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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2021 – Professor of the Graduate School
University of California, Berkeley
- 1978 – 2021 Professor
Haas School of Business
University of California, Berkeley
- 2016 – Member
Financial Economists Roundtable
- 2014 - 2016 Member
Board of Directors
VirtualBeam, Inc.
- 2012 - Member
Board of Directors
Finance Scholars Group
- 2012 - 2015 Chair
Economic Analysis and Policy Group
Haas School of Business
- 2003 - Fellow
Wharton Financial Institutions Center
- 2012 - 2012 President
International Business, Economics, and Finance Association
- 2005 - 2011 Research Fellow
Filene Research Institute
- 1999 - 2001 Chief Economist
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Washington, DC

- 1997 - 2007 Board of Directors, Cal State 9 Credit Union
 Member (1997-1999)
 Treasurer (2004-2007)
 Chair (1999, 2002-2003)
 Vice Chair (1998-1999)
- 1995 - 1997 Chair
 Finance Group
 Haas School of Business
- 1991 - 1992 Economist
 Division of Monetary Affairs
 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
- 1990 - 1991 Senior Staff Economist
 President's Council of Economic Advisers
- 1988 - 1990 Member
 Asia Foundation Advisory Panel on the Pacific Economic Outlook Project

TEACHING

Financial Institutions and Markets, Macroeconomics, Risk Management.

Distinguished Teaching Fellow (Haas School of Business).

Teacher of the Year, Evening MBA Program, 2019-20.

Teacher of the Year, Evening MBA Program, 1996-97.

Teacher of the Year, Undergraduate Program, 1994-95.

Teacher of the Year, Evening MBA Program, 1986-87.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics Northwestern University, 1980

B.A., Economics and History
 S.U.N.Y. Binghamton, 1974

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Journal of Risk and Financial Management (Topics Editorial Board: Banking and Finance)

Journal of Financial Regulation and Compliance

Journal of African Business

REFEREE

National Science Foundation, American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking, Journal of Macroeconomics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Economics and Business, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Housing Economics, Regional Science, Real Estate Economics, Journal of Banking and Finance.

PUBLICATIONS

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"Monetary Policy Regimes and the Reduced Form for Interest Rates" (with Joe Peek), Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking, August 1987, pp. 273-291 (reprinted in Monetary Theory, ed. by Thomas Mayer, Brookfield: Edward Elgar, 1990).

"Liquidity Constraints on Consumption: The Real Effects of "Real" Lending Policies," Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Economic Review, Fall 1989, pp. 39-52.

Current Readings on Money, Banking, and Financial Markets, edited, Glenview, IL: Scott, Foresman/Little, Brown, 1989.

"Monetary Policy and the Economic Outlook," in The Economic Outlook for 1990, Ann Arbor: Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics, 1989, pp. 83-109.

"Nominal Interest Rate Effects on Real Consumer Expenditure," Business Economics, October 1990, pp. 31-37.

"A Real, Affordable Mortgage" (with Joe Peek), Federal Reserve Bank of Boston New England Economic Review, January/February 1991, pp. 51-66.

"The Real Neutrality of Inflation: Interest Rates and Output in the Long Run" (with Robert H. Rasche), in Hubert Kempf, ed., Money, Markets, and Financial Activities, Paris: Economica, 1991.

"The Measurement and Determinants of Single-Family House Prices" (with Joe Peek), AREUEA Journal, Fall 1991, pp. 353-382.

"The Baby Boom, "Pent-Up" Demand, and Future House Prices" (with Joe Peek), Journal of Housing Economics, Fall 1991, pp. 347-367.

"Price-Level Adjusted Mortgages" (with Joe Peek), in John Eatwell, Murray Milgate, and Peter Newman, eds., The New Palgrave Dictionary of Money and Finance, New York: W. W. Norton and Company, 1992.

"Was There A 'Capital Crunch' in Banking? The Effects on Real Estate Lending of Business Conditions and Capital Shortfalls" (with Diana Hancock), Journal of Housing Economics, December 1993, v.3(1), pp. 31-50.

