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**EMPLOYMENT**

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Columbia Business School, Columbia University Assistant Professor of Finance	<i>2023-Present</i>
Ross School of Business, University of Michigan Assistant Professor of Finance	<i>2020-2023</i>

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**EDUCATION**

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<b>Ph.D. Finance</b> Rice University	<i>2015-2020</i>
<b>M.A. Economics</b> Kent State University, Kent Ohio	<i>2013-2015</i>
<b>M.B.A.</b> Kent State University, Kent Ohio	<i>2010-2012</i>
<b>B.A. Marketing</b> Catholic University of Central Africa	<i>2006-2009</i>

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Entrepreneurial Finance, Venture Capital, Private Equity, Discrimination, Financial Intermediation, Corporate Finance

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**PUBLISHED AND ACCEPTED PAPERS**

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“**Funding Black High-Growth Startups**” with Lisa Cook and Matt Marx, *Forthcoming, Journal of Finance* [Replication code available at: [https://github.com/eyimfor/race\\_classifier\\_fbhgs](https://github.com/eyimfor/race_classifier_fbhgs)]

“**Regulatory Arbitrage or Random Errors? Implications of Race Prediction Algorithms in Fair Lending Analysis**” with Sabrina Howell, Daniel Greenwald, and Cangyuan Li, Accepted at *Journal of Financial Economics*

“**Minimum Viable Signal: Venture Funding, Social Movements, and Race**” with Matt Marx and Qian Wang, Accepted at *Management Science*

“**Discounting Restricted Securities**” with Tarik Umar and Rustam Zufarov  
Accepted at *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*

“**Brokers and Finders in Startup Offerings**”

Accepted at *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*

“**Bank Loans and Bond Prices**” with James Weston  
Accepted at *Journal of Corporate Finance*

“**Predicting Success in Entrepreneurial Finance Research**” with Jon Garfinkel  
Accepted at *Journal of Corporate Finance*

## SELECT WORKING PAPERS

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“**Misconduct Synergies**” with Heather Tookes, R&R *Journal of Finance*

“**Racial Diversity in Private Capital Fundraising**” with Johan Cassel and Josh Lerner, R&R  
*Journal of Financial Economics*

“**Alumni Networks in Entrepreneurial Financing**” with Ilya Strebulaev, Jon Garfinkel, and  
Erik Mayer, R&R *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*

“**Underwriter Closures: Implications for VC Firm Returns**” with Alex Tuft, R&R *Review  
of Finance*

“**Investor Expertise and Private Investment Selection**” with Shane Miller and Ye Zhang,  
R&R *Journal of Financial Economics*

“**Managing Aggrievement**” with Tarik Umar and Jefferson Duarte

“**Venturing into Racial Diversity on Startup Boards**” with Johan Cassel and James Weston

“**Financing The Next VC-Backed Startup: The Role of Gender**” with Camille Hebert and  
Heather Tookes

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS, \*denotes presentation by coauthor, \*\*denotes scheduled

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### 2025

Private Capital Symposium at LBS, Private Equity Research Consortium Oxford, Columbia University, U.S. SEC Division of Economic and Risk Analysis (DERA), Stockholm School of Economics\*, 2025 SFS Calvacade (X2), Institute for Private Capital Online Symposium (X2), University of Michigan\*, RCFS Winter Conference 2025, Aalto University, Tenure Project Conference Michigan, Rice University Alumni Conference, PEDL 2025 Workshop on AI, Finance and Entrepreneurship (Nairobi, Kenya)

### 2024

American Finance Association (X2), Northern Finance Association (NFA) 2024, Private Equity Research Consortium (PERC) Fall\*, 2024 NBER Public Economics\*, University of Toronto\*, Frankfurt School of Finance\*, Halle IWH\*, ESMT Berlin\*, SITE Stanford 2024\*, UBC Summer Finance Conference 2024, Northwestern Causal Inference Conference 2024, University of Michigan\*, Binghamton University, Vanderbilt University\*, University of Maryland, University of Washington, Columbia University, Florida International University, 2024 SFS Calvacade, 2024 NBER Corporate Finance Summer Institute, 2024 MARC\*, 2024 Frontiers In Finance Conference\*, 2024 SFA Conference\*, 2024 AOM annual meeting\*, MFA 2024 (X2), PERC 2024 Spring, Discrimination in the 21st Century: Fostering Conversations Across Fields, 2024, Kent State University

