# JESS CORNAGGIA

Smeal College of Business Pennsylvania State University University Park, PA 16802

#### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2016 to present Pennsylvania State University, Smeal College of Business

Associate Professor of Finance

2013 to 2016 Georgetown University, McDonough School of Business

Assistant Professor of Finance and Anderson Faculty Fellow

2009 to 2013 Indiana University, Kelley School of Business

**Assistant Professor of Finance** 

#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Management Science (Finance concentration), University of Texas at Dallas, 2009 MBA, Gonzaga University, 2004 B.Sc., General Engineering, Gonzaga University, 2003

#### EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Editor, *Management Science* 2016-Associate Editor, *Journal of Banking and Finance* 2016-

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

The Value of Access to Finance: Evidence from M&A, 2017, with Jay Li, forthcoming at **Journal of Financial Economics** 

Best Paper, Semifinalist, 2017 FMA Asia meeting

Credit Ratings and the Cost of Municipal Financing, 2017, with Kimberly Cornaggia and Ryan Israelsen, forthcoming at **Review of Financial Studies** 

Credit Ratings across Asset Classes: A Long-Term Perspective, 2017, with Kimberly Cornaggia and John Hund, **Review of Finance** 21 (2) 465-509.

- Lead article
- Summarized in Editor's Blog (March 16, 2017)
- Media: <u>Fortune Magazine</u> online edition (August 25, 2011), <u>Bloomberg News</u> (October 28, 2011)

Revolving Doors on Wall Street, 2016, with Kimberly Cornaggia and Han Xia, **Journal of Financial Economics** 120 (2) 400-419.

• Media: <u>Bloomberg News</u> (February 24, 2015)

Do Local Capital Market Conditions Affect Consumers' Borrowing Decisions?, 2016, with Alex Butler and Umit Gurun, forthcoming at **Management Science** 

Does Regulatory Certification Affect the Information Content of Credit Ratings?, 2016, with Valentina Bruno and Kimberly Cornaggia, **Management Science** 62 (6) 1578-1597.

Best Paper in Financial Markets and Institutions, Semifinalist, 2012 FMA meeting

Does Banking Competition Affect Innovation?, 2015, with Yifei Mao, Xuan Tian, and Brian Wolfe, **Journal of Financial Economics** 115 (1) 189-209.

Estimating the Costs of Issuer-Paid Credit Ratings, 2013, with Kimberly Cornaggia, **Review of Financial Studies** 26 (9) 2229-2269.

- Best Paper in Financial Markets and Institutions, Semifinalist, 2011 FMA meeting
- Featured at University of Notre Dame's Center for the Study of Financial Regulation, February 2011

Does Risk Management Matter? Evidence from the U.S. Agricultural Industry, 2013, **Journal of Financial Economics** 109 (2) 419-440.

Best Dissertation Proposal in Risk Management, 2008 FMA meeting

Corporate Financing Decisions, Managerial Market Timing, and Real Investment, 2011, with Alex Butler, Gustavo Grullon, and James Weston, <u>Journal of Financial Economics</u> 101 (3) 666-683.

Best Paper in Corporate Finance, 2009 FMA meeting

Does Access to External Finance Improve Productivity? Evidence from a Natural Experiment, 2011, with Alex Butler, **Journal of Financial Economics** 99 (1) 184-203.

- Best Paper in Corporate Finance, 2008 WFA meeting
- Abstracted in the World Bank's Interest Bearing Notes, March 2008

## **ACTIVE WORKING PAPERS**

Where the Heart Is: Information Production and the Home Bias, 2017, with Kimberly Cornaggia and Ryan Israelsen

- Conference presentation: 2017 AFA (coauthor), 2016 FIRS (coauthor), 2016 University of Connecticut Risk Management Conference, 2014 Brandeis/BondBuyer Municipal Finance Conference
- Seminar presentations: Georgetown University, Aalto University and Hanken School of Economics, Aarhus University, Indiana University (coauthor), Michigan State University (coauthor), Penn State University (coauthor), Texas Tech University (coauthor)

# **ACTIVE WORKING PAPERS (CONTINUED)**

The Value of Uninformative Credit Ratings, 2015, with Kimberly Cornaggia and Tim Simin

- Conference presentations: 2014 AFA (coauthor), 2012 FIRS, 2010 CFEA, 2010 State of Indiana Finance Symposium
- Seminar presentations: Harvard Business School, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, College of William & Mary
- Results in this paper previously circulated in a draft titled, "Does the Bond Market Want Informative Credit Ratings?"

