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Academic Positions

DePaul University – Adjunct Faculty in Economics & Finance	2013-Present
University of St. Francis- Adjunct Instructor of Economics & Finance	2012-Present
Prairie State College – Adjunct Instructor of Economics	2009-2013
Governors State University – Adjunct Instructor of Economics & Finance	2010-2011
Colorado Technical University – Adjunct Instructor of Management & Finance	2009-2010

Research Interests

Emotions & judgment in risk-based decision-making, and Influence-driven cognitive biases

Teaching Interests

Investment Management, Financial Decision-Making, Behavioral Finance, and Applied Finance Courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels

Education

The Kellstadt Graduate School of Business, DePaul University

Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) 2019
Dissertation: “The Role of Loss Aversion in Reference Point Adaption and the Escalation of Commitment”
Committee: Dr. Sonya Lim (Chair), Dr. Thomas Berry, and Dr. Ning Du

The Kellstadt Graduate School of Business, DePaul University

MBA in Business Strategy & Decision-Making and Finance 2013

The Stuart School of Business, Illinois Institute of Technology

M.S. in Finance 2000

Governors State University

B.A. in Business Administration 1998

Joliet Junior College

A.A. in General Studies 1996

Proficiencies

SPSS, Qualtrics, Blackboard, Desire 2 Learn (D2L), Canvas, and Bloomberg

Licenses

Finra Series 56 & 65

Awards

Honorary Induction, Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society, 2019

Teaching Experience

DePaul University

Applied International Portfolio Management (MBA Course)	2014-Present
Cases in Financial Decision-Making (Honors)	2014-Present
Portfolio Management (MBA Course)	2014-2016
Ethics in Financial Markets (MBA Course)	2015-Present
Business Models and Innovation Strategy (MBA Course)	2015-Present
Business Strategy (MBA Course)	2014-Present
Economics of Decision-Making (MBA Course)	2015-Present
Principles of Macroeconomics	2015-2017
Principles of Microeconomics	2014-2016

University of St. Francis

Managerial Economics (MBA Course)	2017-Present
Managerial Finance (MBA Online/Classroom Course)	2013-Present
Derivatives Valuation (MBA Online/Classroom Course)	2015- Present
Investments II	2014-2016
Investments I	2013-2016
Survey of Finance	2013-2013
Macroeconomics	2013-2014

Prairie State College

Macroeconomics	2010-2013
Microeconomics	2012-2014
Small Business Management	2009-2010
Principles of Management	2010-2012
Introduction to Business	2011-2011

Governors State University

Macroeconomics	2009-2010
Microeconomics	2009-2010

Colorado Technical University (Online)

Principles of Finance	2010-2010
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Working Papers & Projects

“Does Investor Sentiment Affect Market Response to Earnings Restatements?” with Erik Davidson, Dave Stubing, and Vahap Uysal, Working Paper, Global Finance Journal, Submitted September 2018.

“The Role of Loss Aversion on Reference Point Adaption and the Escalation of Commitment”, Dissertation Research.

Professional Experience

Black & Essington Capital, LLC. – Principal	2016-Present
Black & Essington Solutions, LLC. – Principal	2008-Present
Illinois Small Business Development Center at Joliet Junior College – Business Analyst	2010-2011
HCX International, LLC. – Founder & Co-Owner	2000-2009
Reverb Trading, LLC – Securities Trader	2008-2009
The Bluewater Arbitrage, LLC. – Equity Derivatives Trader	2007-2008
Tweeter Home Entertainment Group, Inc. – Field Sales Manager	2002-2005
Peak 6 Investments, L.P. – Trading Assistant	2000-2001
ABN AMRO North America, Inc. – Quality Assurance Associate	1999-2000
Northcoast Fund, L.P. – Private Equity Analyst (Internship)	Summer 1999

Conference Presentations & Discussions

Academy of Behavioral Finance Conference (DePaul University, Chicago, IL) “The Role of Loss Aversion on Reference Point Adaption and the Escalation of Commitment”.	2018
Behavioral Finance Working Group Conference (Queen Mary University, London, UK) “Does Investor Sentiment Affect Market Response to Earnings Restatements?” with Erik Davidson, Dave Stubing, and Vahap Uysal.	2018
Behavioral Finance Working Group Conference (Queen Mary University, London, UK) Discussant: “Is Stuttgart More Sentiment-prone than Frankfurt?” Patrick Roger and Carolin Hartmann.	2018
TEDx DePaul University “Connecting Young Minorities to their Future Selves”.	2017
National Society of Collegiate Scholars “The Future is Now”.	2016
Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education Conference, Chicago, Illinois.	2014
Everything Entrepreneur Conference, Tinley Park, Illinois.	2013
Illinois Governors Finance Officers Association, Champaign- Urbana, Illinois.	2010
South Suburban College Workforce Development Conference, South Holland, Illinois.	2009-2012

Seminar Presentations

University of Chicago (John Rogers Jr. Internship Program) <i>Investment Fundamentals and Topics in Portfolio Management II</i>	2018-2019
University of Chicago (John Rogers Jr. Internship Program) <i>Topics in Portfolio Management I & II</i>	2017-2018
CFA Society of Chicago (Claritas Fundamentals Workshop)	2016
Governors State University “The History of Economics”	2014
Joliet Junior College (Alumni Event)	2013
Cook County Probation Officers Training Conference, Countryside, Illinois	2010
Joliet Junior College (Career Events)	2010-2011
Waubonsee Community College (Staff Training Events)	2010-2012

Academic Service

University of St Francis ACBSP Accreditation Committee	2018
Driehaus Investment Competition Faculty Coordinator	2015-Present
DePaul University Allison Case Competition Faculty Coordinator	2015-Present
Fulbright Candidate Peer Reviewer (Czech Republic Commission)	2017
DePaul University “Business Models and Innovation Strategy” Course Development	2015-2016
Prairie State College Business Department Advisory Committee	2010-2012
Joliet Junior College Alumni Board- Treasurer	2010-2013
Joliet Junior College 2012-2015 Strategic Plan Committee	2010-2011

Professional Activities

The PhD Project Annual Conference (Invited Attendee)	2012
Illinois Entrepreneurship Small Business Growth Association	2010-2011
Chicagoland Speakers Network (Founding Member)	2008-2010
The Business Network International (BNI) Member	2010-2011

Other Memberships & Activities

USA Triathlon Member	2014- Present
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Academic References

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Rafael Tenorio, PhD – Professor of Economics, Kellstadt Graduate School of Business, DePaul University, 312-362-8309, rtenorio@depaul.edu.

Professional References

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