

Curriculum Vitae

Fatma Sonmez-Leopold
Associate Teaching Professor of Finance
Martin J. Whitman School of Management
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Education

Ph.D. Finance, University of Toronto, Canada.

Dissertation: Idiosyncratic Volatility and Asset Pricing, Thesis Supervisor: Alan White.

Master of Science in Mathematics, Middle East Technical University, Turkey.

Dissertation: Oscillation of Second Order Nonlinear Impulsive Delay Differential Equations, Thesis Supervisor: Agacik Zafer.

Master of Science in Engineering Management, Department of Industrial Engineering, Middle East Technical University, Turkey.

B.S. in Mathematics, Hacettepe University, Turkey.

Academic Work Experience

Associate teaching professor of finance, Martin J. Whitman School of Management, Syracuse University, Syracuse, USA, 2021-present.

Assistant teaching professor of finance, Martin J. Whitman School of Management, Syracuse University, Syracuse, USA, 2017-2021.

Assistant professor of finance (tenure-track), Smith School of Business, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, 2009-2018. ON LEAVE during 2017-2018

Teaching and Research Fields

Empirical Asset Pricing, Investments, Corporate Finance, Behavioral Finance, Fixed-Income Securities.

Teaching Experience

Courses taught

Syracuse University, Martin J. Whitman School of Management, Syracuse, USA

Undergraduate Program:

Principles of Finance

Fixed Income Securities

Masters of Finance program

Fixed Income Securities

Full Time MBA program:

Managerial Finance

2U Online MBA Program:

Investments
Managerial Finance
Corporate Finance Strategy
Finance for Non-Finance Managers

Student supervision at Syracuse University

Syracuse University, Martin J. Whitman School of Management, Syracuse, USA

Luciana Arteaga, Honor's thesis faculty advisor, Spring 2021(continues)

Allie Moore, Honor's thesis faculty advisor, Spring 2020

Julie Le Hello, Independent Study, Spring 2020

Khalil Jean-Baptiste, independent study faculty advisor, Spring 2019

Jason Robbins, Experience Credit, Fall 2019

Course taught

Queen's University, Smith School of Business, Kingston, Canada

Undergraduate Program:

Introduction to Finance

Empirical Topics in Finance

Advanced Corporate Finance

Full time MBA program

Introduction to Finance

Finance Strategy

Graduate Diploma Program

Finance Fundamentals

Master of Finance

Financial Databases Work Shop

Stata Programming Workshop

PhD program

Empirical Asset Pricing

Financial Databases Work Shop

Stata Programming Workshop

Executive Education

Executive Education for Non-Finance Managers

Custom Program: Saudi International Development Fund Credit Officer Development Program, Finance Fundamentals

Queen's University, Smith School of Business, Kingston, Canada

Margaux MacDonald, Economics Department, Examiner at the PhD Thesis Defense, 2016

David Barr, Smith School of Business, PhD Thesis Committee, 2014-2015

Sunandan Stridrahan, Smith School of Business, MBA Project, 2015

YiniWang, Queen's University, Economics Department, Examiner at the PhD Thesis Defense, 2012

Fred Davis, Smith School of Business, PhD Thesis Committee, 2011

Yang Ni, Smith School of Business, PhD Thesis Committee, 2011

Jean-Philippe, Smith School of Business, MSc Thesis Committee, 2010

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

At Syracuse University

- The Oberwager Award, 2022 (Whitman School of Management)
- Recognition for Faculty and Staff by the Center and Disability Center for making finance accessible, 2021.
- The Top 50 Business Undergraduate Professor, Poets and Quants, 2020.
- The Meredith/Teaching Recognition Award, 2020 (Syracuse University)
- Whitman Teaching Fellow Award, 2019(Syracuse University)

At Queen's University

- Canadian Securities Institute Research Foundation Grant, 2014, \$40,000.
- SSHRC 4A Research Award, 2013, \$5,000.

At University of Toronto

- Midwest Finance Association Best Paper Award for PhD Students, 2009.
- Southwestern Finance Association Best Paper Award in Investments for PhD Students, 2009.
- Capital Market Graduate Fellowship, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, Canada, 2005–2009.
- Pacific Institute Mathematical Sciences, Travel and Accommodation Grant, UBC, Canada, Summer 2006.

Professional Service at Syracuse University

Masters Board Committee, (Fall 2020-present)

Teaching Recognition Award Committee (University Level, March 2021)

Global Whitman Committee, (Fall 2019-present)

One Whitman Committee, (Fall 2018-present)

Global Whitman, 2017-2018

Student Related

- Being a facilitator at student focused events
 - Moderator at the Panel with Career Alumni Event, (March 2021)
 - Mock Finance Class with Potential Undergraduate students, (April 2021)
 - SOM 122 Finance Conversations
 - The IMPRESS Current Challenge Speakers: Chat with Deborah Leone, '86, G'87 is the director of Internal Audit at Goldman Sachs.

