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Research and Statistics Group
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Employment and academic appointments

2025–today Research Economist, Research and Statistics Group
The Federal Reserve Bank of New York

2026–today Tenured Associated Professor of Economics and Policy
Cambridge University, Judge School of Business

2023–today Academic consultant
National Bank of Belgium

2018–2026 Assistant Professor of Finance
New York University, Stern School of Business

Education

2012–2018 The University of Chicago
Ph.D. in Economics
Committee: Michael Greenstone, Amir Sufi, Chad Syverson, Alessandra Voena

2012–2014 The University of Chicago
M.A. in Economics

2008–2011 Bocconi University
M.S. in Economics, Summa cum Laude
Thesis advisor: Tommaso Monacelli

2005–2008 Bocconi University
B.S. in Finance, Summa cum Laude
Thesis advisor: Tommaso Monacelli

Fellowships and affiliations

2026–today Affiliated Professor of Economics and Policy
Cambridge University, Department of Economics

2025–today Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)
Research Affiliate

2025–today The Rimini Center for Economic Analysis (RCEA)
Academic Fellow

2017 Macro financial modeling — Dissertation support fellowship
The University of Chicago

2012–2018 University of Chicago Graduate Student Fellowship
The University of Chicago

2011 Giorgio Mortara scholarship
Bank of Italy — Graduate studies scholarship

Academic publications and forthcomings

Zombie Lending and Policy Traps (with Acharya & Wang)
Review of Economic Studies (Conditionally accecpted)

Financial Shocks, Productivity, and Prices (with Rivers, Tielens, & Hu)
Review of Economic Studies (Accepted)

Anatomy of the Phillips Curve: Micro Evidence and Macro Implications (with Gagliardone, Gertler, & Tielens)
American Economic Review (2025)

Propagation and Amplification of Local Productivity Spillovers (with Giroud, Maingi, & Mueller)
Econometrica (2024)

Comment on Trade and Diffusion of Embodied Technology: An Empirical Analysis
Journal of Monetary Economics (2023)

Two Old Masters and a Young Genius: The Creativity of Francis Bacon, Lucian Freud, and Jean-Michel Basquiat (with Galenson)
Journal of Cultural Economics (2023)

Sovereign Debt Exposure and the Bank Lending Channel: Impact on Credit Supply and the Real Economy (with Bottero & Mezzanotti)
Journal of International Economics (2020)

Pricing Genius: The Market Evaluation of Innovation (with Galenson)
Journal of Applied Economics (2016)

Systemic Risk on Different Interbank Network Topologies (with Tedeschi)
Physics A (2012)

Working papers

The Cost and Shadow Cost of Credit (with Manaresi & Taburet)
Review of Corporate Finance Studies (Revise and Resubmit)

Micro and Macro Cost-price Dynamics across Inflation Regimes (with Gagliardone, Gertler, & Tielens)

Artificial intelligence and monetary policy: A framework and perspective on cyclical transmission, structural transition, and financial stability

Sources and Implications of Resource Misallocation: New Evidence from Firm-Level Marginal Products and User Costs (with Manaresi)

An Odd Approximation of Inflation for Policy Analysis (with Ebsim, Gagliardone, Gertler, & Tielens)

A early assessment of the adoption, use, and impact of GenAI on firms' production, productivity, and profitability (with Mezzanotti & Tielens)

Ongoing projects

Bankruptcy in Equilibrium with Ex-ante Effects (with Martinez-Correa & Taburet)

Additive Firm's Dynamics (with Philippon)

Intangibles, Market Shares, and How to Finance Them (with Tielens & Sufi)

Credit and Conflict in Nigeria (with Bello, Oki, & Ndiaye)

Selling Bad Loans (with Bottero, Mezzanotti, & Parise)

Teaching

2019	Foundations of Finance (Undergraduate course) – NYU Stern School of Business. Ph.D. lecture on structural methods (NYU Stern, Ph.D. Corporate Finance course).
2020	Foundations of Finance (Undergraduate course) – NYU Stern School of Business. Ph.D. lecture on structural methods (NYU Stern, Ph.D. Corporate Finance course).
2021	Foundations of Finance (Undergraduate course) – NYU Stern School of Business.
2022	Foundations of Finance (Undergraduate course) – NYU Stern School of Business. Ph.D. lecture on structural methods (NYU Stern, Ph.D. Corporate Finance course).
2023	Foundations of Finance (Undergraduate course) – NYU Stern School of Business. Ph.D. lecture on structural methods (NYU Stern, Ph.D. Corporate Finance course).
2024	Foundations of Finance (Undergraduate course) – NYU Stern School of Business.

Seminar invitations and conferences

Academic year 2017 and before

University of Chicago, Becker Freedman; Northwestern University, Network Frontiers, conference presentation; University of Chicago, Booth School of Business; Midwest Finance Association meetings.

