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EDUCATION

[Florida Atlantic University](#) – Boca Raton, FL, USA

Ph.D. Finance (exp May 2026)

[Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University](#) – Daytona Beach, FL, USA

M.S. Aviation Finance

[Tallinn University of Technology](#) – Tallinn, Estonia

M.A. Finance & Accounting

[University of Tartu](#) – Tartu, Estonia

B.A. Economics & Business Administration

OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate in the Effective Teaching Practice Framework by the Association of College and University Education (ACUE)

CFA Program participant, passed CFA Level II exam (August 2024)

AREAS OF INTEREST

Research

Corporate Governance, Corporate Finance, International Finance

Teaching

Corporate Finance, Investments, International Finance

DISSERTATION

Two essays on the board of directors' expertise and corporate outcomes

Dissertation Committee:

[Luis Garcia-Feijoo, Ph.D., CFA](#) (Chair), [David Javakhadze, Ph.D.](#), [Anita Pennathur, Ph.D.](#)

GRANTS & AWARDS

2025: Invited to the European Financial Management (EFM) "Merton H. Miller" PhD Doctoral Seminar, Athens, Greece

2025: Invited to the Baruch / JFQA Climate Finance & Sustainability Conference 2025 Poster Session with the research project "Bridging Green or Toxic Horizons: Social Networks and Corporate Pursuit of Environmental Sustainability"

2025: Excellence in College of Business PhD Student Teaching Award

2024: Institute for Humane Studies ESG Paper Incubator Grant (\$5,000) for the research project "Bridging Green or Toxic Horizons: Social Networks and Corporate Pursuit of Environmental Sustainability"

2024: Invited to the Empirical Corporate Finance summer course by Aalto University and Nordic Finance Network with Renee Adams

2016: Outstanding Master of Science in Finance Student Award (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University)

2016: Scholarship Award by the Association of Accountants and Financial Professionals in Business (IMA®)

PUBLICATIONS AND SUBMITTED JOURNAL PAPERS

[1] An Ethical Dilemma: A Case from the Aviation Industry. IMA Educational Case Journal (IECJ®), Volume 9, issue 3 (with Curtis, T. & Ledgerwood, J.R.)

WORKING PAPERS

[2] Bridging Green or Toxic Horizons: Social Networks and Corporate Pursuit of Environmental Sustainability (with Garcia-Feijoo, L., Javakhadze, D., & Rajkovic, T.)

[3] Family Leave Policies and Female Entrepreneurship Across the World (solo-authored)

[4] To Apply, or Not to Apply: The Role of Trust in SME Financing Decisions Under Uncertainty (with Cole, R. & Kalinnikova, S.)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

[5] Directors' Expertise and Diversity on Corporate Boards (with Garcia-Feijoo, L.)

[6] Directors' Social Capital and Fintech M&A Performance (with Glatzer, Z.)

[7] On the Alternative Measure of Societal Trust in the Context of Cross-Border M&As (solo-authored)

[8] Corporate Social Responsibility and Geopolitical Risk: Implications to Corporate Policies (with Javakhadze, D.)

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY – Florida, USA

Instructor in Finance

Aug 2023 to present

- Principles of Financial Management
- Advanced Managerial Finance
- International Finance

Fall 2024 (SPOT 1.13)
Spring 2025 (SPOT tba)
Fall 2023 (SPOT 1.63), Spring 2024 (SPOT 1.12)

SPOT average scores are from 1 to 5, with 1 being the best possible and 5 being the worst possible score.

Teaching Assistant (International Finance, Investments)

Aug 2021 to present

HAAGA HELIA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES – Helsinki area, Finland

Senior Lecturer (average SPOT across sections 4.65 out of 5. Scores are from 1 to 5, with 5 being the best possible and 1 being the worst possible score.)

Jan 2021 to Aug 2021

- Revenue Management
- Aviation Business Basics
- Aviation Business Operations
- Workgroup for the development of the new curriculum for the Bachelor of Aviation Business Administration program

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

(PRESENTER ^P, CO-AUTHOR PRESENTATION ^{CP}, DISCUSSANT ^D, CHAIR ^C)

National Refereed

American Accounting Researchers & Educators Conference	2025 ^P
Southwestern Finance Association Annual Meeting	2025 ^D
SBEJ 3rd Online Conference for Early Career Researchers	2024 ^P
Boca Finance and Real Estate Conference	2024 ^{CP}
SFA Annual Meetings	2023 ^{CP} , 2024 ^C
FMA Annual Meetings	2023 ^D ^C , 2024 ^C
Small Business Institute Conference	2023 ^{CP}
4th Annual Boca-ECGI Corporate Finance & Governance Conference	2023 ^D ^C
Florida Finance Conference	2022 ^D ^C

International Refereed

Multinational Finance Society 30 th Annual Conference	2024 ^P ^D
Global Finance Conference	2023 ^{CP} , 2024 ^P ^D
8th ENTFIN Annual Meeting	2023 ^{CP}

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee/Review: Journal of Financial Research, Managerial Finance, Studies in Economics and Finance, EFA 2025 Program Committee, AoM 2025 Annual Meeting Program Committee, EURAM 2025 Annual Meeting Program Committee, SFA 2025 Annual Meeting Program Committee

Conference Volunteer Activity: 4th Annual Boca-ECGI Corporate Finance & Governance Conference, SFA 2024 Annual Meeting

Professional Affiliations: American Finance Association, Financial Management Association, Southern Finance Association, European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI), American Bar Association, Association of College and University Educators

RELEVANT CORPORATE EXPERIENCE

FINNAIR – Helsinki area, Finland

Director of Business Development

Oct 2018 to Aug 2021

- 360-degree strategic market research and analysis of new markets/networks/partners; cooperation and negotiations with existing and potential suppliers/partners/governmental agencies; group-level strategic/financial project management and reporting to C-suite/Board

Head of Commercial Projects and Performance

Aug 2016 to Oct 2018

- commercial/financial project management, including internal and external groups; commercial process development and integration; leading the development of group-level commercial performance BI tools

STAR ALLIANCE – Frankfurt a.M., Germany

Alliance & Network Development

Oct 2014 to April 2015

- comprehensive statistical analysis of aviation cooperation projects, including development of statistical models, sensitivity analysis tests, and presentation materials

LANGUAGES: English, Estonian, Russian

SOFTWARE: Stata, SAS, Python, LaTeX