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## Education

- 1. B.S., Mathematics, Lafayette College, Easton, PA (1970) (Phi Beta Kappa).
- 2. M.S., Mathematics, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA (1972).
- 3. M.S., Economics, Carnegie-Mellon University (1974).
- 4. Ph.D., Economics, Carnegie-Mellon University (1976).

  Dissertation Area: Capital Theory

## Positions Held

- 1. Assistant Professor, Columbia University, 1977-1981.
- 2. Associate Professor, Columbia University, 1981-1984.
- 3. Professor, Columbia University, 1984-present.
- 4. Visiting Professor, Université de Lausanne, 1995.
- 5. Faculty Director, Doctoral Program, Columbia Business School; 2000-2011
- 6. Visiting Professor, University of California, Santa Barbara; 2002

#### Research Grants

- 1. National Science Foundation Grant for the project entitled "Stochastic Properties of Dynamic Economies," (with R. Mehra).
- 2. National Science Foundation Grant for the project entitled "Recursive Competitive Equilibrium: Some Theoretical Extensions," (with R. Mehra).
- 3. National Science Foundation Grant for the project entitled "Dynamic Economics: Some Applications," (with R. Mehra).

#### Research Focus

- 1. Equilibrium Asset Pricing
- 2. Dynamic Equilibrium Growth and Business Cycle Analysis

# Courses Taught

1. Ph.D. level: Macroeconomics, Microeconomics

2. M.B.A. level: Macroeconomics (GEE-1), Microeconomics, Corporate Finance, Capital Markets, Investment Management, Options; received Superior Teaching Award from Columbia University.

## Published Papers

- 1. "Stochastic Properties of Fast vs. Slow Growth Economies, ( with J.P. Danthine), <u>Econometrica</u>, 49 (1981), 1007-1033. Reprinted in "Growth Theory" edited by R. Becker and E. Burmeister, volume III of the <u>International Library of Critical Writings in Economics</u>, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd., Cheltenham 1989.
- 2. "Economic Rationalization of Fisheries: The Problem of Conflicting National Interest on Georges Bank," (with G. Pontecorvo) <u>Journal of Ocean Development & International Law</u>, 8 (1980), 149-169.
- 3. "Certainty Planning in an Uncertain World: A Reconsideration," (with J.P. Danthine), Review of Economic Studies, 48 (1981), 507-510.
- 4. "A Note on the Divergence Between Ex Ante and Ex Post Optimality," (with L. Selden), Economic Letters, 9 (1981), 209-216.
- 5. "A Generalized Value Maximization Condition for Growth Paths with Finite Total Consumption Possibilities," <u>International Economic Review</u>, 25 (1981), 337-351.
- 6. "On the Recoverability and Uniqueness of Changing Tastes in a Consumption-Savings Setting," (with L. Selden), <u>Economic Letters</u>, 8 (1981), 105-112.
- 7. "Stochastic Growth with Correlated Production Shocks," (with R. Mehra), Journal of Economic Theory, 12 (1983) 282-312.
- 8. "A Note on Value Maximization for Consumption Sets in I<sup>1</sup>," <u>Journal of Economic Theory</u>, 11 (1983), 282-312.
- 9. "On the Impact of Shock Persistence on the Dynamics of A Recursive Economy," (with J.P. Danthine and R. Mehra), <u>European Economic Review</u>, 21 (1983), 147-166.

10. "Investment, Stability, and Taxation in a Long Run Macro-economic Model," (with J.P. Danthine), <u>Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control</u>, 7 (1984), 79-110.