Academic year 2018–2019

University of Chicago Booth School of Business; Federal Reserve Board; Federal Reserve Bank of New York; NYU Stern School of Business; Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management; European Central Bank; University of Michigan, Ross School of Management; Bocconi University; Bank of Italy.

Academic year 2019–2020

Princeton University; International Monetary Fund, seminar invitation; European Bank of Reconstruction and Development; Symposium in Financial Markets (ESSFM, Gerzensee); Columbia University New Empirical Finance conference.

Academic year 2020–2021

Stanford GSB; University of Bristol; RCEA Growth, Innovation and Entrepreneurship conference; Midwest Finance Association meetings; Eastern Finance Association meetings; North American Econometric Society meetings; NYU Stern Finance, internal seminar.

Academic year 2021–2022

Berkeley Haas; Pompeu Fabra University; University of Edinburgh; University of Amsterdam; CEMFI Madrid; Bank of Spain; Hong Kong University; Workshop on Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation; International Monetary Fund; Universidad de Pacifico; European Urban Economics Association meetings; Swiss Winter Conference on Financial Intermediation conference; Midwest Finance Association meetings; Swiss Society for Financial Market Research conference; North America Econometric Society meetings; RCEA Taxation and Innovation Conference conference; New York University, macro lunch seminar.

Academic year 2022–2023

Dartmouth University; Georgetown University; University of Wisconsin Madison; University of Cagliari; Society of Economic Dynamics (SED) conference; Barcelona summer forum; European Econometric Society meetings; North American Urban Economic Association meetings; American Finance Association meetings; NYU Stern, finance internal seminar.

Academic year 2023–2024

Harvard University; Duke University; International Monetary Found; Bank of Belgium; European Commission, DG Economics; Waseda University Tokyo; Hitotsubashi University Tokyo; International Monetary Found Macro Finance Symposium; Atlanta FED Workshop on Firm Dynamics & Macroeconomy; Workshop on Heterogeneity and Economic Fluctuations; Stanford University SITE; NBER Summer Institute; Barcelona summer forum; American Finance Association meetings; American Economic Association meetings; European Association for Research in Industrial Economics meetings; European Finance Association meetings; Western Finance Association conference; Midwest Macro meetings; Society of Economic Dynamics (SED) conference; NYU Stern, finance internal seminar.

Academic year 2024–2025

University of Maryland; Georgetown University; University of Chicago Booth; Goethe University SAFE; Frankfurt School of Finance; European Central Bank; UCSB/LAEF Junior Macro Conference; University of Cambridge; Bank of Portugal; University of Geneva; University of Cambridge, Judge School of Business; Bank de France; University of Lausanne; Imperial College London; Bank of Italy; Eastern Finance Association (EFA) conference; Financial Management Association (FMA) European Conference; CEBRA, RCEA International Conference in Economics, Econometrics, and Finance; Society of Economic Dynamics (SED) conference, NBER Summer Institute (Monetary Economics); NBER Summer Institute (Corporate Finance); Yale Cowles Summer Conference.

Academic year 2025–2026

University College London (UCL); Boston University; Bocconi University; University of Lugano (USI); University of Milan, Bicocca; IESE; ESADE; National University of Singapore; Norges Bank; Federal

Reserve Bank of St. Louis; 2025 RAPS/RCFS Europe Conference, Cambridge; Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF); LUISS University; University of Cambridge, Judge business school; Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, IMAEF Conference 2026, CEBRA, International Journal of Central Banking (IJCB) Conference: New Technologies and Their Implications for Monetary Policy and Financial Stability, Annual ChaMP ECB research network, Annual Conference of the Money, Macro and Finance Society, Bank of Chile, Universidad de Chile.

Conferences and workshops as organizer

NY Fed/ECB Conference on Nonbank Financial Intermediation
Years: 2026;

NYU Stern/NY Fed Conference on Financial Intermediation
Years: 2020; *2021*; *2022*; *2023; 2024; 2025*.

NYU-Columbia Trade and Spatial Economics workshop
Years: 2002; 2023; 2024; 2025.

NYU Stern junior conference in Trade and Spatial Economics
Years: 2024; 2025.

Referee activity

American Economic Review; Journal of Political Economy; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economic Studies; Journal of Finance; Journal of Financial Economics; Review of Financial Studies; European Economic Review; Management Science; Journal of International Economics; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Monetary Economics; AEJ Policy; AEJ Macroeconomics; Economica; Review of Corporate Finance Studies; Review of Finance; Journal of Cultural Economics; Economic Journal.

Reviewer activity

Midwest Finance Association (MFA) meeting; European Finance Association (EFA) meeting; Western Finance Association meeting (WFA); Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS) meeting; Italian Financial Economists Association meeting.