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Education

- The New School University, New York, NY, 2007 – 2008.
  M.Sc. Global Finance: a cutting edge program that combines education in financial engineering, trading, and the Bloomberg system. Areas of interest include commodity backed structured products, asset-backed securities and index arbitrage; worked on projects researching the asset-backed commercial paper crisis of 2007. In progress: development of a pricing methodology for Collateralized Commodity Obligations.

- The New School University, New York, NY, 2004-2006.
  M.A. Financial Economics: a two year masters program incorporating in depth understanding of macroeconomics and econometrics theories and practice; produced a final thesis on the derivation and solution of the Black-Scholes model.

- Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, 1995-1999.
  B.A. History and International Relations: a double major curriculum culminating in five area exams in history, American and European foreign policy, political science, language and culture, and economics.

Related Experience

- International Monetary Fund – Risk Management Advisor (February 2008 - Present).
  Working closely with the Monetary and Capital Markets department of the IMF on developing an appropriate early warning framework designed to mitigate systemic risk. The mandate is to develop an off-site monitoring methodology to enhance the fund's capacity to mitigate systemic risk in the Large Complex Financial Institutional sector through continuous monitoring and early warning signals.

- The New School, New York, NY – Researcher (Sept. 2005 – January 2008).
  Conducted reverse engineering and research exercises on a wide variety of derivatives markets including equity, fixed income, FX, and commodities. Examined and priced structured product term sheets pertaining to CDO, CDS, CCO, interest rate swaps, constant maturity swaps, trigger swaps, CPPI, and CPDO.

- New York State Banking Department, New York, NY – Financial Services Research Unit Intern (Dec. 2006 – Aug. 2007).
  Researched and authored in depth quarterly reports detailing the condition of NY State's economy. Designed and carried out research projects on topics ranging from alternative regulatory regimes for hedge funds, to risk measurement and management techniques for structured product portfolios.

- World Economic Forum, Financing for Development Project, New York, NY – Research Associate (Jun. 2004 – Feb. 2005).
  Implemented research projects designed to examine necessary conditions and feasibility of fostering successful dialogue between governments, private financing, and multi-lateral institutions towards the end of funding infrastructure development projects in Brazil. The Financing for Development project focused on emerging markets as a whole, my work focused on Brazil.

Skills and Leadership Activities

- Computer skills: Bloomberg (terminal, API, Data License), Microsoft Office, EViews, GAUSS, MatLab, Mathematica, LaTex.
- Language skills: Arabic (native), English (fluent), French (proficient).
- Adjunct Professor of Financial Economics, Baruch College (Spring 2007 – Present).
- Adjunct Professor of Finance, Polytechnic University, NY (Spring 2008 – Present).
- Teaching Assistant for a master class on Structured Products, Swiss Finance Institute (Summer 2007).
- The New School Dean's Advisory Council (Fall 2005 – Present).

References available upon request