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Education

Ph.D. Finance Florida Atlantic University, College of Business	Boca Raton, FL, U.S.A. (exp. May 2027)
MBA Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton, FL, U.S.A.
Specialist Degree (Mathematics & Economics) Moscow State University of Economics, Statistics, and Informatics	Moscow, Russia

Areas of Interest

Research: Corporate Finance — Corporate Governance — Entrepreneurial Finance
Teaching: Corporate Finance — Financial Institutions — Quantitative Finance — International Finance

Dissertation

Two essays on the top management team composition and corporate outcomes
Dissertation Committee: Anna Agapova, Ph.D. (Chair), Luis García-Feijóo, Ph.D., Siri Terjesen, Ph.D.

Other Working Papers

“What Drives Sustainable Mutual Fund Investing: Environmental, Social, or Governance Factors?”
(with Anna Agapova)
Presented at the ASFAAG American Chapter Conference, 2026

“On Debt and Happiness in the Context of SME Financing”
Presented at the Small Business Institute Annual Meeting, 2025

“To Apply, or Not to Apply? The Role of Trust in SME Financing Decisions Under Uncertainty”
(with Rebel Cole and Anastassia Vilderson)
Presented at the Small Business Institute Conference, 2024, and the 65th SWFA Annual Meeting, 2026. Presented by co-authors at the SFA Annual Meeting, 2023; the 8th ENTFIN Annual Meeting, 2024; and the Multinational Finance Society 30th Annual Conference, 2024.

Teaching Experience

Instructor — Florida Atlantic University 2024–present
Undergraduate Courses:

- FIN 4303: Financial Institutions Fall 2024 (SPOT 1.22) — Spring 2025 (SPOT 1.25)
- FIN 4424: Advanced Managerial Finance Summer 2025 (SPOT 1.00) — Summer 2026
- FIN 3403: Principles of Financial Management Fall 2025 (SPOT 1.35) — Spring 2026 (SPOT tba)

Note: SPOT scores range from 1 to 5, with 1 being the best possible score.

Teaching Assistant — Florida Atlantic University 2021–present

Finance Undergraduate and Graduate Courses:

- FIN 4504: Investment Analysis Spring 2023 — Summer 2023 — Summer 2024 — Fall 2024 — Fall 2025
- FIN 6806: Advanced Financial Management Spring 2022 — Summer 2023
- FIN 6406: Financial Management Summer 2021 — Fall 2021 — Spring 2022 — Summer 2022

Management Graduate Courses:

- MAN 6721: Global Business Strategy & Policy (MBA) Fall 2021 — Summer 2022
- MAN 6937: Global Environment of Management (MBA) Fall 2021 — Spring 2022

Academic Service

Referee/Reviewer: Managerial Finance, FMA 2025 Program Committee, SFA 2025 & 2026 Program Committee, AoM Annual Meeting 2025 & 2026 Program Committee

Conference Discussant/Chairperson: FMA Annual Meetings (2023, 2024); SFA Annual Meeting (2024, 2025); SWFA Annual Meeting (2026); ASFAAG American Chapter Conference (2026); Boca Finance & Real Estate Conference (2024; 2025); 4th Annual Boca-ECGI Corporate Finance & Governance Conference (2023)

Conference Volunteer Activity: SFA 2024 & 2025 Annual Meetings, 4th Annual Boca-ECGI Corporate Finance & Governance Conference, Inaugural Boca Finance & Real Estate Conference

Professional Development and Certifications

CFA® Program participant (passed Level I) — CFA Institute 2026

Advanced Certificate in Effective Teaching Practice Framework; Certificate in Effective Teaching Practice Framework — Association of College and University Educators 2025, 2023

Modern Approaches to Difference-in-Differences¹; Data Science for Empirical Finance²; Large Language Models in Finance³ — Barcelona School of Economics 2026¹, 2025^{2,3}

Finance and Product Markets: Theory, Evidence, and Measurements — Università della Svizzera italiana 2025

Methods of Data Analysis and Machine Learning; Visualization Tools for Data Analysis — Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology 2022

Math for Data Analysis; Data Analysis in Python — Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology 2021

Awards

Excellence in Ph.D. Student Teaching Award 2026

College of Business Traditional Ph.D. Scholarship 2026

References

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