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CURRENT POSITION:

- Professor of Finance (tenured), College of Business and Economics, California State University Fullerton

PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

- Associate Professor of Finance (tenured), College of Business and Economics, California State University Fullerton, 2013 – 2024
- Associate Professor of Finance (untentured), College of Business and Economics, California State University Fullerton, 2006 – 2013

EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. Finance, Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California, 2006
- B.A., Economics, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey, 1997

PUBLICATIONS:

- Stakeholder Orientation and Insider Trading (with Arsenio Staer and Erdem Ucar). *The Financial Review*, **60**(3), 761–798 (2025).
- New Blockholder and Investor Limited Attention: Evidence from Private Acquisitions (with Emily Jian Huang, Qingzhong Ma, and Athena Wei Zhang). *Accounting & Finance*, **64**(4), 4393–4427 (2024).
- Local Religion and Insider Trading (with Erdem Ucar). *International Journal of Business*, **29**(3), Article 004 (2024).
- Policy Risk and Insider Trading (with Erdem Ucar). *Journal of Empirical Finance*, **72**, 341–353 (2023).
- Calendar Anomalies: Do REITs Behave Like Stocks? (with Su Han Chan and Mariya Letdin). *International Real Estate Review*, **18**(2), 177–215 (2015).
- Do Overvaluation-Driven Stock Acquisitions Really Benefit Acquirer Shareholders? (sole-authored). *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, **48**(4), 1025–1055 (2013).
- 50+ Years of Diversification Announcements (with John G. Matsusaka). *The Financial Review*, **45**(2), 231–262 (2010).

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

- “Do Insiders Catch the Flu?”, with Erdem Ucar.
- “Social Connectedness and Insider Trading”, with Erdem Ucar.
- “Investor Attention and Merger and Acquisition Outcomes”, with Arsenio Staer and Erdem Ucar.
- “Headquarters Location and Firm Performance”, with Ko Wang and Su Han Chan.

PRIOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD:

- Associate Professor of Finance, College of Business and Economics, California State University Fullerton, 2006 – 2025
- Lecturer, Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California, 2004 – 2005
- Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California, 2000 – 2004

PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS EXPERIENCE:

- Financial Analyst, The Gillette Company (now part of Procter & Gamble), Istanbul, Turkey, 1998-2000
 - Responsible for financial planning and reporting for Turkey, Balkans Region and Mediterranean Export Markets.
- Financial Analyst, Deloitte & Touché, Istanbul, Turkey, 1997-1998
 - Worked in audit, valuation and privatization projects.

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FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

- Teaching Excellence Award, University-wide, CSUF, 2025
- Faculty Fellowship Award, College of Business and Economics, CSUF, 2016
- Faculty Scholar for Excellence in Scholarly Research, CSUF, 2013
- Dean's Research Funding, College of Business and Economics, CSUF, 2009, 2010, 2011
- Dean's Graduate Fellowship Award, Marshall School of Business, 2000 – 2005

COURSES TAUGHT:

- **FIN 320 Financial Management I:** An undergraduate foundation course in corporate finance for business students who have completed introductory accounting, serving as the gateway to advanced finance study.
- **FIN 433: Problems in Business Finance:** A senior-level, case-intensive undergraduate elective targeting finance majors preparing for careers in corporate finance, investment analysis, or financial consulting.
- **FIN 523: Seminar in Corporate Financial Management:** A graduate-level seminar for MBA students, preparing them for senior finance leadership roles.
- **FIN 533: Seminar in Financial Administration:** An advanced graduate seminar representing a continuation and deepening of corporate finance concepts for MBA students and graduate finance majors.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Executive Compensation and Managerial Insider Trading
- Corporate Diversification and Internal Capital Markets
- Local Factors in Finance

RECENT CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS OF SCHOLARLY WORK:

- European Financial Management Association (EFMA) Greece Meetings, June 2025.
- California Corporate Finance Conference, March 2024
- Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting, October 2024.
- Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting, October 2020.
- Southern Finance Association, 2019.

REFEREE WORK:

- The Journal of Finance, Financial Review, Journal of Real Estate Research, Journal of Financial Research, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Finance Research Letters, Borsa Istanbul Review.