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## ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2000-2006      **JOHN M. OLIN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**      **St. Louis, MO**  
**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

*Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration, May 2006*

*(specializing in applied Financial Econometrics using Bayesian MCMC methods)*

- Dissertation “Essays on Finance and Macro modeling” defended in March 2006
- Advisor and Dissertation Committee Chair Professor [Siddhartha Chib](#)
- “Joint Estimation of Affine Jump-Diffusion continuous time model conditional on both: time-series of underlying and panel of options prices” ([work in progress](#))
- Estimating Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium models ([earlier version](#))
- “Yield Curve Estimation and Model Comparison in Discrete Time” ([work in progress](#))
- Assist in development of a comprehensive Bayesian software package
- Teaching Assistant of Options Pricing, Risk Management, Business Statistics both in undergraduate and MBA classes
- Washington University Doctoral Fellowship and Research/Teaching Assistantship
- Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society

2000-2002      **JOHN M. OLIN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**      **St. Louis, MO**  
**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

*Master of Science in Business Administration (in Finance), December 2002*

2000-2001      **WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MATH DEPARTMENT**      **St. Louis, MO**

*Master of Arts in Statistics with thesis, December 2001*

- “Theoretical vs. Market Values of Public Companies.”

1998-2000      **JOHN M. OLIN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**      **St. Louis, MO**  
**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

*Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with honors, May 2000*

Double major in finance and actuarial math (probability and statistics)

- Recipient of Honors Program Faculty Invitation for outstanding undergraduate students
- Golden Key National Honor Society and Dean’s List

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH PAPERS

- [“Bayesian Modeling of Shock Lapse Rates Provides New Evidence for Emergency Fund Hypothesis,”](#) *North American Actuarial Journal*, Routledge, vol. 18, issue 4, 2014
- [“Practical Specification of Affine Jump-Diffusion Stochastic Volatility Models,”](#) working paper
- “Improved Jump Specification in a Joint in AJD Model of S&P and VIX,” working paper
- “Indeterminacy, change point and the price puzzle in an estimated DSGE model,” *Journal of Economic Dynamics & Control, Elsevier vol. 33 (2009) p. 624-648*
- [“Discrete Monetary Policy Changes and Changing Inflation Target in estimated DSGE model,”](#) *FRB of St. Louis Review*, November/December 2005 Vol. 87, No. 6

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## EXPERIENCE

- June 2006-present      **REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INC. ([RGA](#))**      **Chesterfield, MO**  
*Vice President Quantitative Risk, Financial Markets*
- Risk management, including dynamic hedging of EIA and VA blocks
  - Dynamic hedging multiple Greeks (Delta, Rho, Gamma, Vega, Vanna, etc.)
  - Model building for fixed income (swaps, treasuries, credit spreads, etc.) and equity markets
  - Pricing exotic derivatives via semi-closed form and Monte-Carlo
  - Producing interest rate scenarios for cash flow testing and use by pricing actuaries
  - Working with Valuations department on Fair Value of liabilities
  - Manage a team of associates with advanced graduate degrees
  - Provide company-wide consulting on capital markets related issues
- May 2010-Present      **WASHU OLIN BUSINESS SCHOOL FINANCE DEPARTMENT ([OLIN](#))**      **St. Louis, MO**  
*Adjunct Professor of Finance*
- Teach MSF “Fixed Income Derivatives” course (Fall semesters)
  - Teach MSF “Advanced Fixed Income and Credit Risk Modeling” course (Spring semesters)
- January 2006-April 2010      **SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY FINANCE DEPARTMENT ([SLU](#))**      **St. Louis, MO**  
*Adjunct Professor of Finance*
- Teach MBA “Fixed Income Securities and Markets” course (Winter’06&’07; Fall’07-’09)
  - Teach MBA “Investments” course (Summer2006)
- May 2004-May 2006      **FEDERAL RESERVE BANK ([FRB](#))**      **St. Louis, MO**  
*Visiting Economist*
- Collaborate research with [M. Dueker](#) on Bayesian estimation of DSGE models
- May 2003-August 2004      **EIDELMAN, FINGER & HARRIS, INC.**      **St. Louis, MO**  
*Consultant for mutual fund managers*
- Developed trading / screening tool by building empirical models of stock price dynamics
- August 2001-March 2004      **CROWN INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC**      **St. Louis, MO**  
*Consultant for the hedge fund President and CEO*
- Built rigorous templates for automated side-by-side valuation of large number of companies
- May 2000-July 2001      **STIFEL NICOLAUS, INC.**      **St. Louis, MO**  
*Investment Banking Analyst*
- Created rigorous Excel templates and macros in Visual Basic
  - Utilized Alcar DCF, Excel, Research Insight (Compustat), and Bloomberg
  - Personally dealt with CEOs and CFOs of clients while working on their project

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, CONFERENCES, AND AFFILIATIONS

May 2013	<a href="#">SBIES</a> CONFERENCE <i>Presenter</i>	Saint Louis, MO
June 2009 - <i>Present</i>	MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE ( <a href="#">MSF</a> ) AT OLIN WASHU <i>Advisory Board Member</i>	Saint Louis, MO
June '07-'10	"ACTUARIAL SEMINAR" RGA PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE <i>Presenter</i>	Saint Louis, MO
June 2007	"COMPUTING IN ECONOMICS AND FINANCE" SCE CONFERENCE <i>Presenter</i>	Montreal, Quebec
March 2006	<a href="#">SNDE</a> CONFERENCE <i>Presenter</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. Ramsey <b>Best Paper Prize</b> for presenting "Timing Transitions Between Determinate and Indeterminate Equilibria"</li></ul>	St. Louis, MO
June 2005	"COMPUTING IN ECONOMICS AND FINANCE" SCE CONFERENCE <i>Presenter</i>	Washington, D.C.
August 2005	FOMC FEDERAL RESERVE BRIEFING <i>Presenter</i>	Saint Louis, MO
November 2004	"DSGE MODELS AND FINANCIAL SECTOR" CONFERENCE <i>Presenter</i>	Eltville am Rhein, Germany
2007-2008	AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ACTUARIES SCENARIO GENERATION WORKING GROUP <i>Member</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided interest rate scenarios and helped analyze comparable scenarios from the key industry vendors creating a set of recommendations for AAA regulatory body</li></ul>	
Summer 2009	JOURNAL OF EMPIRICAL FINANCE ( <a href="#">JEF</a> ) <i>Referee</i>	
Spring 2008	JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC DYNAMICS AND CONTROL ( <a href="#">JEDC</a> ) <i>Referee</i>	

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## OTHER DATA

- Enjoy programming in Matlab, C/C++, SAS, VBA, Gauss
- Language skills: fluently speak Russian, Ukrainian and possess basic knowledge of French
- Non-professional interests: reading semi-scientific publications in such fields as relativity theory, cosmology, quantum mechanics, AI research, DNA research, quantum computing, etc.
- Professional chess player since early childhood
- Certified winner of math and professional chess contests (including [MAA](#)) in high-school and college
- I was born in Ukraine in 1978 and became a **US citizen** in 2003
- "Papers of my youth" written in the dawn of my academic career: [MSBA](#) and [M.A.](#) thesis

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