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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Federal Reserve Board, Principal Economist	Nov 2016 – present
Federal Reserve Board, Senior Economist	Oct 2015 – Oct 2016
Visiting Researcher, LSE Center for Economic Performance	Oct 2015 – Jan 2016
Federal Reserve Board, Economist	Aug 2010 – Sep 2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Northwestern University, 2010
M.A., Economics, Northwestern University, 2005
Diplom, Economics, University of Mannheim, Germany, 2004

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Financial Economics, Economic History

RESEARCH

Journal Articles

“Loan Sales and Bank Liquidity Management: Evidence from a U.S. Credit Register.”
(with Rustom Irani) *Review of Financial Studies* (2017) Vol. 30(10), pp. 3455-3501.

“The Real Effects of Liquidity During the Financial Crisis: Evidence from Automobiles.” (with
Efraim Benmelech and Rodney Ramcharan) *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2017) Vol. 132(1),
pp. 317-365.

“Can Financing Constraints Explain the Evolution of the Firm Size Distribution?” *Review of
Industrial Organization* (2016), Vol. 48(2), pp. 123-147.

“Organization Matters: Trade Union Behavior in Peace and War.” *Journal of Comparative
Economics* (2015), Vol. 43(4), pp. 919-937.

“Verifying the State of Financing Constraints: Evidence from US Business Credit Contracts.”
Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control (2014), Vol. 43, pp. 58-77.

“The Unreliability of Credit-to-GDP Ratio Gaps in Real-Time: Implications for Counter-Cyclical Capital Buffers.” (with Rochelle Edge) *International Journal of Central Banking* (2011), Vol. 7(4), pp. 261-298.

Articles in Edited Volumes

“How Britain Lost its Competitive Edge: Competence in the Second Industrial Revolution,” in *Institutions, Innovation, and Industrialization: Essays in Economic History and Development* (2015), edited by Avner Greif, Lynne Kiesling, and John V.C. Nye. Princeton: Princeton University Press, pp. 307-336.

“The Rate and Direction of Invention in the British Industrial Revolution: Incentives and Institutions,” (with Joel Mokyr) in *The Rate and Direction of Inventive Activity Revisited* (2012), edited by Josh Lerner and Scott Stern. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, pp. 443-479 .

Books

“Finanzmärkte, Corporate Governance, IuK-Technologien: Treibende Faktoren für den Wandel in der Industrie,” (Financial markets, corporate governance, and information technologies, 2003) ifo Beiträge zur Wirtschaftsforschung, vol. 11, Munich (with Hans-Günther Vieweg, Michael Reinhard, Alfons Weichenrieder, and Bent Nowak).

Miscellaneous Publications

"From credit risk to pipeline risk: Why loan syndication is a risky business" (with Max Bruche and Frederic Malherbe) VoxEU.org, September 11, 2017.

"Auto Financing during and after the Great Recession" FEDS Note, June 22nd, 2017.

"Funding Agreement-Backed Securities in the Enhanced Financial Accounts," (with Nathan Foley-Fisher, Borghan Narajabad, Maria G. Perozek, and Stephane H. Verani) FEDS Note, August 5, 2016.

"Impact of the ‘great bailout’: Evidence from car sales" (with Efraim Benmelech and Rodney Ramcharan), VoxEU.org June 11, 2016.

"The origins of growth: How states institutions forged during the Protestant Reformation drove development" (with Jeremiah Dittmar), VoxEU.org April 26, 2016.

“Off-Balance Sheet Items of Depository Institutions in the Enhanced Financial Accounts” FEDS Note, August 28th, 2015.

“The Federal Reserve's Overnight and Term Reverse Repurchase Agreement Operations in the Financial Accounts of the United States” FEDS Note, March 24th, 2015.

“Is education policy innovation policy?” (with Joel Mokyr), VoxEU.org June 13th, 2011.

Working Papers

“Pipeline Risk in Leveraged Loan Syndication.” Finance and Economics Division Series 2017-048, Washington, DC: Federal Reserve Board (with Max Bruche and Frederic Malherbe),
Revise & Resubmit, *Review of Financial Studies*

“State Capacity and Public Goods: Institutional Change, Human Capital, and Growth in Early Modern Germany.” (with Jeremiah Dittmar) CEP Discussion Paper No 1418, 2016 .
Revise & Resubmit, *Review of Economic Studies*

“The Real Effects of Credit Line Drawdowns.” (with Jose Berrospide) Finance and Economics Division Series 2015-007, Washington, DC: Federal Reserve Board.

