

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- 1985 Ph. D., Economics, Business, and Public Policy  
Graduate School of Business, Stanford University
- 1979 BA, Harvard University

### Employment

- 1998-present University of Pennsylvania  
The Wharton School  
Professor of Management
- 1989-1998 University of Pennsylvania  
The Wharton School  
Associate Professor of Management
- 1985-1989 Carnegie Mellon University  
Graduate School of Industrial Administration  
Assistant Professor of Economics and Industrial Administration
- 1983-1985 Carnegie Mellon University  
Graduate School of Industrial Administration  
Instructor of Economics and Industrial Administration

### Visiting Positions

- 2012-2013 Michael Crouch Visiting Professorial Fellow  
University of New South Wales
- June 2003 Philip Morris Visiting Professor  
Sant 'Anna School of Advanced Studies University of Pisa
- 1998-1999 Bower Fellow  
Harvard Business School, Harvard University

### Honors

- Honorary Doctorate, Warwick University, 2017  
Irwin Award as Distinguished Educator, Academy of Management 2015  
Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies, HKUST 2015  
Honorary Doctorate, Tilburg University 2014  
Fellow of the Strategic Management Society 2011  
Fellow of the Academy of Management 2010  
Distinguished Scholar Award, Organizational and Management Theory,  
Academy of Management 2010  
Honorary Doctorate, University of Southern Denmark 2010

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- D. Levinthal (2011). A Behavioral View of Strategy --- What’s the Alternative? *Strategic Management Journal*, 32: 1517-1524.

- D. Levinthal and B. Wu (2010). The Rational Tradeoff between Corporate Scope and Profit Margins: The Role of Capacity-Constrained Capabilities and Market Maturity". *Strategic Management Journal*, 31: 780-801.
- C. Fang and D. Levinthal (2009). "The Near-Term Liability of Exploitation: Exploration and Exploitation in Multi-Stage Problems." *Organization Science*, 20: 538-551.
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- P. Ghemawat and D. Levinthal (2008). "Choice Structures and Business Strategy". *Management Science*, 54: 1638-1651.
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 “Ties that Bind: History Dependence in Professional Relationships”, in *Research in the Sociology of Organizations*, edited by S. Bacharach, S. Barley and P. Tolbert. JAI Press, 119-153.
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 Organizations*, 2: 307-333 (Reprinted in J. G. March (Col.), *Decision and Organizations*.  
 Oxford, United Kingdom: Basil Blackwell, 1988).

### **Working Papers**

D. Levinthal and M. Workiewicz.  
 “Nearly decomposable systems and organizational structure: The adaptive properties of  
 the multi-authority form”.

A. Contigiani and D. Levinthal  
 Situating the Construct of Lean Startup: Roots, Boundaries, and Relevance

D. Levinthal and C. Rerup  
 “Grey zones and the variegated quality of success and failure: Deconstructing the  
 interpretation of experience in the process of organizational learning”

### **Service**

Chair of the Management Department (2001 – 2010, 2013 – 2016)  
 University Search Committee for Wharton Dean (2007 and 2013)  
 Coordinator of Management Department Ph.D. Program (1998-2001)  
 Wharton School Personnel Committee (1998-2000); Chair (1999-2000)

- Editorial Roles**
- Editor-in-Chief, Strategy Science (2014-present)
  - Editor-in-Chief, Organization Science (2010-2013)
  - Editor, Industrial and Corporate Change (2010-2015)
  - Editorial Advisory Board, Academy of Management Annual Review Series (2005-2016)
  - Editorial Board, Strategic Organization (2004-2010)
  - Department Editor for Business Strategy, Management Science (2000-2003)
  - Associate Editor, Management Science (1992 – 1998)
  - Editorial Board, Administrative Science Quarterly, (1989-1992)
- Scientific Committees**
- Industry and Corporate Change (2015 – present)
  - Danish Research Unit for Industry Dynamics (DRUID) (2008 – 2013)
  - Center for Innovation Research, University of Tilburg (2010 – 2015)
  - Advanced School of Economics and Management, University of Venice (2008 – 2010)



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