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ACADEMIC POSITION

Assistant Professor of Real Estate and Finance
Haas School of Business, UC-Berkeley
Department of Economics, UC-Berkeley

July 2013- present
July 2013-June 2015

Faculty Research Fellow,
National Bureau of Economic Research

May 2016- present

EDUCATION

Ph.D in Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2013.
M.S. in Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2008.
M.S. in Managerial Economics, Sharif University of Technology, 2007.
B.S. in Electrical Engineering, University of Tehran, 2006.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Winner of NASDAQ Prize for Best Paper at FMA
NBER Household Finance Grant Award (Sloan Foundation) (with Marco Di Maggio)
Clausen Center Grant
MIT Department of Economics Fellowship
HAND Foundation Scholarship
Ithmaar Bank Scholarship
Gold Medal of 33rd International Physics Olympiad (IPhO 2002)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ECON 236 B: Aggregate Economics, PhD (7/7)
PHDBA 289A: Real Estate Seminars, PhD (7/7)
UGBA 183: Real Estate Finance and Securitization, Undergraduate (6.4/7)
MBA/EWMBA 183: Real Estate Finance and Securitization, MBA (6.6/7)
MFE 230H: Financial Risk Measurement and Management (6.4/7)

PUBLICATIONS

- (1) [The Value of Connections in Turbulent Times: Evidence from the United States](#), with Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, James Kwak and Todd Mitton.
Journal of Financial Economics, 121(2), 368-391.
Media coverage: [VoxEU Slate](#) [WSJ](#)
- (2) [The Value of Trading Relations in Turbulent Times](#) (with Marco Di Maggio and Zhaogang Song)
Journal of Financial Economics, 124(2), 266-284
[NASDAQ Prize at FMA](#)
Media coverage: [VoxEU](#)
- (3) [Credit-Induced Boom and Bust](#) (with Marco Di Maggio)

The Review of Financial Studies, Forthcoming.

- (4) [Interest Rate Pass-Through: Mortgage Rates, Household Consumption and Voluntary Deleveraging](#) (with M. Di Maggio, B. J. Keys, T. Piskorski, R. Ramcharan, A. Seru, V. Yao)
The American Economic Review, Forthcoming.
Media coverage: [VoxEU](#)
(Note: this is a combined version of working papers [Monetary Policy Pass-Through: Household Consumption and Voluntary Deleveraging](#) by M. Di Maggio, A. Kermani and R. Ramcharan previously Revise & Resubmit at [American Economic Review](#) and [Mortgage Rates, Household Balance Sheets, and the Real Economy](#) by B. Keys, T. Piskorski, A. Seru, and V. Yao previously Revise and Resubmit at [Journal of Political Economy](#))

Research Papers

- (5) [How Quantitative Easing Works: Evidence on the Refinancing Channel](#)
(with Marco Di Maggio and Christopher Palmer)
Revision requested by *The Review of Economic Studies*
Media coverage: [Forbes](#) [VoxEU](#) [NBER Digest](#)
- (6) [Does Skin-in-the-Game Affect Security Performance? Evidence from the Conduit CMBS Market](#)
(with Adam Ashcraft and Kunal Gooriah)
Revision requested by *Journal of Financial Economics*
- (7) [The Relevance of Broker Networks for Information Diffusion in the Stock Market](#)
(with Marco Di Maggio , Francesco Franzoni, Carlo Somnavilla)
Media coverage: [Bloomberg](#) [WSJ](#) [Institutional Investor](#) [Bloomberg](#)
- (8) [Unemployment Insurance as an Automatic Stabilizer: The Financial Channel](#)
(with Marco Di Maggio)
- (9) [Cheap Credit, Collateral and the Boom-Bust Cycle](#)
- (10) [Partial Deregulation and Competition: Effects on Risky Mortgage Origination](#)
(with Marco Di Maggio and Sanket Korgaonkar)
Media coverage: [Bloomberg](#)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Household Credit and Local Economic Uncertainty with Marco Di Maggio, Rodney Ramcharan and Edison Yu

Stock Market Returns and Consumption with Marco Di Maggio and Kaveh Majlesi

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Invited Seminars(Scheduled):*

2017: LSE, NYU Stern, Chicago Booth, Chicago Fed, UC Davis, NY Fed*

2016: MIT (Econ), Columbia (Econ and GSB), Wharton, Northwestern Kellogg, Federal Reserve Board, USC, St. Louis Fed, Singapore Management University, National University of Singapore

2014-2015: Stanford GSB, Harvard (Economics and HBS), NY Fed, San Francisco Fed, Fed Board, Orfalea College of Busines, UCSC

2013: UC Berkeley Econ, UC Berkeley Haas, Univ of Michigan, London School of Economics, London School of Business, UT Austin McCombs, Federal Reserve Board

Conference Presentations:

2017: American Finance Association, AEA, ES, NBER Conference on New Developments in Long-Term Asset Management*, NBER Summer Institute Asset Pricing*, SITE conference at Stanford*, NBER SI Consumption: Micro to Macro, Western Finance Association(x2), NYU Stern/New York Fed Conference on Financial Intermediation, 4th SEC Financial Market Regulation, CEPR Household Finance Conference, NYU Household Finance.

