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Professional Experience

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) *2023 - Present*
Senior Financial Economist, Division of Economic and Risk Analysis

Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) *2025 - 2026*
Senior Economist for Finance, Executive Office of the President (detail from SEC)

The Brattle Group *2022 - 2023*
Financial Economist, Securities Litigation

International Monetary Fund (IMF) *2014 - 2017*
Research Analyst, Finance Department

Navigant Consulting *2011 - 2013*
Consultant, Valuation and Financial Risk Management

Education

Carnegie Mellon University *2017 - 2022*
Ph.D., Financial Economics
Dissertation: The Composition of Limited Partners in Private Equity Funds

Carnegie Mellon University *2017 - 2019*
M.S., Financial Economics, GPA: 3.95/4.0

George Washington University *2013 - 2015*
M.S., Finance, GPA: 3.95/4.0

American University in Cairo *2007 - 2011*
B.B.A., Finance, *Summa Cum Laude*

Fields of Interest

Private Equity and Venture Capital; Asset Management; Applied Econometric Methods; Financial Crises and Contagion; Government Policy and Regulation; Banking; Corporate Finance and Valuation

Selected Research Papers

The Composition of Limited Partners in Private Equity Funds (Job Market Paper) *2021*

Does LP Composition Persistence Drive GP Performance Persistence in Private Equity? *2021*

Do Bank Branch Closures Affect Credit Provision? Evidence from Consumer Loans *2020*

Speed of Financial Contagion and Optimal Timing for Intervention *2019*

Selected Policy Publications

Unlocking Retail Access to Private Equity Investments Through Defined Contribution Plans, *2026*
Economic Report of the President, Chapter 12

The Cost of Capital Misallocation to ESG Investments with an Environmental Focus, *2026*
Economic Report of the President, Chapter 13

Retail Access to Alternative Investments Via Defined Contribution Plans, CEA Policy Paper *2025*

Trump Accounts Give the Next Generation a Jump Start on Saving, CEA Policy Paper *2025*

Adequacy of the Global Financial Safety Net - Considerations for Fund Toolkit Reform, *2017*
IMF Policy Paper

Ukraine: Ex-Post Evaluation of Exceptional Access Under the 2014 Standby Arrangement, *2016*
IMF Country Report No. 16/320

Currency Amounts in the SDR Basket - Proposed Changes to the Rounding Methodology, *2016*
IMF Policy Paper

Review of the Adequacy of the Fund's Precautionary Balances, IMF Policy Paper *2016*

Scholarships, Honors, & Awards

Special Act Award, Securities and Exchange Commission	*2026*
Performance Award, Securities and Exchange Commission	*2023, 2024, 2025*
Aydemir Family Summer Paper Prize in Memory of Rick Green, Carnegie Mellon University	*2019*
PNC Research Assistantship Award, Carnegie Mellon University	*2019*
William Larimer Mellon Fellowship, Carnegie Mellon University	*2017 - 2022*
Beta Gamma Sigma, George Washington University	*2015*
Merit Scholarship Award, George Washington University	*2014 - 2015*
Dean's Honors List, American University in Cairo	*2007 - 2011*
Academic Achievement Scholarship, American University in Cairo	*2007 - 2011*

Conferences & Workshops

2026: American Finance Association (AFA); Western Finance Association (WFA); Conference on Financial Market Regulation (CFMR)

2025: American Finance Association (AFA)

2024: American Finance Association (AFA); Western Finance Association (WFA); Conference on Financial Market Regulation (CFMR)

2023: Conference on Financial Market Regulation (CFMR)

2022: American Finance Association (AFA)

2021: American Finance Association (AFA); Western Finance Association (WFA)

2020: American Finance Association (AFA); Western Finance Association (WFA); Society for Financial Studies (SFS) Cavalcade; Macro Finance Society - Wharton Virtual Summer School

2019: SFS Cavalcade; Princeton Initiative: Macro, Money and Finance; Tepper - LAEF Advances in Macro-Finance; Finance Theory Group Summer School (FTG)

Teaching Experience

Carnegie Mellon University

Instructor, Tepper School of Business *2021*

Undergraduate – Finance (Summer '21), Teaching Rate: 4.8/5.0

Carnegie Mellon University

Teaching Assistant, Tepper School of Business *2018 - 2021*

Undergraduate – Corporate Valuation ('19, '20, '21), Finance ('19, '20)

MBA – Global Economics ('21), Venture Capital & Private Equity ('21), Corporate Finance ('20, '21)

PhD – Econometrics I ('19), Macroeconomics I ('18)

Professional Activities

Securities and Exchange Commission

Track Chair for Asset Management, Conference on Financial Market Regulation *2027*

Review Committee, Conference on Financial Market Regulation *2025, 2026*

Seminar Committee, DERA Academic Seminar Series *2024 - 2025, 2026 - Present*

Carnegie Mellon University

Ph.D. Coordinator, Tepper Finance Seminar Series *2020 - 2021*

Miscellaneous

Programming: Stata, MATLAB, SAS, Python, Excel VBA, LaTeX