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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, New York University	2010-2016
Thesis: <i>Credit Market Frictions and Macroeconomics</i>	
Master in Economic Theory and Econometrics, Toulouse School of Economics	2008-2009
B.Sc. in Economics, Universität Mannheim	2006-2009
Visiting Ph.D. Student, Yale University	2009-2010

Professional Experience

From September 2016	Economist, Bank of England, London, United Kingdom
Summer 2014	Fund Internship Program, International Monetary Fund, Washington, DC

Working Papers

Financial constraints and the heterogeneous cyclicalities of employment and investment

Using firm-level data, I document that employment growth and investment rates are more sensitive to macroeconomic conditions for more financially constrained firms. I then introduce a model with equilibrium default and heterogeneity in the benefits of debt financing. Although firms with higher borrowing costs respond more strongly to aggregate shocks, leverage is not a sufficient statistic for a firm's responsiveness. I show that the model accounts for the cyclical elasticities of employment growth and for a substantial share of the credit spread differential during recessions. I obtain novel implications for the non-trivial relationship between exogenous risk shocks and endogenous dispersion.

Constrained by default: Precautionary savings and bankruptcy risk

I study an adverse feedback loop between aggregate demand and corporate defaults. When limited liability allows entrepreneurs to shed both liabilities and employees, a rise in corporate default rates implies a rise in unemployment risk. This strengthens the precautionary motive of households and the accompanying fall in demand aggravates the troubles of the corporate sector. Using a DSGE model with sticky prices and wages I show that the amplification from the interplay of demand and defaults can be quantitatively large, both in downturns characterized by deleveraging in the household sector, such as the Great Recession, as well as in more normal recessions that originate from disturbances to business activity. Moreover, the additional propagation makes it more likely that the economy hits the zero lower bound. I find that state-contingent (countercyclical) unemployment insurance, such as the extension of

eligibility during severe recessions, are quite effective in offsetting shocks to the corporate sector but less successful in countering deleveraging on the household side.

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships

2015-2016	Macro Financial Modeling, Dissertation Fellowship
2010-2015	MacCracken Fellowship, New York University
2009-2010	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
2007-2012	German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)
2007-2009	Tuition Scholarship, Deutsche Bank AG