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Current Employment

Federal Reserve Bank of New York (New York, NY).

Research Officer, Financial Intermediation Function, January 2008 – present

Senior Economist, October 2005 – December 2007

Economist, June 2001 – October 2005

The Federal Reserve has an informal option on 50 percent of my time. The scope of bank work includes in-house consulting for bank supervision and senior management on special projects, representation of the bank on international working groups, support of litigation and enforcement actions against banks and bank holding companies, and administrative work for function. My recent work has included the following projects:

- Participation in international working groups studying the role of ratings in structured finance markets
- Reports to senior management on developments structured credit markets
- Work on capital relief for Double Default and Maturity Adjustment as part of the Revised Basle Accord.
- Analysis of the impact of recent regulatory guidance on earnings management in banks
- Stress test of commercial bank exposures to Sub-prime and Alt-A mortgage loans

The other 50 percent of my time is dedicated to publishing research on banking in quality academic journals. My recent research has included empirical study of the following issues:

- The role of firm and bank creditworthiness in how monetary policy works
- The impact of tougher capital requirements on bank capital and lending
- The effect of bank failure and resolution on real economic activity
- The effect of creditworthiness on the ability of banks to borrow in the federal funds market
- The impact of the credit derivatives market on the cost of debt capital and efficiency of the equity market

Education

Ph.D., Economics, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* (Cambridge, MA).

- August 1996 – June 2001.
- Fields: Macroeconomics and Econometrics.
- Dissertation: Essays in Banking and Monetary Policy.
- Advisors: Olivier Blanchard, Daron Acemoglu, and Josh Angrist.
- Scholarships: National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

B.A. Economics and B.A. Mathematics & Statistics, *Miami University* (Oxford, OH).

- August 1992 – June 1996.
- Academic honors: graduated *magna cum laude* with *University Honors* and *Departmental Honors* in Economics; received Freshman Honors.
- Scholarships: Ohio Board of Regents Scholarship; Edward and Mary Rue Miami Alumni Scholarship; Junior Scholar in Economics; J. Paul and John P. Albert Scholarship, Mathematics; Edwin Kershaw Simpson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, Economics; Thatcher Award for Undergraduate Excellence.

Work Experience

University of Chicago Graduate School of Business (Chicago, IL).
Visiting Adjunct Professor, September 2002 – August 2003.

AIESEC-Miami (Oxford, OH).
Local Committee President, January 1995 – December 1995.
VP Finance and Information Systems, January 1994 - December 1994.
Director of Management Information Systems, September 1993 - December 1993.

First National Bank of Ohio (Akron, OH).
Lease Operations Specialist, Summer 1995.
Branch Teller, Summer 1994.

Teaching Experience

University of Chicago Graduate School of Business (Chicago, IL).
Lecturer, *Money and Banking*, Fall 2002.
Lecturer, *Macroeconomics*, Summer 2003.

New York University Stern School of Business (New York, NY).
Lecturer, *Firms and Markets*, Summer 2002.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA).
Lecturer, *Principles of Macroeconomics*, Fall 1998/1999.
Teaching Assistant, *Graduate Labor Economics*, Spring 2001.

Harvard University (Cambridge, MA).
Teaching Assistant, *Intermediate Macroeconomics*, Summer 1999/2000.

Tufts University (Medford, MA).
Lecturer, *Money and Finance II*, Spring 1999.

Miami University (Oxford, OH).
Teaching Assistant, *Principles of Macroeconomics*, Spring 1994.
Tutor of Mathematics, Economics, and Business, 1994-1996.

Academic Service

Written referee reports for the following academic journals: *American Economic Review*; *Journal of Finance*; *Review of Economics and Statistics*; *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*; *Journal of Business*; *European Economic Review*; *Journal of Financial Intermediation*; *Journal of Financial Services Research*; *Journal of Banking and Finance*; *Japan and the World Economy*; *International Finance*; *Contemporary Economic Policy*; *Economic Inquiry*; *Current Issues in Economics and Finance* (Federal Reserve Bank of New York); *Economic Policy Review* (Federal Reserve Bank of New York); and *IMF Staff Papers*.

