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## EDUCATION

**The University of Texas at Austin, McCombs School of Business**                2024-present
*Ph.D., Finance*

**New York University**                2019-2021
*Master of Arts in Economics - GPA 3.938/4.00*

- Master's Thesis: *"An Analysis of the Existence of Baumol's Cost Disease in the Education Sector".*

**Trinity College Dublin**                2008-2012
*Bachelor of Business, Economics, and Social Studies (BESS) - 1st Class Honors (GPA 4.0 equivalent)*

- 1st Class honors year-on-year over four-year honors Bachelor degree.
- Top 0.4% of all undergraduate university students in 2010; awarded *Trinity College Foundation Scholarship* April 2010 and appointed to the Board of the College.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Harvard Business School, Boston**                Aug 2022-Present
*Research Associate – Finance Unit, working with Professor C. Fritz Foley, and Professor Elisabeth Kempf*

- Co-authored *"Raising Capital at AMC"* with Professor Foley to be taught as part of the Corporate Financial Operations (CFO) MBA course.
- Co-authored the teaching note for the case *"MicroStrategy's Investment in Bitcoin"* with Professor Foley as part of the CFO course.
- Supported with data collection, merging, analysis, and applied visualization techniques of large employee-level datasets for Professor Kempf that included up to 80 million entries, using both Python and Stata.
- Edited and supported in writing and formatting presentation slides, conducted extensive literature reviews, synthesizing relevant information for journal submissions of a number of different projects.
- Analyzed intraday stock returns as part of a project investigating the impact of partisan corporate speech found in social media, incorporating the impact of different sentiment measures constructed using textual analysis.

**J.P. Morgan Chase, New York**                2012-2022
*Vice-President – Currencies and Emerging Markets*

- Translated up-to-date analysis and research into operational decisions to deliver and manage multi-million-dollar transactions for private sector clients, balancing business and markets risk, and the bank's reputation across G10 Currencies.
- Identified and leveraged ad-hoc opportunities for market share growth across the full spectrum of Foreign Exchange markets.
- Compiled and delivered daily written reports and presentations translating complex quantitative analysis into accessible trading insights and ideas, in the context of global economic and geopolitical developments for real world applications accessible to global clients and internal sales marketing teams.
- Managed client orders and execution alongside daily calculation and reconciliation of risk exposures, profit and loss, and constant navigation of proprietary trading technology in coordination with the bank's electronic trading platform.
- Recognized as an outstanding performer across all analysts and associates: awarded with admission to the J.P. Morgan *"Top Talent and Associate Leadership Program".*

## SKILLS, INTERESTS, AND OTHER AWARDS

- Volunteer as a "Big" with the *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts* program since October 2022.
- Individually raised over $8,000 in 2023 for charity by running the New York Marathon and the London Landmarks Half-Marathon.
- Volunteered with City Harvest New York City, focused on food rescue and redistribution across New York City, and currently volunteering with the Greater Boston Food Bank.
- Dedicated fundraiser and participant in numerous group charity cycles across Europe, collectively raising in excess of €250,000 to date, covering over 1500 miles since 2012.
- Author of weekly Substack publication focused on financial markets research and insights. *URL: https://justhumourme.substack.com/.*
- Certified yoga instructor: completed The Om Factory 200 Hour Yoga Teacher Training in 2019.
- Current member of the Kendall Wanderers D1 Men's soccer team and the Harvard Men's Club Soccer team.
- Central Park Rangers Reds MVP 2017/2018 Season.
- Dublin University Football Club Clubman of the year 2010 awardee.
- Captain's Cup Awardee, Outstanding Contribution to Sport, Gonzaga College Dublin.
- Extensive quantitative programming experience with Python, STATA, and R.