- 11. "Comparative Dynamics of an Equilibrium Intertemporal Asset Pricing Model," (with R. Mehra), Review of Economic Studies, 51(1984), 491-508. Reprinted in "Growth Theory" ed. By Becker and Burmeister, vol. III in International Library of Critical Writings in Economics ed. by Mark Blaug, Edgar Elgar Publishing Ltd., Cheltenham 1989.
- 12. "The Structure of Intertemporal Preferences Under Uncertainty and Time Consistent Plans," (with T. Johnsen), <u>Econometrica</u>, 53 (1985), 1451-1458.
- 13. "Inflation and Asset Prices in an Exchange Economy," (with J.P. Danthine), <u>Econometrica</u>, 54 (1986) 585-606.
- 14. "The Effects of Capital Income Taxation on the Dynamics of a Competitive Economy," Journal of Public Economics, 28 (1985), 255-265.
- 15. "The Effects of Government Spending and Monetary Growth on Security and Commodity Price Dynamics," (with J.P. Danthine), Research Working Paper, Columbia University, July 1984.
- 16. "On the Term Structure of Interest Rates," (with T. Johnsen and R. Mehra), <u>Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control</u>, 14 (1990), 571-596.
- 17. "On the Superneutrality of Money in a Non-stochastic Dynamic Macroeconomic Model," Research Working Paper Columbia University, January 1986.
- 18. "Efficiency Wages and the Business Cycle Puzzle," <u>European Economic Review</u>, 34 (1990), 1275-1301.
- "On Some Computational Aspects of Equilibrium Business Cycle Theory," (with J.P. Danthine and R. Mehra), <u>Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control</u>, 13 (1989), 449-470.
- 20. "Risk Sharing Labor Contracts and the Business Cycle," (with J.P. Danthine), in <u>Equilibrium Theory and Applications</u>, Wm. Barnett and A. Mas-Colell editors, Cambridge University Press.
- 21. "Methodological and Empirical Issues in Real Business Cycle Theory," (with J.P. Danthine), <u>European Economic Review</u>, 37, (1993), 1-36.

22. "Risk Sharing and the Business Cycle," (with J.P. Danthine), <u>European Economic Review</u>, 36 (1992), 468-475.

- 23. "El Compoartamients de la Estructura Temporal de los Tipos de Interes en un Modelo de Ciclos Economicos," (with T. Johnsen and R. Mehra), <u>Cuadernos Economicos de ICE</u>, 48 (1992), 89-120.
- 24. "Dynamic Decentralization," (with R. Mehra), Research Working Paper, Columbia University (1991); forthcoming <u>The Encyclopedia of Business Cycles, Panics and Depression</u>, edited by D. Glassner.
- 25. "The Equity Premium and the Allocation of Income Risk," (with J.P. Danthine and R. Mehra), <u>Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control</u>, 16 (1992), 509-532.
- 26. "Computing Equilibria of Non-Optimal Economies," (with J.P. Danthine), in <u>Frontiers of Business Cycle Research</u>, T. Cooley, editor, Princeton University Press, 1995.
- 27. "Non-Walsarian Economies," (with J.P. Danthine) in <u>Frontiers of Business</u> <u>Cycle Research</u>, T. Cooley, editor, Princeton University Press, 1995.
- 28 "Productivity Growth, Consumer Confidence, and the Business Cycle," (with J.P. Danthine), <u>European Economic Review</u>, 42 (1998), 1113-1140.
- 29. "Non Falsified Expectations and General Equilibrium Asset Pricing: The Power of the Peso," (with J.P. Danthine), <u>The Economic Journal</u>, 109 (1999), 607-635.
- 30. "Macroeconomic Frictions: What Have We Learned from the Real Business Cycle Research Program," (with J.P. Danthine), forthcoming, <u>Advances in Macroeconomic Theory</u>, J. Dreze, editor, Palgrave (Macmillan).
- 31. "Junior Can't Borrow: A New Perspective on the Equity Premium Puzzle," (with G. Constantinides and R. Mehra), <u>Quarterly Journal of Economics</u>, 117 (2002), 269-296.
- 32. "Labor Relations and Asset Pricing," (with J.P. Danthine), <u>Review of Economic Studies</u>, 69 (2002), 41-64.
- 33. "A Note on NNS Models: Introducing Physical Capital and Avoiding Rationing," (with J.P. Danthine), <u>Economics Letters</u>, 77(2002), 433-437.
- 34. "On the Consequence of State Dependent Preferences for the Pricing of Financial Assets," with J. P. Danthine and C. Giannikos, <u>Financial Research Letters</u>, 1 (2004), 143-153.

35. "Junior Must Pay: Pricing the Implicit Put in Privatizing Social Security," (with G. Constantinides and R. Mehra, <u>Annals of Finance</u>, 2 (2005), 1-34.

