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Academic Position

Assistant Professor of Strategic Management 2021-Present
Daniels School of Business, Purdue University

Education

PhD, Strategic Management 2015-2021
Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto
Committee: Ajay Agrawal (Chair), Joshua Gans, Avi Goldfarb

Bachelor, Business, Economics & Mathematics 2010-2014
University of Toronto

Work in Progress

- [1] “Are Angel Investors More Likely than Venture Capitalists to Drive Entrepreneurial Experimentation?,” Purdue University working paper; presented at SIOE, AOM, UNC Chapel Hill, Chalmers University of Technology, BYU-Utah Winter Strategy Conference; Winner 2021 Best Empirical paper; Winner 2021 Heizer Doctoral Dissertation Award
- [2] “Information Frictions and Employee Sorting Between Startups,” with Kevin Bryan & Mitchell Hoffman; NBER Working Paper; presented at Stanford (Econ), Toronto (Econ), Columbia (Econ), UMass Amherst (Econ), I&I Conference, SIE Workshop (European I&E Series); Winner 2021 Heizer Doctoral Dissertation Award
- [3] “Does Mentorship Drive Startup Performance? Yes, But Only for High Learners,” with Ajay Agrawal & Avi Goldfarb; in conference presentations; presented at WEFI, INSEAD; Winner 2021 Heizer Doctoral Dissertation Award
- [4] “Activity Sequencing in Startups,” Purdue University working paper; in conference presentations; presented at AOM (Best Paper Award)
- [5] “How Does Industry Affiliation of Academic Scientists Affect the Rate and Direction of Research,” Purdue University working paper; in conference presentations; presented at AOM (Best Paper Award)
- [6] “Learning vs. Doing: The Effect of Business Uncertainty on Entrepreneurial Activities,” Purdue University working paper; manuscript in progress; presented at CCC
- [7] “Database, Methodological Tools, and Research Opportunities: Creative Destruction Lab and Early-Stage Technology Ventures,” Purdue University working paper; manuscript in progress; presented at Oxford, Calgary, Dalhousie, UBC

Other Projects

[1] “The Effect of Noisy Learning on Startup Performance” with Joshua Gans, Erin Scott, Scott Stern

Workshops & Conferences

- 2023:** BYU-Utah Winter Strategy Conference
- 2022:** Workshop on Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation
- 2021:** UNC/TIM Emergence Workshop; UNC Chapel Hill
- 2020-22:** Entrepreneurship Division, Academy of Management
- 2020:** CCC Doctoral Conference
- 2019:** Strategic Management Division, Academy of Management
- 2018-19:** Young Scholars Workshop, NBER Economics of AI; Toronto
- 2017:** NBER Entrepreneurship Boot camp; Boston
- 2017:** 34th International Conference on Machine Learning; Sydney, Australia
- 2016-17:** Economics of Entrepreneurship and Innovation; Queen’s University
- 2016:** NBER Digitization Tutorial; Stanford University
- 2014:** Roundtable for Engineering Entrepreneurship Research; GeorgiaTech

Invited Presentations

- 2023:** INSEAD, Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics
- 2022:** London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2021:** Technology Management and Economics, Chalmers University of Technology
- 2020:** Saïd School of Business, University of Oxford
- 2020:** Haskayne School of Business, University of Calgary
- 2019:** Rowe School of Business, Dalhousie University

Fellowships, Awards, Honors

- 2022:** Heizer Doctoral Dissertation Award in New Enterprise Development
Best Empirical Paper AOM
- 2021:** Best Empirical Paper, AOM
- 2020:** Best Paper, AOM
- 2019:** \$10,000 Futures Fund Scholarship, Bennett Jones
- 2018:** \$35,000 Borealis AI Graduate Fellowship, Royal Bank of Canada
- 2018:** \$25M Strategic Innovation Fund, Government of Canada
(entitled “CDL-AI Project,” granted to *Creative Destruction Lab*)
- 2014:** University of Toronto Scholar Award
- 2010-14:** Honors in Economics & Mathematics

- 2012-13:** Putnam Competition contestant for the University of Toronto
2007: Silver Medal, Astrophysics, National Scientific Olympiads

Teaching Experience

Economics of Innovation, Purdue, Ph.D.	2023
Strategic Management, Purdue, Advanced Undergrad	2022, 2023
Operations Management, Toronto, Undergrad	2013, 2014
Calculus & Linear Algebra, Toronto, Undergrad	2012, 2013, 2014
Analysis for Decision & Control, Toronto, Undergrad	2012, 2013

Teaching & Research Support

Creative Destruction Lab Course, MBA, Toronto	2015, 2016
Corporate Strategy, MBA, Toronto (TA)	2014
Management of Technology, Master, Toronto (TA)	2014
Managerial Finance, Undergrad, Toronto (TA)	2013
Management in a Changing Environment, Undergrad, Toronto (TA)	2012
Professor Joel Baum, Toronto (RA)	2017
Professor Ajay Agrawal, Toronto (RA)	2014-2015
Professor Geoff McDonald, Toronto (RA)	2014
Professor Chen Fong, Toronto (RA)	2014

Service

Faculty Search Committee (member)	2021
PhD Admissions Committee (member)	2021-2023
Consortium on Competition and Collaboration (CCC), junior mentor	2021
Reviewer for Management Science, Information Systems Research, Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal, Referee for Heizer Dissertation Award, Academy of Management	

Professional Experience

Strategic Advisor, Creative Destruction Lab – Toronto, ON	2021-2022
Senior Research Associate, Rotman School of Management	2019-2021
Founder & Lead, R&D at Creative Destruction Lab – Toronto, ON	2018-2021
<i>Attracted a federal grant to implement a database and a scalable process for systematic collection and storage of tech entrepreneurship data. As of August 2020: built a team of 20 data analysts and ML developers; provided data to 12 research projects by 22 scholars in 9 universities; implemented four AI projects and deployed one to users.</i>	
Various Roles, Creative Destruction Lab – Toronto, ON	2014-2017
<i>Supported founders of several science-based startups. Created the technical due diligence program for startups (now 160 faculty & Canada's National Research Council). Member of the design and launch teams for Quantum Machine Learning & Space mentorship tracks. Recruited startups and mentors. Managed CDL's \$1M budget and grants.</i>	

Professional Memberships

Academy of Management, European Group for Organizational Studies, CCC

Other Interests & Activities

Long-term interest in poverty and early childhood education • Private Pilot • Competitive swimmer, avid skier, HIIT runner, tennis player • Violinist, pianist • Experience in R, fluent in Python & SQL • Experience in running large technical teams