

# AMIT SERU

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2016- *Stanford University, Graduate School of Business, Stanford CA*  
Professor of Finance, 2016-  
Senior Fellow, Hoover Institute  
Senior Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR)
- 2007-2016 *University of Chicago, Booth School of Business, Chicago IL*  
Dennis and Karen Chookaszian Professor of Finance, 2015-2016  
David Booth Faculty Fellow, 2015-2016  
Co-Director of Fama Miller Center, 2015-2016  
Professor of Finance, 2013-2014  
Associate Professor of Finance, 2011-2012  
Assistant Professor of Finance, 2007-2010
- 2011- *National Bureau of Economic Research*  
Research Fellow, Corporate Finance and Monetary Economics Programs
- 2013-2014 *Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the Russell Sage Foundation*  
Working Group on Behavioral Economics/Consumer Finance

## EDUCATION

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- 2007 Ph. D in Finance, **University of Michigan**  
1998 M.B.A, **University of Delhi**  
1996 B. E (Electronics & Communication), **University of Delhi**

## ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 2016: National Science Foundation Award (1628895)  
Rising Star in Finance Award  
Hillel J Einhorn Excellence in Teaching
- 2015: Journal of Financial Economics Paper Prize in Corporate Finance (First Prize)  
Emory Williams Annual (School wide) Teaching Award
- 2014: IMF Generation Next: 25 economists under 45 shaping the way we think about future  
AER Excellence in Refereeing  
QJE Excellence in Refereeing  
AQR Insight Award (Second Prize)  
Crowell Memorial Prize, Panagora Asset Management  
Finalist, MacArthur Foundation Grant
- 2012: Best paper, Red Rock Conference
- 2011: Chookaszian Endowed Risk Management prize
- 2008: Best paper awards at European Finance Association, CAF Research Conference,  
NSIM Conference and Mistsui Research Conference  
BSI research award
- 2001-06: Rackham Pre-doctoral Fellowship and Dykstra Fellowship

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1992-98: Sanwa Bank Scholarship for academic excellence (MBA)  
Lt. Governor's gold medal for academic excellence (BE)  
Chief Minister's gold medal for overall excellence (BE)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Financial Intermediation and Regulation, Resource Allocation and Internal Organization of Firms, Performance Evaluation and Incentives

## PUBLICATIONS

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*Regional Redistribution through the US Mortgage Market* (with Hurst, Keys and Vavra) **American Economic Review**, 2016.

*Technological Innovation, Resource Allocation and Growth* (with Kogan, Papanikolaou and Stoffman), **Quarterly Journal of Economy**, 2016.

*Policy Intervention in Debt Renegotiation: Evidence from Home Mortgage Affordability Program* (with Agarwal, Amromin, Ben-David, Chomsisengphet and Piskorski), **Journal of Political Economy**, Forthcoming

*Advertising Expensive Mortgages* (with Gurun and Matvos), **Journal of Finance**, 2016

*Selling Failed Banks* (with Granja and Matvos), **Journal of Finance**, Forthcoming

*Asset Quality Misrepresentation by Financial Intermediaries* (with Piskorski and Witkin), **Journal of Finance**, 2015.

*The Failure of Models that Predict Failure* (with Uday Rajan and Vikrant Vig), **Journal of Financial Economics**, 2015.

*Inconsistent Regulators: Evidence from Banking* (with Agarwal, Lucca and Trebbi), **Quarterly Journal of Economics**, 129(2), 2014.

*The Revolving Door and Worker Flows in Banking Regulation*, (with Lucca and Trebbi), **Journal of Monetary Economics**, 65, 2014.

*Firm Boundaries Matter: Evidence from Conglomerates and R&D Activity (earlier titled "Do Conglomerates Stifle Innovation?")*, **Journal of Financial Economics**, 2014.

*Internal Capital Markets and Dividend Policy: Evidence from Business Groups* (with Radha Gopalan and Vikram Nanda), **Review of Financial Studies**, 2014.

*Resource Allocation within Firms and Financial Market Dislocation* (with Matvos), **Review of Financial Studies**, 2014.

*Lender Screening and Role of Securitization: Evidence from Prime and Subprime Mortgages* (with Ben Keys and Vikrant Vig), **Review of Financial Studies**, 2012.

*Are Incentive Contracts Rigged by Powerful CEOs?* (with Adair Morse and Vikram Nanda), **Journal of Finance**, 2011.

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*Learning by Trading* (with Tyler Shumway and Noah Stoffman), **Review of Financial Studies**, 23(2), 2010.

*Securitization and Distressed Loan Renegotiation: Evidence from the Subprime Crisis* (with Tomasz Piskorski and Vikrant Vig), **Journal of Financial Economics**, 97, 2010.