Associate Editor of *Economic Policy Review* (Federal Reserve Bank of New York), June 2005 – present.

Served on advisory panel to banking PhD students at 2004 EFMA Meetings (Basel, Switzerland).

Grants

Center for Financial Research, FDIC (Spring 2004).

Refereed Publications

“Are Banks Really Special? New Evidence from FDIC-induced Failures of Healthy Banks,” in the *American Economic Review*, Volume 95, Number 5, December 2005

- Macro Brown Bag Lunch, University of Chicago GSB (Chicago, IL), January 2003
- Banking Brown Bag Lunch, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (New York, NY)
- Federal Reserve System Banking Conference (Chicago, IL), November 2003
- Tuck School of Business Winter Finance Workshop (Revelstoke, British Columbia), February 2004
- Financial Intermediation Research Society Conference (Capri, Italy), May 2004
- European Financial Management Association Meetings (Basel, Switzerland), July 2004
- University of California at San Diego Department of Economics (La Jolla, CA), November 2004

Also published as Staff Study 176, Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

“New Evidence on the Lending Channel,” in the *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*, Volume 38, Issue 3, pp. 751-776, April 2006.

- Macro Seminar, MIT Department of Economics (Cambridge, MA), November 2000
- Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve (Washington, DC), December 2000
- Banking Studies, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (New York, NY)
- INSEAD (Fontainebleu, France), January 2001
- Texas A&M University Department of Economics (College Station, TX), January 2001
- University of Southern California Department of Economics (Los Angeles, CA), January 2001
- Johns Hopkins University Department of Economics (Baltimore, MD), January 2001
- Federal Reserve System Macro Conference (St. Louis, MO), November 2001
- Macro Brown Bag Lunch, University of Chicago GSB (Chicago, IL), October 2002
- University of California at Berkeley Department of Finance (Berkeley, CA), November 2002

Published as Chapter I of “Essays in Banking and Monetary Policy, MIT Doctoral Thesis, June 2001 and Staff Study 136, Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

“Firm Balance Sheets and Monetary Policy Transmission” with Murillo Campello (Department of Finance, University of Illinois), forthcoming at the *Journal of Monetary Economics*.

- Banking Brown Bag Lunch, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (New York, NY), January 2002
- Bank Structure Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Chicago, IL), April 2002
- Macro Brown Bag Lunch, University of Chicago GSB (Chicago, IL), June 2003
- NBER Summer Institute Workshop in Monetary Economics (Boston, MA), July 2005
- AEA Meetings (Boston, MA), January 2006

Also known as “Borrowers' Financial Constraints and the Transmission of Monetary Policy: Evidence from Financial Conglomerates,” published as Staff Study 153, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and “On the Role of Firm Balance Sheets in the Transmission Mechanism,” published as part of the Proceedings of the 2002 Conference on Bank Structure and Competition, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

“Are Bank Holding Companies a Source of Strength to Their Subsidiaries?,” forthcoming in the *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*.

- Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Chicago, IL), February 2003
- University of Illinois Department of Finance (Champaign, IL), March 2003
- Federal Reserve System Banking Conference (New Orleans, LA), October 2005
- Center for Financial Research, FDIC (Washington, DC), June 2005

Published as Staff Study 189, Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

“Does the Market Discipline Banks? New Evidence from Regulatory Capital Mix,” forthcoming in the *Journal of Financial Intermediation*.

- World Bank (Washington DC), October 2006

Published as Staff Study 244, Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

“Systemic Illiquidity in the Federal Funds Market” with Darrell Duffie (Department of Finance, Stanford University), in *2007 AEA Papers and Proceedings*.

- Federal Reserve Bank of New York (New York, NY), May 2006

“Using Loan Rates to Measure and Regulate Bank Risk: Findings and an Immodest Proposal” with Don Morgan (Banking Studies, Federal Reserve Bank of New York), *Journal of Financial Services Research*.

