637, April 2012.

[2.] 'Efficiency and the Disposition Effect in NFL Prediction Markets',

with Samuel M. Hartzmark

2012, *Quarterly Journal of Finance*, 2 (3), 12500, September 2012.

[1.] 'A Multinomial Approximation of American Option Prices in Levy Process Models',

with Ross A. Maller and Alex Szimayer.

2006, *Mathematical Finance*, 16 (4), 613-633, October 2006.

**WORKING  
PAPERS:**

[2.] 'Rolling Mental Accounts'

with Samuel Hartzmark and Cary Frydman, July 2015

(Revise and Resubmit, *Review of Financial Studies*)

[1.] 'Managerial Control of Business Press Coverage'

with Eugene Soltes, September 2012.

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**WORKS IN  
PROGRESS:**

‘Are Predictable Corporate Events Priced in Options Markets?’  
with Samuel Hartzmark and Christopher Jones

‘When Do Managers Voluntarily Disclose Bad News? Evidence from SEC  
Fraud Investigations’  
with Eugene Soltes

**AWARDS  
AND PRIZES:**

Fama/DFA Prize for the Best Paper in the Journal of Financial Economics on  
Capital Markets and Asset Pricing (Second Place), 2015, for ‘Juicing the  
Dividend Yield: Mutual Funds and the Demand for Dividends’

Winner (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Hillcrest Behavioral Finance Award 2015, for ‘Being  
Surprised by the Unsurprising: Earnings Seasonality and Stock Returns’

Best Paper, California Corporate Finance Conference 2015 for ‘Being  
Surprised by the Unsurprising: Earnings Seasonality and Stock Returns’

USC Marshall Dean’s Award for Research Excellence, 2015.

Best Paper, Financial Research Association Conference 2012 for ‘What are  
we meeting for? The consequences of private meetings with investors’

Best Paper, California Corporate Finance Conference 2011 for ‘The Dividend  
Month Premium’

Katherine Dusak Miller PhD Fellowship in Finance, 2008

J A Wood Memorial Prize for Top Graduating Student in the disciplines of  
Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts; Arts, Humanities and Social  
Sciences; Economics and Commerce; Education; and Law. University of  
Western Australia, 2003

Octo-Finalist, World Intersvarsity Debating Championships, Glasgow (2000)  
and Singapore (2003)

**MEDIA  
COVERAGE:**

Juicing the Dividend Yield: Mutual Funds and the Demand for Dividends

Wall Street Journal ‘MoneyBeat’ column, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

What Are We Meeting For? The Consequences of Private Meetings with Investors

Wall Street Journal, November 29<sup>th</sup> 2012

Financial Times, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2013

Australian Financial Review, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013

**INVITED SEMINARS**

**AND PRESENTATIONS:** (\* = Co-author presenting)

**By Year**

2016

Brigham Young University

Arizona State University Sonoran Conference (Discussant)

Columbia University, News and Financial Markets Conference

London School of Economics

Western Finance Association Meetings

Yale University (Scheduled)

Boston College (Scheduled)

Australian National University (Scheduled)

University of Western Australia (Scheduled)

University of New South Wales (Scheduled)

University of Sydney (Scheduled)

University of Melbourne (Scheduled)

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Scheduled)

2015

American Finance Association Meetings (Discussant)

Mannheim University

Goethe University

UT Austin

Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile

Erasmus University

University of Houston

HEC Paris

Aalto University

California Corporate Finance Conference

Miami Behavioral Finance Conference\*

2014

USC-UCLA-UCI Finance Day  
 Arizona State University  
 University of Colorado  
 DePaul University  
 University of Toronto  
 NBER Behavioral Finance Meetings  
 Southern California Finance Conference  
 Fuller and Thaler Asset Management  
 UC Davis Symposium on Information and Asset Prices (Discussant)

### 2013

Emory University  
 Western Finance Association Meeting\*  
 Behavioral Economics Annual Meeting\*  
 China International Finance Conference  
 University of Oregon  
 Notre Dame  
 Northwestern  
 NBER Behavioral Finance Meeting (Discussant)  
 Southern California Finance Conference  
 Miami Behavioral Finance Conference

### 2012

Western Finance Association Meeting\*  
 CNMV Securities Market Conference  
 Financial Intermediation Research Society Meeting  
 Queens Behavioral Finance Conference  
 SFS Finance Cavalcade  
 Finance Down Under Conference\*  
 Helsinki Finance Summit  
 European Finance Association Meeting (2 papers)  
 Luxembourg Asset Management Summit\*  
 Miami Behavioral Finance Conference\*  
 Financial Research Association Meetings\*  
 California Corporate Finance Conference  
 Financial Economics and Accounting Conference

### 2011

Michigan State University  
 UC Irvine  
 UT Austin/ICI Mutual Funds Conference  
 California Corporate Finance Conference

Miami Behavioral Finance Conference (Discussant)  
 USC-UCLA Finance Day (Discussant)

2010

Australasian Finance and Banking Conference  
 USC-UCLA Finance Day  
 California Corporate Finance Conference (Discussant)

2009

University of Rochester  
 University of British Columbia  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Emory University  
 University of Southern California  
 University of New South Wales

**TEACHING:**

USC MBA class, 'Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management',  
 2010-2015  
 USC Undergraduate class, 'Investments', 2011-2015

**PHD STUDENTS**

**SUPERVISED:**

Jerchern Lin (2012, SUNY Buffalo)

Tong Wang (2013, Virginia Tech)

Haitao Mo (2013, Louisiana State)

Junbo Wang (2014, Fannie Mae)

Samuel Hartzmark (2014, Chicago Booth)  
 (Best placement in finance and one of the best placements at Marshall)

Zhishan Guo (2015, Guggenheim Partners)

**AD-HOC**

**REVIEWER:**

Journal of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, Review of Asset Pricing  
 Studies, Management Science, Journal of Accounting Research, Journal of  
 Financial Markets, Economic Inquiry, Economica, Algorithmic Finance.

**PAST WORK**

**EXPERIENCE:**

**Teaching Assistant, Chicago GSB, 2006-2008**

Adj. Prof. Chris Culp, Chicago GSB

MBA Futures, Forwards, Options & Swaps: Theory and Practice, Fall 2007  
MBA Structured Finance and Alternative Risk Transfer, Spring 2008

Prof. Andrea Frazzini, Chicago GSB  
MBA Investments Class, Spring 2006 and Winter 2007

Prof. Lubos Pastor, Chicago GSB  
MBA Portfolio Management Class, Spring 2007

**Research Assistant to Dr Alexander Szimayer, University of Western  
Australia, 2004**