# EXTERNAL SEMINARS (OWN PRESENTATIONS ONLY)

- 2018 Hong Kong University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Singapore Management University, National University of Singapore
- 2017 University of Southern California
- 2016 Penn State University, Texas Tech University, Louisiana State University
- 2015 George Mason University, Drexel University, University of Oregon
- 2014 George Washington University, Aalto University and Hanken School of Economics, Aarhus University
- 2013 New York Federal Reserve, University of Virginia Darden School of Business, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, University of Amsterdam, University of Georgia
- 2012 Harvard Business School, Berkeley Haas School of Business, Georgetown University
- 2011 College of William & Mary, University of Maryland, Texas A&M University, Rice University, Pennsylvania State University
- 2010 U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2009 Stanford GSB, University of Notre Dame, American University, Boston University, University of Toronto, Indiana University, Southern Methodist University, University of Michigan, Washington University in St. Louis, Oklahoma University
- 2008 American University, University of Nebraska Lincoln, U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, U.S. Commodity Future Trading Commission (twice), Baylor University

#### **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

- 2017 Western Finance Association meeting Program Committee
- 2017 AFA Presentation (coauthor)
- 2016 NAIC Valuation of Securities Task Force Presentation
- 2016 Olin Business School 12th Annual Corp. Fin. Conference Program Committee
- 2016 Western Finance Association meeting Discussion, Program Committee
- 2016 Auckland Finance meeting Presentation (coauthor)
- 2016 FIRS Presentation (coauthor)
- 2016 FSU SunTrust Beach Conference Discussion
- 2016 Chicago Financial Institutions Conference Presentation (coauthor)
- 2016 University of Connecticut Risk Management Conference Presentation, Discussion
- 2015 Western Finance Association meeting Discussion, Program Committee
- 2015 SFS Cavalcade Discussion, Program Committee
- 2015 Olin Business School 12th Annual Corp. Fin. Conference Program Committee
- 2015 CICF Presentation (coauthor)
- 2015 EFA Discussion for Doctoral Student Tutorial
- 2015 FMA Discussion for Doctoral Student Consortium, Presentation (coauthor)
- 2014 Olin Business School 11th Annual Corp. Fin. Conference Program Committee
- 2014 NBER Workshop on Credit Rating Agencies Presentation, Presentation by coauthor
- 2014 Erasmus Credit Conference Discussion, Presentation (coauthor)
- 2014 Brandeis/BondBuyer Municipal Finance Conference Presentation
- 2014 American Finance Association meeting Presentation (by coauthor)
- 2014 Association of Financial Economists meeting Presentation (coauthor)
- 2014 Western Finance Association meeting Program Committee
- 2014 SFS Cavalcade Program Committee
- 2014 FMA Asia meeting Program Committee
- 2014 FMA Best Paper Award Committee
- 2013 Olin Business School 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Corp. Fin. Conference Discussion, Program Committee
- 2013 CFEA Presentation (coauthor)
- 2013 AIM Investment Center Conference Presentation (coauthor)
- 2013 NBER Workshop on Credit Rating Agencies Presentation (coauthor)
- 2013 Western Finance Association meeting Presentation by coauthor (2 papers)
- 2013 SFS Cavalcade Discussion (2 papers), Presentation (coauthor)
- 2013 FIRS Presentation (2 papers)
- 2013 European Finance Association meeting Presentation (coauthor)
- 2013 Brandeis/BondBuyer Municipal Finance Conference Presentation (coauthor)
- 2013 CICF Presentation (coauthor)
- 2013 FMA Program Committee
- 2012 UNC Junior Faculty Research Roundtable Presentation
- 2012 CREDIT Conference, Venice, Italy Presentation
- 2012 Olin Business School 9th Annual Conference on Corporate Finance Program Committee
- 2012 University of Washington Summer Finance Conference Presentation
- 2012 FIRS Presentation, Discussion, Presentation by coauthor
- 2012 SFS Cavalcade Presentation
- 2012 Notre Dame Conference on Current Topics in Financial Regulation Session chair