*Statistical Default Models and Incentives* (with Uday Rajan and Vikrant Vig), **American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings**, 2010.

*Did Securitization Lead to Lax Screening: Evidence from Subprime Loans* (with Benjamin Keys, Tanmoy Mukherjee and Vikrant Vig), **Quarterly Journal of Economics**, 125(1), 2010.

*Financial Regulation and Securitization: Evidence from Subprime Loans* (with Benjamin Keys, Tanmoy Mukherjee and Vikrant Vig), **Journal of Monetary Economics**, 56(5), 2009.

*Fund Manager Use of Public Information: New Evidence on Managerial Skills* (with Marcin Kacperczyk), **Journal of Finance**, 62, 2007. Lead Article. Nominated for Smith Breeden Award.

*Affiliated Firms and Financial Support: Evidence from Indian Business Groups* (with Radha Gopalan and Vikram Nanda), **Journal of Financial Economics**, 86, 2007.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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*The Market for Financial Adviser Misconduct* (with Egan and Matvos), [Revise and Resubmit, **Journal of Political Economy**]

*Mortgage Rates, Household Balance Sheets, and Real Economy* (with Keys, Piskorski and Yao) [Revise and Resubmit, **Journal of Political Economy**]

*Did Community Investment Act lead to Riskier Lending?* (with Agarwal, Benmelech and Bergman) [Revise and Resubmit, **Journal of Political Economy**]

*Information, Credit and Organization* (with Liberti and Vig)

*Financing Labor* (with Benmelech and Bergman)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2016: Rising Star Conference, GSE Barcelona, Mitsui Michigan, ABEFR conference, Imperial/FCA Conference
- 2015: SITE, NBER Monetary, NBER Real Estate, NUS Housing conference, European Symposium in Financial Markets (Gerzensee)
- 2014: NUS Housing Conference, Symposium on Economics and Institutions, ISB Summer Symposium, FRIC Conference, NBER Household Finance, USC Organizations Conference
- 2013: AEA, AFA, AQR Inquire Award, Focus group at European Symposium in Financial Markets (Gerzensee), Red Rock Conference
- 2012: AEA, JAR-NY Fed, Conference on State Banking Supervisors, Kellogg Finance Conference, NBER Summer Corporate, NBER Monetary,

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NBER Real Estate, WFA, Red Rock Conference, Focus group at European Symposium in Financial Markets (Gerzensee)

2011: AEA, NBER Housing, NBER Corporate

2010: AFA, AEA, Econometric Society, Conference on Housing Market Dynamics, NBER Pre-Conference on Housing and Financial Crisis, NBER Conference on Housing and Financial Crisis, 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Management Conference Chicago Booth

2009: AFA, Mitsui Symposium at Michigan, NBER Corporate (Spring & Summer), NBER Monetary Economics (Summer), NBER Real Estate (Summer), NBER Law and Economics (Summer), NBER Securitization Meeting, NBER Household Finance, KU Southwind Conference, FMRC Conference on the Role of Government Regulation

2008: AFA, Focus group at European Symposium in Financial Markets (Gerzensee), EFA, Mitsui Symposium at Michigan, Moody's/NYU Credit Risk Conference, NBER Corporate (Spring), SITE Workshop (Insurance and Credit Markets)

2007: AFA, Batten Young Scholar

2004-2006: WFA, EFA, UNC Conference on FEA, Northern Finance Association Meetings, EFMA, Pacific Northwest Finance Conference

## SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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2016: Wharton, Dartmouth, Berkeley, UNC, NY Fed, LBS, LSE, Stanford

2015: Stanford, Chicago Booth, NUS

2014: NYU, HEC, Michigan, Rutgers, Stanford, OSU, UBC, MIT Sloan

2013: Chicago Booth, Purdue, Rice, Stockholm School of Economics, DePaul, Bocconi

2012: Chicago Booth, Insead, Columbia GSB, USC, Kellogg, Arizona, USC, Darden, Oregon, HBS, UCLA, Berkeley, Arizona State, Princeton

2011: Chicago Fed, Chicago Booth (x3), DePaul University, Stockholm School of Financial Research, Texas Austin, OCC

2010: Chicago Booth, Wharton, Loyola, Berkeley, Michigan, NYU, AQR

2009: Amsterdam School of Business, BYU, Berkeley, Chicago Booth, Columbia GSB, DePaul, Harvard Economics/HBS, MIT Sloan, NY Fed, Stanford, UCLA, UIC

2008: Boston College, Chicago Booth (x2), Chicago Fed, IMF, Kellogg, Michigan, Michigan State, Olin WashU, Princeton, Standard and Poor's

