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EMPLOYMENT

Jul 15 - present	Professor of Mathematics , Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford Official Fellow and Tutor in Mathematics , St John's College, Oxford
Sep 12 - Jun 15	Associate Professor of Mathematical Finance , Mathematical Institute, U. of Oxford Official Fellow and Tutor in Mathematics , St John's College, Oxford
Nov 08 - Aug 12	University Research Lecturer , Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford
Oct 06 - Oct 08	Marie Curie Fellow , Department of Mathematics, Imperial College London <i>Funded within the 6th EC Framework Programme</i>
Sep 05 - Aug 06	ATER (Research & Teaching Assistant), Laboratoire de Probabilités, Université Paris 6

EDUCATION

Jan 2006	Ph.D. in Mathematics, Honours (<i>très honorable</i>) Université Paris 6, France <i>and</i> University of Warsaw, Poland under direction of Prof. Marc Yor and co-direction of Prof. Stanisław Kwapien
Jan 2004	M.A. in Sociology , University of Warsaw, Poland
Jun 2002	M.Sc. in Mathematics, Honours , University of Warsaw, Poland
Mar 2002	M.Sc. in Probability Theory , Université Paris 6, France

MAJOR GRANTS

2014 - 2018	<i>European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant</i> 1,218,000 EUR – funded by the EC FP7: 335421-ROBUSTFINMATH
2006 - 2008	<i>Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship</i> at Imperial College London 152,000 EUR – funded by the EC FP6: MEIF-CT-2006-04062

RESEARCH OUTPUT AND IMPACT

I published 51 papers in international peer-reviewed journals, including leading journals in my two core areas of interest: probability (*Ann. Probab.*, *Prob. Theory Relat. Fields*, *Ann. Appl. Probab.*, *Stoch. Proc. Appl.*, *Electronic J. Probab.*, *Ann. IHP Probab. Stat.*, *Bernoulli*) and mathematical finance (*Math. Finance*, *Finance and Stoch.*, *SIAM J. Financial Math.*). I have made many contributions published in top journals in other, related, fields: statistics (*Ann. Stat.*), operations research (*Oper. Res.*, *Math. Oper. Res.*, *Manag. Sci.*), control theory (*SIAM J. Control Optim.*), machine learning (*NeurIPS*), optimal transport and optimisation (*Proc. R. Soc. A*). My Google Scholar profile reports over 2000 citations and an h-index of 26. My research output spans collaborations with 46 researchers from across the globe. Researchers worldwide have replied on my results in their own research: analysis using Web of Science shows that for the papers in their Core Collection which cited my work, the corresponding authors came from 218 distinct research institutions across 6 continents:



Each of 218 points corresponds to the research institution of a corresponding author on a paper citing my work (Source: Web of Science).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND PEER RECOGNITION