# **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (CONTINUED)**

- 2012 State of Indiana Finance Conference Presentation
- 2012 FMA Program Committee, Session Chair, Presentation, Discussion
- 2011 CFEA Discussion and Program Committee
- 2011 NBER Household Finance Summer Institute Presentation
- 2011 Western Finance Association meeting Presentation
- 2011 Olin Business School 8th Annual Conference on Corporate Finance Program Committee
- 2011 FMA meeting Presentation (2 papers)
- 2010 Maryland Finance Symposium / CFEA Presentation
- 2010 FMA Best Paper Award Committee
- 2010 State of Indiana Finance Symposium Presentation
- 2010 Olin Business School 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Corporate Finance Program Committee
- 2010 American Finance Association meeting Discussion
- 2009 Financial Management Association meeting Presentation
- 2009 NBER Asset Pricing Summer Institute Presentation (coauthor)
- 2009 Western Finance Association meeting Presentation (2 papers)
- 2009 American Economic Association meeting Presentation by coauthor
- 2008 FMA meeting Presentation and Discussion
- 2008 Western Finance Association meeting Presentation
- 2007 FMA meeting Presentation and Discussion
- 2007 Eastern Finance Association meeting Presentation and Discussion

# **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- Best Paper, Semifinalist, 2017 FMA Asia/Pacific meeting
- Faculty Research Award, Georgetown University McDonough School of Business, 2014-2015
- Best Paper, Semifinalist, Financial Markets and Institutions, 2012 FMA meeting
- Best Paper, Semifinalist, Financial Markets and Institutions, 2011 FMA meeting
- Best Paper in Corporate Finance, 2009 FMA meeting
- Ph.D. Student Travel Stipend, 2009 WFA meeting
- Doctoral Student Travel Grant, 2009 AFA meeting
- Doctoral Student Consortium participant, 2008 FMA meeting
- Best Paper in Corporate Finance, 2008 WFA meeting
- Best Dissertation Proposal in Risk Management, 2008 FMA meeting
- Outstanding Doctoral Student Paper, Runner-up, 2008 Southern Finance Association meeting

#### **SERVICE**

#### Referee service:

American Economic Review, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Eurasian Economic Review, Financial Analysts, Journal, Financial Management, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Journal of Financial Intermediation, Journal of Financial Services Research, Journal of International Money and Finance, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Management Science, Managerial and Decision Economics, Public Budgeting and Finance, Review of Financial Studies

# Dissertation supervision:

Peggy Huang (Indiana University), committee member, initial placement at Tulane University Joe Henry (Penn State University), committee member, in progress Shasta Shakya (Penn State University), committee member, in progress

Penn State University Dean Review Committee, 2017 Penn State University Finance department recruiting organizer, 2016-2017

Georgetown University honor council, 2014-2016
Georgetown University Finance area recruiting committee, 2013-2016
Georgetown University Finance area seminar coordinator, 2014-2016
Georgetown University undergraduate curriculum and standards committee, 2013-2014

Indiana University Finance department recruiting committee, 2012-2013 Indiana University undergraduate policy committee, 2012-2013

Reviewer for the *Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research*, evaluating research projects on behalf of *Agenzia Nazionale di Valutazione del Sistema Universitario e della Ricerca* (ANVUR).

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Penn State University – Multinational Financial Management
Georgetown University – Advanced Financial Management
Indiana University – Intermediate Corporate Finance
University of Texas at Dallas – International Financial Management, Management of Financial
Institutions, Business Finance