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Academic Appointments

Stanford University, Graduate School of Business

Assistant Professor of Finance

July 2025–

Education

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Ph.D. in Finance

2019–2025

Committee: Jules van Binsbergen, Sylvain Catherine, Jessica Wachter, & Tom Winberry

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

B.S. in Economics, *summa cum laude*

2015–2019

Concentrations in Finance, Statistics, & Accounting; Minors in Mathematics & History

Research Interests

Asset Pricing, Macroeconomics, and Household Finance

Working Papers

The wealth of stagnation: Falling growth, rising valuations

Sovereign default and the decline in interest rates

with Max Miller and Jessica A. Wachter

Revise and Resubmit, *Review of Financial Studies*

Interest-rate risk and household portfolios

with Sylvain Catherine, Max Miller, and Natasha Sarin

Reject and Resubmit, *American Economic Review*

What explains wealth and portfolio differences between Black and White Americans?

with Sylvain Catherine and Ellen Lu

Revise and Resubmit, *Review of Financial Studies*

Heterogeneous-agent asset pricing: Timing and pricing idiosyncratic risks

Associative learning and representativeness

with Michael J. Kahana and Jessica A. Wachter

Teaching

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (Teaching Assistant)

Foundations of Financial Economics (Ph.D.)

Topics in Macro-finance (Ph.D.)

Venture Capital and the Finance of Innovation (Undergraduate)

Neuroeconomics (Undergraduate)

Accelerated Corporate Finance (MBA)

Presentations

*Includes scheduled, * denotes presentation by coauthor*

- 2025 Seminars: Harvard Business School (Entrep. Mgmt.), Toronto Rotman, London Business School, Duke Fuqua, NYU Stern, Stanford GSB, Berkeley Haas, Northwestern Kellogg, MIT Sloan, UT Austin McCombs, Harvard Business School (Finance), USC Marshall, Columbia Business School, Maryland Smith, Notre Dame Mendoza
- Conferences: HEC Top Finance Graduate Award Conference, SFS Cavalcade, WFA, Junior Finance Conference on Valuations
- 2020–2024 Seminars: Cambridge Economics, Wharton
- Conferences: EFA 2024, FIRS 2024*, WFA 2024, UIC Finance Conference 2024, NBER Long-term Asset Management 2024*, NBER SI Asset Pricing 2021*, WFA 2021, Conference on Macro and Monetary Policy at the San Francisco Fed 2021*, NBER SI Capital Markets 2020*

Professional Activities

- Referee *Journal of Finance, Journal of Monetary Economics*
- Discussant EFA 2024 (“Household Debt Overhang and Human Capital Investment,” Manso, Rivera, Wang, and Xia)
- Co-organizer Memory, Beliefs, and Choice Seminars (joint with Computational Memory Lab); Wharton Macroeconomics Reading Group

Awards and Fellowships

- 2025 Top Finance Graduate Award
- 2025 Brattle Group Ph.D. Candidate Award for Outstanding Research
- 2025 SFS Cavalcade Ph.D. Student Grant
- 2019–2025 Wharton Doctoral Fellowship
- 2024 Harris Program Student Fellowship
- 2022–2023 Jacobs Levy Dissertation Fellowship in Quantitative Finance

Personal Information

Born 1997 in Toronto

Citizen of Canada & Italy

Permanent resident of the United States

Married to **Madison Paron**

Father of Thomas Paron (June 2023)