Fellowships & Prizes	<p>Elected <i>Fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics</i> (2022)</p> <p>– “For pioneering contributions in robust financial mathematics and related advances in probability theory and statistics, including theoretical and computational aspects of Skorokhod embeddings and martingale optimal transport problems.”</p> <p><i>Hugo Steinhaus Award</i>, Polish Mathematical Society (2022)</p> <p>– “Awarded for the ensemble of contributions to mathematical finance with emphasis on innovative methods to study model robustness.”</p> <p><i>International Visiting Fellowship</i>, Sydney Mathematical Research Institute (2019)</p> <p><i>Bruti Liberati Visiting Fellowship</i>, Sydney University of Technology (2011)</p> <p><i>Teaching Award</i>, University of Oxford, UK (2010)</p>
Selected Invited Plenary Talks	<p>14th International Symposium on Imprecise Probabilities: T. & A., Bielefeld (2025)</p> <p>Spanish+Polish Mathematical Meeting, Łódź, Poland (2023)</p> <p>7th International Mathematics in Finance Conference, Kruger Park, South Africa (2023)</p> <p>28th Quantitative Methods in Finance (QMF) Conference, Sydney (2019)</p> <p>8th General AMaMeF Conference, Amsterdam (2017)</p> <p>5th SIAM Conference on Financial Mathematics & Engineering, Chicago (2014)</p>
Leadership	<p><i>President</i>, previously <i>Vice-President</i>, Bachelier Finance Society (2022-present)</p> <p>elected in a majority vote among all members of the society</p>
Editorial positions	<p>Associate Editor, <i>SIAM Journal on Financial Mathematics</i> (since 2014)</p> <p>Associate Editor, <i>Mathematical and Financial Economics</i> (since 2014)</p> <p>Associate Editor, <i>Stochastic Processes and Their Applications</i> (since 2015)</p> <p>Associate Editor, <i>Finance and Stochastics</i> (since 2020)</p> <p>Associate Editor, <i>Mathematical Finance</i> (since 2024)</p> <p>Guest co-editor, <i>Mathematical Finance</i> 31(4), (2021) (<i>in memoriam M.H.A. Davis</i>)</p> <p>Associate Editor, <i>Applied Mathematical Finance</i> (2013–2018)</p>
Evaluation panels	<p>Expert for the Ministry of Higher Education of Luxembourg for their comprehensive evaluation of University of Luxembourg (one out of three mathematicians), Sep 2016</p> <p>Member of the Expert Panel, National Science Centre, Poland, 2020</p>
Referee services	<p>I acted as a reviewer for over 20 journals, including <i>AofP</i>, <i>AAP</i>, <i>Fin. & Stoch.</i>, <i>Inventiones</i>, <i>JEMS</i>, <i>JET</i>, <i>Math. Fin.</i>, <i>MOR</i>, <i>PTRF</i>, <i>SPA</i>, <i>SICON</i>, <i>SIFIN</i>.</p> <p>I serve as a reviewer for grant agencies, including <i>German Research Foundation</i>, <i>Swiss National Science Foundation</i> and <i>National Science Centre (Poland)</i>.</p> <p>I wrote evaluation letters for promotion and/or tenure cases at the request of numerous universities, including: <i>U. of Bath</i>, <i>Boston U.</i>, <i>Columbia U.</i>, <i>Hebrew U. of Jerusalem</i>, <i>Imperial College London</i>, <i>Michigan U.</i>, <i>Princeton U.</i>, <i>U. of Warwick</i>.</p>

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND EVENTS

Over the last 20 years, I gave over 120 talks in 21 countries on 6 continents. Most of these were invited talks. Thus, on average, I have been giving one talk every two months: from small workshops to major international meetings, from specialised seminars to departmental colloquia. I have organised three international conferences in Oxford dedicated to robust finance and related mathematical tools. I co-organised three CIRM workshops, a BIRS workshop and an IMSI workshop (competitive funding awarded). Together with Bruno Bouchard (Paris Dauphine) and Martin Schweizer (ETH Zurich), we have just been selected to organise a series of 3 workshop over the coming 6 years at CIRM. I regularly organise mini-symposia at major international meetings (SIAM FM series, BFS Congresses, etc.). In 2014 I organised the 7th *European Summer School in Financial Mathematics*.

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

I have recruited, worked with and mentored 4 post-docs at Oxford, with all of them now in tenured, or tenure-track, positions around the world: Tongseok Lim (2016–2018, now an Assistant Professor at Purdue University), Gaoyue Guo (2016–2018, now an Assistant Professor at Centrale Supélec, Paris), Anna Aksamit (2015–2017, now a Lecturer at University of Sydney) and Pietro Siorpaes (2014–2016, now a Lecturer at Imperial College London). In addition, I acted as a mentor to several other early career researchers.

I have supervised 8 PhD students: 5 have finished and either work in the industry (Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan) or in the academia (Carnegie Mellon University, KTH Stockholm), 3 are on course. Many of my students were supported by prestigious scholarships (DAAD, Clarendon) and Johannes Wiesel was awarded the international *Nicola Bruti Liberati Prize* for the best PhD thesis in Quantitative Finance.