- 36. "Introduction to Symposium on General Equilibrium, Incomplete Markets, and Sunspots," in honor of David Cass; with S. Spear, P. Siconolfi, H. Polemarchakis, Economic Theory, 24 (2004), 465-468.
- 37. "Junior is Rich: Bequests as Consumption," (with R. Mehra and G. Constantinides); <u>Economic Theory</u>, 32 (2007), 125-155.
- 38. "Distribution Risk and Equity Returns" (with J. P. Danthine and Paolo Siconolfi), Handbook of the Equity Risk Premium, Elsevier: Amsterdam, 2008.
- 39. "Risk Based Explanations of the Equity Risk Premium" (with R. Mehra), <u>Handbook of the Equity Risk Premium</u>, Elsevier: Amsterdam, 2008.
- 40. "Some Unpleasant General Equilibrium Implications of Executive Incentive Compensation Contracts" (with N. Gershun and M. Giannoni). <u>Journal of Economic Theory</u>, 148 (2013), 31-63.
- 41. "Executive Compensation: A General Equilibrium Perspective" (with J.P. Danthine). Review of Economic Dynamics, 18 (2015), 269-286.
- 42. "A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Perspective on Asset management," (with J.P. Danthine and R. Mehra) in <u>Finance and Society: Essays in Honor of Thore Johnsen</u>, Cappelen Damm, 2017

## <u>Books</u>

- 1. <u>Intermediate Financial Theory</u> (with J.P. Danthine), Prentice Hall Publishers, 2001.
- 2. <u>"Decentralized Energy Alternatives: Proceedings of the First Decentralized Energy Alternatives Symposium</u>," (edited with E. Bietry), Columbia University and UN-DESA.
- 3. <u>Intermediate Financial Theory</u>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (with J. P. Danthine), Elsevier Publishing, 2005.

4. <u>Intermediate Financial Theory</u>, 3<sup>nd</sup> Edition (with J. P. Danthine), Elsevier Publishing, 2015.

# **Working Papers**

- 1. "Labor market Volatility: The Role of Incomplete Financial Markets," (with H. S. Eric Kim); submitted for publication to the **Review of Economic Studies.**
- 2. "Equilibrium Impact of Demographic Differences on Asset Prices," (with R. Mehra and Angela Maddaloni);
- 3. "Anticipation and the Aggregation of Sector Specific Shocks" (with J. Dutta);
- 4. "Executive Compensation: Salary vs. Incentive Pay: An Inconvenient Truth" (with Natalia Gershun and Eric Kim);
- 5. "Average Crossing Time: An Alternative Characterization of Mean Aversion and Reversion" (with R. Mehra); **NBER Working Paper #25519**;
- 6. "Asset Pricing in Persistent Slumps," (with. H.S.Eric Kim); submitted for publication to the **Journal of Monetary Economics**
- 7. "Demographics and Foreign Direct Investment: Lessons from China's One-Child Policy," (with C. Koulovatianos, J. Li and R. Mehra); submitted to the **Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control**;
- 8. "What Should be the Focus of Trade Agreements if Long Term Growth is to be Enhanced: The Cases of NAFTA and TPP," (with M. Vassalou);

#### Other Research in Various Stages of Progress

- 1. "The Distribution of Income, Aggregate Debt and the Business Cycle;"
- 2. "Services versus Manufacturing: A General Equilibrium Distinction;"
- 3. "Risk and the Investor's Time Horizon" (with Rajnish Mehra);
- 4. "Information Acquisition in an Environment of Loss Aversion: Explaining the Ostrich Effect" (with Nachum Sicherman);

- 5. "Production Based Asset Pricing Models: A Review Essay;
- 7. "Operating Leverage Redux" (with H.S. Eric Kim);
- 8. "A Case for Industrial Diversification,"
- 9. "Creating a FED Sponsored Infrastructure Development Bank" (with T. Cooley).

## **Outside Activities**

I concluded my consultancy with Perella-Weinberg Partners, and have moved to Vassalou Capital Partners. In this capacity I continue to write periodic "issue papers" (4 per year) and receive a small quarterly compensation. A sample essay is listed below:

1. "This Time is Different: Of Interest Rates and Economic Growth, or How Monetary Policy Has Become Less Potent Over Time, June 3, 2015 (with Thomas Cooley and Maria Vassalou).