2016: NBER Corporate Finance Fall Meeting, “Housing, Household Debt, and Macroeconomics” Conference at the Baker Friedman Institute (Univ. of Chicago), ECB conference on Monetary Policy, American Finance Association, NBER Monetary Economics Spring Meeting in NY, Western Finance Association, The Eleventh NYU Stern/New York Fed Conference on Financial Intermediation, Paul Woolley Centre 9th Annual Conference, 2016 Summer Real Estate Research Symposium, FIRS 2016, SITE conference at Stanford, CEPR Household Finance Conference, ECB conference on “Monetary policy pass-through and credit markets”, EEA-ESEM 2016.

2015: NBER SI Corporate Finance, NBER SI Monetary Economics, NBER SI Household Finance, NBER Fall Public Economics Meetings, FIRS 2015, Macro-Finance Society at the Boston Fed, Real Estate Symposium, SED 2015, Jackson Hole Finance Conference, UBC Winter Finance Conference, Adam Smith Conference Asset Pricing, Adam Smith Conference Corporate Finance, 2015 UNC/Duke Corporate Finance Conference, the New York Fed-NYU conference on "Mortgage Contract Design: Implications for Households, Monetary Policy, and Financial Stability", Fed “Day Ahead” Conference on Financial Markets and Institutions, CFPB.

2014: NBER Monetary Economics Fall Meeting, FMA Meeting, NBER SI Real Estate, NBER SI Monetary Economics, Bank of Canada “Monetary Policy and Financial Stability” Conference, Conference on Housing and Monetary Policy (SF Fed).

Refereeing:

Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, Journal of Financial Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Management Science, Review of Finance, Journal of Money Credit and Banking, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Public Economics, Quantitative Economics, Journal of Law Economics and Organization, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance

Discussions:

Sunderam, Adi, and David Scharfstein, “Market Power in Mortgage Lending and the Transmission of Monetary Policy”, Econometric Society 2017

Cheng, Jiang, Wenlan Qian and David Reeb, “Financial Intermediaries and Customer Complaints of David Reeb”, AEA 2017

Meisenzahl, Ralf R. and Rustam Irani, “Loan Sales and Bank Liquidity Management”, Federal Reserve Day Ahead Conference, Jan 2016.

Favara , Giovanni and Marisassunta Gianetti, “Forced Asset Sales and the Concentration of Outstanding Debt: Evidence from the Mortgage Market”, AFA 2016

Garriga , Carlos, Finn E. Kydland and Roman Sustek , “Mortgages and Monetary Policy”, Monetary Policy and the Distribution of Income and Wealth Conference, St. Louis Fed, Sep 2015.

Chi-Fong Kuong , John, “Self-fulfilling Fire Sales: Fragility of Collateralised Short-term Debt Markets”, 2nd Conference on “Bank performance, financial stability and the real economy”, Capri, Italy, June 2015.

Agarwal, Sumit, Jessica Pan, and Wenlan Qian. “Age of Decision: Pension Savings Withdrawal and Consumption and Debt Response.” , NBER East Asian Seminar on Economics, in SF Fed, June 2015

Christensen, Jens HE, Jose A. Lopez, and Glenn D. Rudebusch. "A probability-based stress test of Federal Reserve assets and income." . NBER East Asian Seminar on Economics, in SF Fed, June 2015

Monica Piazzesi and Martin Schneider. “Housing and Macroeconomics”, Handbook of Macroeconomics Volume 2 in Stanford, April 2015

Adelino, Manuel, Antoinette Schoar, and Felipe Severino. “Changes in buyer composition and the expansion of credit during the boom”, UNC, April 2015

Amromin, Gene, and Caitlin Kearns. "Access to Refinancing and Mortgage Interest Rates: HARPing on the Importance of Competition." , MFA meeting, Chicago, March 2015.

Giglio, Stefano, Matteo Maggiori, and Johannes Stroebel, “Very long-run discount rates” , NBER Financing Housing Capital Meeting in Chicago, April 2014