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JOB MARKET PAPER	“How Political Connections Affect Public Pension Fund Investments? Evidence from Close State Elections” (solo-authored) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Semi-finalist for the FMA Best Paper Award, 2024– Presented at SFS Cavalcade North America 2024, FMA 2024, 7th Advances in VC & PE Research Online Workshop, UIUC <p>I investigate how political connections affect the investment decisions and performance of public pension funds in the private equity markets. Exploiting a regression discontinuity design on a sample of close U.S. state elections, I find that the post-election likelihood of receiving investments from a pension fund is about 20 times higher for private equity firms donating to candidates that eventually win election and become a public pension board member, compared to firms donating to losers. I also find that private equity funds in which public pension funds invest through political connections exhibit a 5 percentage points lower abnormal internal rate of return, which is partly driven by abnormal fund fees and home bias investments.</p>	
WORKING PAPERS	“Distrust Spillovers from Financial Advisors to Bank Branches” (solo-authored) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presented at AFA (Ph.D. Poster) 2023, 3rd Boca-ECGI Finance and Governance Conference, SWFA 2023, FMA 2022, UIUC <p>Exploiting detailed administrative data on financial advisors and the geographic dispersion of bank branches, I find that, after advisory misconduct is exposed in a county, their affiliated bank branches in that county show abnormal decreases in deposits and small business loan originations. These effects are stronger when banks are geographically closer to affiliated advisors, face serious misconduct, have more uninsured deposits, are affiliated with advisors serving fewer retail clients, or are in socially-networked counties. I establish causality through the quasi-natural experiment of the mutual fund late-trading scandal. The results indicate that there are unexplored inter-industry distrust spillovers across financial intermediaries.</p> “Hurting Fund Returns: Business Ties Constraints and Portfolio Misallocation” (solo-authored) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presented at FMA 2023, SWFA 2023, New Zealand Finance Meeting 2023, World Finance Banking Symposium 2022, UIUC <p>This paper examines how business ties with portfolio firms affect the asset management strategies of mutual funds. By exploiting the revelation of mutual fund advisory misconduct as an exogenous shock to these business ties, I find that mutual fund management firms with collapsed trust tend to increase their portfolio weights in client stocks following the misconduct revelation. This shift towards client stocks effectively reduces the likelihood of business partnership termination. Additionally, I find that client stocks underperform compared to non-client stocks and exhibit indifference towards net-selling stocks held by the same mutual fund families. These findings raise concerns about fiduciary duty violations and underscore the need for vigilance in aligning investment decisions with shareholder interests.</p>	

WORK IN PROGRESS	“What Boards Talk to Decide? Evidence from Public Pension Investments” “Systemic Municipal Political Risks”	
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