- Writing Reference Letters
- Preparing students for interviews

Professional Service

- Course coordinator for 10 sections of FIN 256 Integrated Core
- Active participant of finance research seminars
- Engaging with finance guest speakers

Other:

Keynote/Plenary Address	November 24, 2020	Sonmez-Leopold, F. (Presenter), The International Foundation's Canadian Investment Institute Virtual Conference, "Behavioral Biases in Financial Decision Making," International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans, Toronto-participated via zoom. (November 24, 2020).
Panelist	March 5, 2020	Sonmez-Leopold, F. (Panelist), Whitman Women's History Month Panel Discussion, Whitman School of Business, Whitman Business School. (March 5, 2020).
Panelist	April 23, 2021	Sonmez-Leopold, F. (Panelist), Whitman Webinar Series on Brexit, Whitman School of Business, Whitman Business School. (April, 2021).

Publications

"The Cash Effect in Stock Returns: Now You See It, Now You Don't", with Sean Cleary, Journal of Accounting and Finance, Journal of Accounting and Finance Vol. 16(8), 93-115, 2016.

"Financial Institution Credit Assessment and Implications for Portfolio Managers", with Lynnett Purda and Ligang Zhong, Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions and Money, Vol. 38, 148-166, 2015. *Cited in 2 publications*, Google Scholar.

"Rethinking Idiosyncratic Volatility: Is It Really a Puzzle?", Frontiers in Finance and Economics, Vol .10 (1), 1-29, 2013. *Cited in 12 publications*, Google Scholar.

"An Institutional Trading, Momentum, and Idiosyncratic Volatility", Investment Management and Financial Innovations, Vol. 10, Issue 2, 55-63, 2013. *Cited in 1 publication*, Google Scholar.

Best Paper Award for PhD Students at the Midwest Finance Association meetings, 2009.

Best Paper Award in Investments for PhD Students at the Southwestern Finance Association meetings, 2009.

"Oscillation of Second Order Nonlinear Impulsive Delay Differential Equations", with Agacik Zafer, Dynamics of Continuous, Discrete and Impulsive Systems Series A: Mathematical Analysis, 16, 221-231, 2009. *Cited in 4 publications*, ResearchGate.

"Does Inflation Have an Impact on Stock Market Volatility: Evidence from Turkey and Canada", International Research Journal of Finance and Economics, Issue 11, 122-132, 2008. *Cited in 49 publications*, Google Scholar, cited in 4 publications, ResearchGate.

Case Publications

"Was Insider Trading Ahead of Takeovers a Problem?" with Stephen R. Foerster, Michael R King, 2012, Ivey Publishing.

—"Teaching Note for Was Insider Trading Ahead of Takeovers a Problem?" with Stephen R. Foerster, Michael R King, 2012" Ivey Publishing.

Working Papers

"Betting on leverage" with Kimberly Cornaggia, Tim Simin, 2019

"Testing Black's Leverage Effect by Using "Seemingly" Zero Leverage Firms", with Timonthy Simin, 2014.

Conference Acceptance and Paper Presentations-Discussions

University of San Francisco, October 2014.

IVEY-QUEEN Finance Workshop June 2014.

The Northern Finance Association (NFA) 2014, Discussion.

The Northern Finance Association (NFA) 2013.

The AIDEA 2013.

UBC Summer Conference 2013.

International Finance and Banking Society Conference, Italy, 2011.

Behavioral Finance Conference, Miami, USA, 2010 (participant).

5th Behavioral Finance Symposium at DePaul University, Chicago, USA, 2010.

Northern Finance Association, Nigara Falls, Canada, 2009.

Eastern Finance Association, Washington D.C.,USA, 2009.

Southwestern Finance Association Meetings, Oklahoma City, USA, 2009.

Midwest Finance Association, Chicago, USA, 2009.

Multinational Finance Society, Crete,Greece, 2009.

Northern Finance Association, Alberta, Canada, 2008.

Financial Research Association, Las Vegas, USA, 2008.

Emerging Markets: Finance and Economics Conference, Istanbul,Turkey, 2006.

University of British Columbia, Pacific Institute Mathematical Sciences Summer 2006 Work Shop, The Frontiers in Mathematics and Economics.

Conference Organization

2012 Smith School of Business, 3rd Behavioral Finance Conference

2011 Smith School of Business, 2nd Behavioral Finance Conference

2010 Smith School of Business, 1st Behavioral Finance Conference

Refereed for

Management Science,
Journal of Finance,
Contemporary Accounting Research,
Journal of Business Finance and Accounting,
Midwest Finance Association, 2009,
Financial Management Association, 2010,
Midwest Finance Association, 2013, 2014.

Membership in Professional Organizations

American Finance Association (AFA).
Financial Management Association, (FMA).

Miscellaneous

Hobbies: An avid tennis player. USTA member.