**2023**

SITE Financial Regulation, MIT\*, 2023 Annual Carey Finance Conference\*, U.S. Census Bureau\*, University of Michigan Law and Economics Workshop, Private Equity Research Consortium (PERC) (X2), Midwest Finance Association (MFA)\*, Finance Organizations and Markets (FOM), Race Racism and Structural Inequality (RSSI), the Brookings Institution, DITE-Winter/Spring Meeting, FEDSA Brown Bag (The PhD Project), Kenan Institute Distinguished Fellow lecture, HEC Paris Entrepreneurship Workshop, Harvard University, Purdue\*, Pontificia Universidad Catlica de Chile, Columbia University, University of Chicago (Booth), University of Utah, California State University-Fullerton, Carnegie Mellon University, London Business School, Duke (Fuqua), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Rochester

**2022**

ASSA 2023 (X2), 2022 NBER Entrepreneurship, United States Patent and Trademark Office, SFS Calvacade, Dartmouth Corporate Finance Seminar, University of Wisconsin, University of Michigan (Ross Brownbag) (X2), Private Equity Research Consortium (PERC), Toronto Business Development Center, Rice University

**2021**

American Finance Association (X2), Private Equity Research Consortium (PERC) (X2), Financial Management Association, Workshop on Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation, University of Michigan (Ross Brownbag), Yale School of Management, CFLP Blue Bag Lunches Gerald R. Ford School of Public, European Finance Association, University of Michigan (Ross Brownbag) (X2), University of Michigan (Public Finance Seminar), University of Pennsylvania (Wharton), University of Toronto (Workshop on Gender, Race and Entrepreneurship), University of Pennsylvania (Wharton)\*, Indiana University (Kelley)\*, University of North Carolina (Kenan-Flagler)\*, University of London (Cass)\*, University of Texas (McCombs)\*, Urban Economics Association-ASSA Conference\*

**2020**

Southwestern Finance Association\*, University of South Carolina, University of Oklahoma, Kent State University, Rice University, SEC (DERA), FINRA, University of Michigan, Indiana University, Purdue, Virginia Tech, Southern Methodist University, University of Iowa, Baruch College

**2019**

Lone Star Finance Conference\*, Southwestern Finance Association, Rice University

**2018**

Financial Management Association, Midwest Finance Association, Rice University

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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**Conference Discussions**

“Ownership Diversity, Patenting, and Venture Capital Success among R&D Performing Microbusinesses” by Gary Anderson, Audrey Kindlon, Emily Schondelmyer, and Timothy Wojan American Finance Association, 2025

“Value Implications of Insuring Against Punishment: Evidence from Gender Harassment Litigation” by Spencer Barnes and Marina Gertsberg  
Labor & Finance Conference Indiana University, 2024

“Did COVID Close the Start-Up Deficit in Black Neighborhoods? Evidence from the Startup Cartography Project” by Scott Stern, Jorge Guzman, and Catherine Fazio  
NBER Entrepreneurship, 2024

“Explaining Racial Disparities in Personal Bankruptcy Outcomes” by Bronson Argyle, Sasha

Indarte, Benjamin Iverson, and Christopher Palmer  
SFS Cavalcade North America, 2024

“The Labor Impact of Generative AI on Firm Values” by Andrea Eisfelt, Gregor Schubert, Bledi Taska, and Miao Zhang  
Wharton Initiative on Financial Policy and Regulation, 2024

“How Can Monitoring Benefit Investors? Evidence from 85 Billion Cell Phone Signals” by Jack Xiaoyong Fu  
Western Finance Association, 2024

“Race, Discrimination, and Hedge Funds” by Yan Lu, Narayan Y. Naik, and Melvys Teo  
American Finance Association, 2023

“The Local Origins of Business Formation” by Emin Dinleroz, Timothy Dunne, John Haltiwanger, and Veronika Penciakova  
NBER Entrepreneurship Fall, 2023

“The Optimal Size, Financing and Liability of Partnerships” by Shiqi Chen, Bart Lambrecht  
UBC Summer Conference, 2023