“Bank Monitoring: Evidence from Syndicated Loans.” (with Matthew Gustafson and Ivan Ivanov).

“The Rise of Shadow Banking: Evidence from Capital Regulation” (with Rustom Irani, Rajkamal Iyer, and José-Luis Peydró)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Best Paper Prize at the 6th International Finance and Banking Society Conference (*The Real Effects of Credit Line Drawdowns*) 2014

Northwestern University Dissertation Writing Fellowship 2009-10

Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award (Department of Economics) 2006, 2008, 2009

BCICS Travel Grant, Northwestern University 2006

Northwestern University Graduate School Supplementary Fellowship 2004-2008

Northwestern University Summer Stipend 2004 - 2008

German National Academic Foundation Fellowship 2000-2004

PRESENTATIONS

2017: Rutgers University, Cass Corporate Finance Workshop, ECB, 2017 Conference on “Banks, Systemic Risk, Measurement and Mitigation” (Rome, La Sapienza), CEPR Second Annual Spring Symposium in Financial Economics, Frontiers of Finance, 2017 SIOE meetings, Cleveland FED, Dallas FED, Darden School of Business, “Reformation at 500” (American University), Federal Reserve System Committee Meeting on Financial Institutions, Regulation, and Markets, German Economist Abroad Meeting.

2016: Federal Reserve Day-Ahead Conference on Financial Markets and Institutions, Dutch Central Bank, 4th CEPR Economic History Symposium, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Riksbank Workshop on Challenges in Interconnected Financial Systems, American University, Washington Mini-Workshop on Development and Economic History, Economic History Association, William and Mary.

2015: Federal Reserve Day-Ahead Conference on Financial Markets and Institutions, 14th ASREC conference, Northwestern University, Society of Government Economists, European Finance Association Meeting, European Economic Association Meeting, Vanderbilt University, Boston Fed, Hebrew University, University of Mannheim, George Mason University, Federal Reserve System Committee Meeting on Financial Structure and Regulation, 2nd Eurofit Workshop on Syndicated Loans, German Economists Abroad Meeting.

2014: BIS workshop “Systemically important financial institutions: A research agenda” (Beijing), FRB NY/FRB Boston Workshop on Risks of Wholesale Funding, Federal Reserve Board, 6th Financial Stability Conference (Tilburg), FDIC, 26th Australasian Finance and Banking Conference.

2013: Northwestern University, Royal Economic Society Meeting, Federal Reserve System Applied Microeconomics Conference, Dutch Central Bank, BIS workshop “Bank regulation and liquidity risk in a global financial system” (Vienna), EBC-DNB conference “The Role of Financial Intermediaries in Monetary Policy Transmission”, FDIC, Financial Management Meeting, FDIC-JFSR Banking conference, 4th CESifo conference on Macroeconomics and Survey Data.

2012: American Economic Association Meeting, Federal Reserve Day-Ahead Conference on Financial Markets and Institutions, Royal Economic Society Meeting, University of Exeter, Royal Holloway, Federal Reserve System Applied Microeconomics Conference, European Central Bank, Bank for International Settlements, Society for Computational Economics Meeting, European Meeting of the Econometric Society, Financial Management Association Meeting, 3rd CESifo conference on Macroeconomics and Survey Data, University of Muenster.

2011: University of Luxembourg, University of Mainz, Royal Economic Society Meeting, BIS workshop “Challenges for regulators in the new financial landscape” (Mexico City), Financial Intermediation Research Society Meeting, Reserve Bank of Australia, Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Conference in Honor of Joel Mokyr (Evanston, IL), Financial Management Association Meeting.

2010: Chicago FED, IMF, Federal Reserve Board, CREI, University of Rochester, NBER conference “The Rate and Direction of Inventive Activity: A New Agenda.”

2009: 8th EHES conference, NBER Pre-Conference “The Rate and Direction of Inventive Activity: A New Agenda”, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

2008: Third Max Planck Summer Conference on Economy and Society.

2006: Center of International and Comparative Studies at Northwestern University.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Program Committee

Economic History Association Meeting 2018 (chair)

Scientific Committee

Financial Management Association Meeting 2016, German Finance Association Meeting 2016, IFABS 2017, IFABS Asia 2017, German Finance Association Meeting 2017.

Referee

American Economic Review, Economic Journal, Empirical Economics, Financial Review, Hongkong University Grants Committee (UGC), International Journal of Central Banking, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Monetary Economics,

Review of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, Scottish Journal of Political Economy,
University of Chicago Press.