I supervised over 40 M.Sc. thesis on the full time and part-time M.Sc. programs in Mathematical and Computational Finance at the University of Oxford and Imperial College London. Two of my students were awarded the annual *Natixis Prize* for best Master's Thesis in Quantitative Finance in Europe.

TEACHING AND EXAMINING

I give tutorials at St John's College on a variety of courses (probability, statistics, integration, differential equations, graph theory, etc.). At the Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford, I lectured 3rd year *Probability, Measure and Martingales* and have designed, introduced into syllabus and lectured the 3rd year *Continuous Martingales and Stochastic Calculus* course. The latter, I believe, has enabled us to teach a greater variety of exciting topics to students and to attract greater numbers of undergraduates to probability theory. I have extensive experience teaching core and optional courses at full and part-time MSc programs in mathematical finance (examples of courses taught include: *Financial Derivatives, Fixed Income Markets, Risk and Decision Theory, Market Microstructure and Algorithmic Trading*).

I gave invited graduate lecture courses in: the Dolomites Winter School (2025, planned), the 20th Winter school on Mathematical Finance (2023, Netherlands), CDT/RTG summer school (2022, Oxford), German–Polish summer school (RTG1845 & IMPAN, 2014, Poland), Chinese University of Hong-Kong (2013), the 5th European Summer School in Financial Mathematics (2012).

In Oxford, I chaired the Part A Exam Board (covers all of the 2nd year mathematics in Oxford, 2020–2021), was a Prelims Examiner (all of the 1st year mathematics exams, 2018–2019), chaired the Supervisory Committee for the MSc in Mathematical Finance (2015–2019, 2023–2024), and I examined numerous viva, transfer or confirmation D.Phil. (Ph.D.) exams. I also acted as the External Examiner for MRes in Mathematical Sciences at Imperial College London (2014–2019).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

I am passionate about science, about sharing it with as wide audiences as possible, as well as ensuring there are no barriers for those who want to pursue it. I regularly communicate my scientific findings with industry practitioners, including through industry journals and seminars. I also wrote articles, gave seminars and interviews aimed at general public. Examples include:

- “The Mathematics of Wrong and Useful”, *Thomas White Magazine*, St John's College, 2019, pp. 50–56.
- “Polak z Oxfordu o tajemnicy nieskończoności”, ThisIsIT@YouTube, June 2024; 48K views.
- “Giełdy nie da się zhakować”, ThisIsIT@YouTube, August 2024; 42K views.

I have given talks on mathematics for high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds, directly at their school or as part of *St John's Study Days*, within the Inspire Program. I coordinate undergraduate admissions to read Mathematics at St John's College Oxford, including ongoing efforts to secure philanthropic donations for scholarships. Last year this led to the SJC-BIG Undergraduate Scholarship. Also last year, I volunteered an MSc course, delivered online, organised by the *Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv* and made available also to students based at other Ukrainian universities.

COMMITTEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE INVOLVEMENT

I undertake senior roles within my Department and my College. I currently chair my department's *Finance Committee* and its *Supervisory Committee for the MSc in Mathematical Finance*, am a member of its *Executive Committee* and *Departmental Committee*. I am member of the *Governing Body of St John's College* and also sit on its *Finance & Estates Committee*. I am a non-executive director and board member of Thomas White Oxford, a College subsidiary company developing Oxford North, a new science district in Oxford scheduled to deliver a significant new provision of wet labs, startup incubator space and offices. In 2020, I was elected by the Trustees to work on the recruitment and search panel for the new President of St John's College. In the past, I served on numerous recruitment panels as well as on the *Executive and Research Committees of the Oxford-Man Institute of Quantitative Finance*. I took part in strategic reviews, including St John's College Bursarial Review Panel and its 5y Strategy working group.