“Why Aren’t There More Minority Entrepreneurs?” by Victor Bennett and David Robinson  
Workshop on Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation, 2023

“Making the Elite: Top Jobs, Disparities, and Solutions” by Soumitra Shukla  
Discrimination in the 21st Century, 2023

“Do Startups Benefit From Their Investors’ Reputation? Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment” by Shai Bernstein, Kunal Mehta, Richard Townsend, and Ting Xu  
Midwest Finance Association, Mar 2022

“Mistake-based Discrimination in Early-Stage Finance: Evidence from Security Choice” by Laura Lindsey and Luana Zaccaria  
Workshop on Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation, Jan 2021

“Investor Tax Credits and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from U.S. States” by Matthew Denes, Sabrina Howell, Filippo Mezzanotti, Xinxin Wang, and Ting Xu  
Mid-Atlantic Research Conference (MARC), Mar 2021

### **Conference Program Committee**

2025 SFS Cavalcade NA Program Committee  
2025 FIRS Program Committee  
2025 Western Finance Association Program Committee  
2024 SFS Cavalcade NA Program Committee and Session Chair  
2024 FIRS Program Committee  
2024 Western Finance Association Program Committee and Session Chair  
2024 European Finance Association Selection Committee  
2023 FIRS Program Committee  
2023 AFA Session Chair  
2023 Michigan Fintech Conference Panel Moderator  
2023 Mitsui Symposium Program Committee  
2022 Midwest Finance Association Selection Committee  
2022 European Finance Association Selection Committee  
2021 AFA Poster Session Selection Committee  
2021 European Finance Association Selection Committee

### **Referee**

Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Review of Finance, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, Journal of Corporate Finance, Management Science, American Law and Economics Review, Critical Finance Review, American Economic Review

## PhD ADVISING (Year, Discipline, First Placement)

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Huijun Sun, Member (2024, Finance, TBD)  
Alex Tuft, Member (2024, Finance, University of Wyoming)  
Virginia Traweek, Member (2021, Finance, Texas Christian University)  
James Caldera, Member (2021, Finance, Federal Reserve Board)

## SCHOOL SERVICE

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Private Equity Conference Organizer (2024, 2025)  
Member CBS Recruitment Committee (2025)  
Member Ross Recruitment Committee (2023)  
Member Ross Seminar Committee (2020 - 2021)  
Ph.D Recruitment Committee (2020-2023)  
Committee on Anti-Racism (CAR) (2020-2023)

## MEDIA APPEARANCE

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Wall Street Journal ([Minimum Viable Signal: Venture Funding, Social Movements, and Race](#))  
SEC annual report to congress on [capital formation](#) cited Financing The Next VC-Backed Startup: The Role of Gender  
SEC annual report to congress on [capital formation](#) cited Alumni Networks in Venture Capital Funding  
Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance ([Minimum Viable Signal: Venture Funding, Social Movements, and Race](#))  
Michigan Minds ([Funding Black High-Growth Startups](#))  
Wall Street Journal ([Alumni Networks](#))  
Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog ([Misconduct Synergies](#))  
Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog ([Venturing into Racial Diversity on Startup Boards](#))  
[Business Scholarship Podcast](#) for Misconduct Synergies  
[Washington Post](#)  
SEC annual report to congress on [capital formation](#)

## AWARDS

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2023 Inaugural Equal Opportunity Lab Scholar (Ross, University of Michigan)  
2023 Kenan Institute Distinguished Fellow (UNC, Kenan Institute)

## TEACHING

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- Columbia Business School (2023-Present)
  - Corporate Finance
  - Ph.D. lecture on Discrimination in Entrepreneurial Finance
- Ross (2020-2023)
  - Entrepreneurial Finance, BBA
  - Private Equity, Full-time MBA
  - Venture Capital, Full-time MBA
  - Global Private Equity, Full-time MBA
  - Topics in Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation, Ph.D Reading Group

## OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

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Columbia Business School requires faculty members to disclose any activities that might present a real or apparent conflict of interest. I am a consultant for FinRegLab on research examining how mission-based lenders can expand minority business lending through alternative data and fintech partnerships.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Citizenship: U.S.

Personal: Married to Jacqueline Reitz with four children: Rylin, Maggie, Sam, and Charlotte.

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