"Bank Capital and the Credit Crunch: The Roles of Risk-Weighted and Unweighted Capital Regulations (with Diana Hancock)," AREUEA Journal, March 1994, pp. 59-93.

"Bank Capital, Loan Delinquencies, and Real Estate Lending" (with Diana Hancock), Journal of Housing Economics, June 1994, v. 3(2), pp. 121-146.

"Bank Capital Shocks: Dynamic Effects on Securities, Loans, and Capital (with Diana Hancock and Andrew J. Laing)," Journal of Banking and Finance, v. 19(2), 1995, pp. 661-677.

"Bank Credit and Economic Activity (with Carl E. Walsh)," in Is Bank Lending Important for the Transmission of Monetary Policy?, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, 1995, pp. 83-112.

"Intraday Management of Bank Reserves: The Effects of Caps and Fees on Daylight Overdrafts (with Diana Hancock)," Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, v. 28(4), November 1996, pp. 870-908.

"Bank Capital, Nonbank Finance, and Real Estate Activity (with Diana Hancock)," Journal of Housing Research, v.8(1), 1997, pp. 75-105.

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"The 'Credit Crunch' and the Availability of Credit to Small Business" (with Diana Hancock), Journal of Banking and Finance, v. 22(6-8), 1998, pp. 983-1014. Reprinted in the International Library of Critical Writings in Economics, vol. 133, pp. 438-469.

"Cost Reductions in Electronic Payments: The Roles of Consolidation, Economies of Scale, and Technical Change (with David B. Humphrey and Diana Hancock)," Journal of Banking and Finance, v. 23, 1999, pp. 391-421.

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"MIMIC: A Proposal for Deposit Insurance Reform," Journal of Financial Regulation and Compliance, v. 9(4), November 2001, pp. 338-349.

"Information about Bank Risk in Options Prices (with Steve Swidler)," Journal of Banking and Finance, v. 26(5), May 2002, pp. 1033-1057.

"An International Comparison and Assessment of the Structure of Bank Supervision (with James R. Barth, Luis G. Dopico, and Daniel E. Nolle)," Corporate Finance Review, v. 6(6), May/June 2002, pp. 9-34.

"Hidden Cost Reductions in Bank Mergers: Accounting for More Productive Banks (with Simon H. Kwan)," in Research in Finance, v. 19, edited by Andrew H. Chen, Elsevier Press, 2002, pp. 109-124.

“Who is Unbanked, and Why: Results from a Large, New Survey of Low- and Moderate-Income Individuals (with Todd Vermilyea),” Proceedings of the 38th Annual Bank Structure Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, May 2002.

“Openness, Profit Opportunities, and Foreign Banking (with Luis Dopico),” Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions, and Money, v. 12(4-5), October/December 2002, pp. 299-320.

“Subordinated Debt for Credit Unions,” Filene Research Institute and the Center for Credit Union Research, Madison, WI, 2002, pp. 1-55.

“A History of the Future of Banking: Predictions and Outcomes (with Maria Gloria Cobas and Larry R. Mote),” in The Future of Banking, edited by Benton E. Gup, Quorum Books, 2003, pp. 49-76.

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“Capital Instruments for Credit Unions: Precedents, Issuance and Implementation,” Filene Research Institute and the Center for Credit Union Research, Madison, WI, 2003, pp. 1-53.

“Secondary Mortgage Markets, GSEs, and the Changing Cyclicity of Mortgage Flows (with Joe Peek),” in Research in Finance, v. 20, edited by Andrew H. Chen, Elsevier Press, 2003, 61-80.

“Pro-cyclicality, Banks’ Reporting Discretion, and ‘Safety in Similarity’” (with Pipat Luengnaruemitchai), in The New Basel Capital Accord, edited by Benton E. Gup, South-Western Publishing, 2004, pp. 151-175.

“Bank Safety and Soundness and the Structure of Bank Supervision: A Cross-Country Analysis (with James R. Barth, Luis G. Dopico, Daniel E. Nolle),” International Review of Finance, v. 3, no. 3&4, 2002, pp. 163-188.