- Banking Brown Bag Lunch, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (New York, NY), May 2002.
- Banking Research Conference, FDIC and JFSR (Washington, DC), September 2002
- Federal Reserve System Banking Conference (Atlanta, GA), September 2002
- International Atlantic Economic Society Conference (Washington, DC), October 2002

Advanced Research

“On the Market Discipline of Informationally-Opaque Firms: Evidence from Bank Borrowers in the Federal Funds Market” with Hoyt Bleakley (University of Chicago GSB).

- Center for Financial Research, FDIC (Washington, DC), September 2004
- Banking Brown Bag Lunch, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (New York, NY), April 2005
- Department of Economics, CUNY (New York, NY), September 2005
- Federal Reserve System Banking Conference (New York, NY), November 2005
- Department of Finance, Tilburg University (Tilburg, Netherlands), November 2005
- NYU-FRB Conference on Financial Intermediation (New York, NY), November 2005
- Financial Intermediation and Research Society Conference (Shanghai, China), June 2006

Published as Working Paper, Center for Financial Research, FDIC.

“The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005: Means-Testing or Just Mean?” with Don Morgan (Banking Studies, Federal Reserve Bank of New York) and Astrid Dick (INSEAD), revise-and-resubmit, *Economic Policy Review*.

- Brown Bag Lunch, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (New York, NY), April 2006
- Federal Reserve System Banking Conference (Atlanta, GA), November 2006

“Has the Credit Derivatives Market Lowered the Cost of Corporate Debt?” with Joao Santos (Banking Studies, Federal Reserve Bank of New York)

- Brown Bag Lunch, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (New York, NY), October 2006
- Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (San Francisco, CA), October 2006
- Department of Finance, SUNY-Binghamton (Binghamton, NY) March 2007

“The Effect of Credit Derivatives Trading on Equity Market Quality” with Joshua Rosenberg (Capital Markets, Federal Reserve Bank of New York)

- Brown Bag Lunch, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (New York, NY), August 2006

“Do Tougher Bank Capital Requirements Matter? Evidence from the Eighties”

- Macro Seminar, MIT Department of Economics (Cambridge, MA), October 1999
- Miami University Department of Economics (Oxford, OH), December 1999
- Bank of International Settlements (Basle, Switzerland), January 2001

Published as Chapter II of “Essays in Banking and Monetary Policy,” MIT Doctoral Thesis, June 2001.

“How Does Tranching Create Economic Value?,” unpublished working paper

- Banking Brown Bag Lunch, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (New York, NY), October 2004
- Seminar, Moodys Research (New York, NY), July 2005

Published as part of the report “The Role of Ratings in Structured Finance,” by the Committee on the Global Financial System (2003).

“On the Economic Distortions of Smoothing Aggregate Volatility with Monetary Policy,” Chapter III of “Essays in Banking and Monetary Policy,” MIT Doctoral Thesis.

“Identifying the Consequences of Teenage Childbearing” with Kevin Lang (Department of Economics, Boston University)

- NBER Summer Institute (Cambridge, MA), June 2006

Current Projects

“The Interbank Market and Precautionary Reserves” with Jamie McAndrews and David Skeie (Payments Function, Federal Reserve Bank of New York)

- Konstanz Seminar on Monetary Theory and Policy (Konstanz, Germany), May 2007

Comments and Discussions

“Measures of the Riskiness of Banking Organizations: Subordinate Debt Yields, Risk-Based Capital, and Examination Ratings” by Larry Wall and Douglas Evanoff at Federal Reserve System Banking Conference (San Francisco, CA), November 2001.

“Property Rights and Bank Loan Pricing” by Kee-Hong Bae and Vidan Goyal at Financial Intermediation Research Society Conference (Capri, Italy), May 2004

“Does Capital Regulation Matter for Bank Behavior?” by Frank Heid, Daniel Porath, and Stephanie Stolz at European Financial Management Association Meetings (Basel, Switzerland), July 2004.

“Information Asymmetries and the Effects of Banking Mergers on Firm-Bank Relationships” by Stephen Drucker at Financial Management Association Meetings (Chicago, IL), October 2005

“The Impact of Joint Participation on Liquidity in Equity and Syndicated Bank Loan Markets,” by Linda Allen, Aron Gottesman, and Lin Peng, November 2007.