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ACADEMIC POSITION

	Kennesaw State University
2025 – Present	Assistant Professor of Finance

EDUCATION

	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2025	Ph.D. in Finance
2019	M.S. in Statistics
	Korea University
2017	B.S. in Business Administration

WORKING PAPERS

- [1] **“Pay to Play: Political Connections and the Private Equity Investments of Public Pension Funds”**
(solo-authored)
- [2] **“Shared Spaces, Shared Reputations: Investment Adviser Misconduct and Affiliated Bank Branches”** (solo-authored)
- [3] **“Consumption Behavior and Consumer Credit Risk: Heterogeneous Informational Value across Borrowers”** with Jooha Nam, Donghun Ryu, and Younjoo Lee
- [4] **“When Audits Are No Longer Required: Evidence from Nonprofit Audit Removal”** with Stefan Zeume and Egor Matveyev
- [5] **“Hurting Fund Returns: Business Ties Constraints and Portfolio Misallocation”** (solo-authored)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- [1] **“Health Information and Consumer Credit Risk: Evidence from Linked Health Screening, Financial, and Consumption Data”** with Jooha Nam, Seokchul Hong, Hojun Kang, and Yoonju Lee
- [2] **“Heterogeneous Impact of Nonprofit Donations”** with Stefan Zeume and Egor Matveyev
- [3] **“Underwriters’ Connections to Pre-IPO Shareholders”** with Rongbing Huang

SEMINARS & CONFERENCES ([†] presented by coauthor)

2026	ACFE Research Institute Conference, Sogang University seminar [†] , Bank of Korea Economic Research Institute seminar [†] , Korean Money and Finance Association Annual Meeting [†] , Korea Institute of Finance seminar [†]
2025	EFMA [†] , ACFE Research Institute Conference
2024	SFS Cavalcade North America, FMA, 7th Advances in VC & PE Research Online Workshop
2023	AFA (Ph.D. Poster), FMA, Southwestern Finance Association Annual Meeting (×2), New Zealand Finance Meeting
2022	3rd Annual Boca-ECGI Corporate Finance and Governance Conference, FMA, World Finance Banking Symposium

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

2026	Research Grant, ACFE Research Institute
2024	Semi-finalist, FMA Best Paper Award in Asset Pricing & Investments
2024	Ph.D. Student Grant, SFS Cavalcade North America
2023, 2024	Shinhan Bank and KAFA Scholarship
2023	Dr. Bong-Soo Lee Memorial Scholarship
2023	AFA Travel Grant
2022	Robert Ferber Award
2022	Ritchie-Jennings Memorial Scholarship
2019–2025	UIUC Doctoral Fellowship

TEACHING

	Kennesaw State University
2025 – Present	FIN 3100 Principles of Finance
2026	FIN 7020 Business Finance (MBA)
	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2024	Big Data Analytics (graduate), lab instructor (<i>Listed in Teachers Ranked as Excellent</i>)
2021 – 2025	Corporate Finance (undergraduate), discussion sections

REFERENCES

Stefan Zeume (Chair) Assistant Professor of Finance University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (217) 300-8470, zeume@illinois.edu	Heitor Almeida Golder Chair in Corporate Finance University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (217) 333-2704, halmeida@illinois.edu
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IMMIGRATION STATUS

U.S. Permanent Resident