“The Increasing Integration and Competition of Financial Institutions and of Financial Regulation,” in Research in Finance, v. 22, edited by Andrew H. Chen, Elsevier Press, 2005, pp.215-238.

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“Determinants of Credit Union and of Commercial Bank Failures: Similarities and Differences, 1981-2005,” Madison, WI: Filene Research Institute, <http://www.filene.org>, 2007, pp. 1-60.

“Policies and Prescriptions for Safe and Sound Banking: Shocks, Lessons, and Prospects,” Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Economic Review, Spring 2007, pp. 24-35.

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“Credit Union Costs and Consolidations,” Filene Research Institute, Madison, WI, 2008, pp. 1-57.

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“Impacts of Mergers on Credit Union Costs: 1984-2009,” Filene Research Institute, Madison, WI, 2010.

“Conversions and Capital of Mutual Thrifts: Connections, Problems, and Proposals for Credit Unions,” With Stephanie I. Crofton and Luis G. Dopico. Essays in Economic and Business History, vol. 30, 2012, pp. 31-48. <http://www.ebhsoc.org/journal/index.php/journal/article/view/48/194>

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“Regime Shifts in Real Estate Markets: Time-Varying Effects of the U.S. and Japanese Economies on House Prices in Hawaii,” With John R. Krainer. Real Estate Economics, vol. 41, Issue 3, Fall 2013, pp. 449-480.

“The Home Purchase Sentiment Index: A New Housing Indicator,” Business Economics, v. 50, October 2015, pp. 178-190, doi:10.1057/be.2015.27. National Association for Business Economics’ 2015 Edmund A. Mennis Contributed Paper Award.

“Government Guarantees of Loans to Small Businesses: Effects on Banks’ Risk-Taking and Non-Guaranteed Lending,” With Yukihiro Yasuda. Journal of Financial Intermediation, vol. 37, 2019, pp. 35-47.

“Credit Union Capital, Insolvency, and Mergers Before and After Share Insurance,” With Stephanie I. Crofton and Luis G. Dopico. Essays in Economic and Business History, v.38, 2020, pp. 38-69.

Credit Unions: Capital, Collapses, and Conversions, MIT Press, forthcoming.

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

“Japanese Banks and Bonds as Shock Absorbers During the Global Financial Crisis” (with Hyonok Kim and Yukihiro Yasuda).

“Internal and External Lending by Nonfinancial Businesses In and Out of Crises” (with Hyonok Kim and Yukihiro Yasuda).

“Failures of Credit Unions and of Commercial Banks: Similarities, Differences, and Implications” (with Luis G. Dopico).

“Do Government Guarantees of Bank Loans Lower, or Raise, Banks’ Non-Guaranteed Loans?” (with Yukihiro Yasuda).

“Regulatory Discretion and Banks’ Pursuit of Safety in Similarity,” Bank for International Settlements, Basel. Revision.

“Commercial Real Estate: Underwriting, Mortgages, and Prices”, 2012.

“Neighborhoods and Networks, Checking and Savings Accounts, and Low and Moderate Income Households” (with Erin Syron and Todd Vermilyea), 2010.

“How Has Bank Supervision Performed and How Might It Be Improved?,” After the Fall, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston conference, 2009.

OTHER

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"A New View on Cost Savings in Bank Mergers," Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Economic Letter, August 20, 1999.

"Credit Union Failures and Insurance Fund Losses: 1971-2004," Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Economic Letter, August 19, 2005.

"Economies of Scale and the Continuing Consolidation of Credit Unions," Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Economic Letter, November 4, 2005.

"Performance Divergence of Large and Small Credit Unions," Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Economic Letter, August 4, 2006.

"Credit Unions, Conversions, and Capital," Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Economic Letter, June 22, 2007.

"Consumer Sentiment and Consumer Spending," Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Economic Letter, June 27, 2008.

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“Credit Union Mergers: Efficiencies and Benefits, with Luis Dopico, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Economic Letter, September 12, 2011.

“Fluctuating Fortunes and Hawaiian House Prices,” with John Krainer, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Economic Letter, December 19, 2011.

“Constructing the Home Purchase Sentiment Index,” Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Economic Letter, May 15, 2017.

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