2007: Arizona State, Boston College, Chicago Booth, Colorado, Duke, HBS, London Business School, NYU, Ohio, Rochester, Toronto, UBC, Wharton, Yale

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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*Journals:* **Journal of Finance** (Co-editor, 2016-; Associate Editor (AE), 2014-2016)  
**Journal of Political Economy** (AE, 2016- )  
**Management Science** (Department Editor, 2014-2016; AE, 2012-2013)  
**Review of Corporate Financial Studies** (Editor, 2014-2016)  
**Journal of Financial Intermediation** (AE, 2013-)

*Journal Referee:* American Economic Review, AEJ: Applied Microeconomics, AEJ: Microeconomics, AEJ: Macroeconomics, Econometrica, Journal of

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Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Financial Intermediation, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Financial Studies, Journal of Law and Economics

*Discussant:* AFA (2013, 2012, 2009, 2008), WFA (2012, 2011; 2010; 2007), AEA (2013, 2012), Bank Structure Conference (2011), FDIC Conference (2010), Moody's/NYU Credit Risk Conference (2010), IMF Twelfth Jacques Polak Annual Research Conference (2011), NBER Behavioral Asset Pricing (2012), NBER Corporate Finance (2009, 2013, 2015), NBER Entrepreneurship (2009), NBER Real Estate (2012), NBER Market Institutions and Financial Market Risk (2010), NBER Monetary Economics (2014, 2012, 2009), RFS Entrepreneurship Conference (2010), Summer Symposium (2014, 2012, 2010, 2009), RCFS Conference (2011)

*Program Committee:* AFA (2010), EFA (2006-2013), FMA (2009), FMA Award Committee (2009), Olin Corporate Finance Conference (2008-2011), WFA (2010-2012, 2014, 2015), Mid-Atlantic Research Conference (2011).

*Chair* AEA (2012), WFA (2011), AFA (2011; 2010)

*Others:* Corporate Finance Reading Group at Booth (2013-2016)  
 Organizer of Corporate Finance week at European Symposium in Financial Markets (2016).  
 Co-organized NBER Summer Institute, Corporate Finance Program (2016)  
 Co-organized or conference on Financial Regulation at Becker Friedman Institute (2015)  
 Organized Finance, Organization and Markets conference (2015)  
 Organizer of Focus group on *Information and Organization* at European Symposium in Financial Markets (2013).  
 Moderator at Chicago Bank Structure Conference (2011, 2013)  
 Moderator at FDIC Conference (2010)  
 Co-organizer of conference on Regulating Financing Intermediaries (2011).  
 Panelist at Mortgage Bankers Association Conference (2011)

## PHD STUDENTS SUPERVISED

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2016	Aaron Pancost, Ben Charoenwong
2015	John Nash (HKUST), Chenfei Lu (Uber)
2014	Nitish Kumar (Florida), Mark Egan (Minnesota), Rasool Zandvakil (IMF), Wei Wu (Texas), Adrien Matray (Princeton)
2013	Filipe Lacerda (Cornerstone), Roie Hauser (Temple)
2012	Marina Niessner (Yale); Ram Chivukula (JP Morgan)
2011	Matthew Plosser (New York Fed); Rui Silva (London Business School)
2010	Roni Kisin (Olin School of Business), Jennifer Bontas (Analysis Group)

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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2015	<i>Gene Fama's contribution to Corporate Finance (with Amir Sufi)</i> , The Fama Portfolio (editors John Cochrane and Tobias Moskowitz)
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- 2012 *Mortgage Financing during Boom and Bust (with Ben Keys, Tomasz Piskorski and Vikrant Vig), NBER Chapter in Volume on Housing and Financial Crisis (editors Ed Glaeser and Todd Sinai)*
- 2010 *Lessons from the financial crisis: causes, consequences, and our economic future*
- 2009 *Economics 2.0: What the best minds in economics can teach you about business and life*

### **MEDIA MENTIONS**

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American Banker, Bloomberg, Business Week, Chicago Tribune, Condé Nast (Portfolio), Economist, Financial Times, Forbes, Housing Wire, Reuters, New York Times, National Public Radio, Wall Street Journal

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2015-16 Corporation Finance for Executives (35801) taught at University of Chicago
- 2015-16 Valuing Control around the World (35816), elective class.
- 2007-2015 Corporation Finance (35200) taught at University of Chicago
- 2013-2016 Empirical Corporate/Banking (PhD) taught at Chicago/Michigan/SSE
- 2003 Corporate Financial Policy (FIN 314) taught at University of Michigan

### **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

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- 1998-2001 *Accenture*, Senior Consultant in the Process Reengineering Group