

# ASSA COHEN

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## PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Sy Syms School of Business, Yeshiva University** *August 2023 - Present*  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Finance
- The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia** *September 2019 - May 2023*  
Research Analyst
- National Economic Council, Israeli Prime Minister Office** *August 2015 - July 2016*  
Milken Innovation Fellow

## EDUCATION

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- University of Pennsylvania** *Fall 2016 – Spring 2023*  
PhD in Economics  
Specilization: Finance and Macroeconomics  
Dissertation Committee: Prof. Guillermo Ordonez (advisor and committee chair), Prof. Itay Goldstein, Prof. Harold Cole, Prof. Jesus Fernandez-Villaverde, Dr. Benjamin Lester.
- Tel Aviv University** *2012-2016*  
MA in Economics,  
Dissertation Advisor: Prof. Itzhak Gilboa.
- Tel Aviv University** *2010-2016*  
MA in Philosophy, Summa Cum Laude  
Dissertation Advisor: Prof. Ruth Weintraub.
- Tel Aviv University** *2008-2010*  
The Adi Lautman Honors Program For Outstanding Students.

## WORKING PAPERS

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- (Job Market Paper)* Concentration in Over-The-Counter Markets and Its Impact on Their Performance During Crisis
- Inventory, Market Making, and Liquidity: Theory and Application to the Corporate Bond Market (with Mahyar Kargar, Benjamin Lester, and Pierre-Olivier Weill).  
Presented at the American Social Sciences Association (ASSA) 2023, SFS Cavalcade 2022, Search and Matching in Macro and Finance 2022, Society of Economic Dynamics 2021.
- Bad Times Call for Fundamental Questions: On the Counter-Cyclical Behavior of Basic Research and The Impact of Transient Shocks on Long-Term Growth  
Utilizes access to restricted firm-level Census data.
- Small and Disruptive: The Significance of Active Insured Depositors on the Banking System Fragility.

## OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

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Journal Referee: Journal of Economics Theory, International Economic Review.  
US Census Special Sworn Status.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Course Instructor

*Sy Syms School of Business*

FIN 1001 - Principles of Finance (Fall 2023)

### Teaching Assistant

*University of Pennsylvania*

ECON 001 - Introductory Economics: Micro (Fall 2017)

ECON 103 - Statistics for Economists (Spring 2018, Fall 2019)

ECON 246 - Money, Credit, and Banking (Spring 2019)

ECON 246 - Family and Macroeconomics (Spring 2019)

*Tel Aviv University*

ECON 2109 - Microeconomics 2, Prof. Ariel Rubinstein (Fall 2013, Fall 2014)

ECON 2103 - Microeconomics 1, Prof. Itzhak Gilboa (Spring 2013)

PHIL 206 - Reading Tutorial, Philosophy of David Hume (Spring 2011, Spring 2012)

### Non-Academic

*China Alliance Institution*

Instructor, Chinese Beginners Class, (Aug. 2011 - Aug. 2015)

## HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

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The University of Pennsylvania Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2022), University of Pennsylvania Graduate Student Fellowship (2016-2021), Tel-Aviv University Economics Class Speaker (2016), Tel-Aviv University Adi Lautman Honors Program Fellowship (2008-2012), IDF's Southern Command Honorary Officer (2006).

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** (Fluent): English and Hebrew, (Intermediate): Mandarin Chinese.

**Coding Languages:** (Advanced) R; (Intermediate) MATLAB, Julia, SQL, Stata, Tex; (Beginner): Python, SAS.

**Datasets:** FINRA's TRACE, US Corporate Bonds Market. US Census Microdata, including Standard Statistical Establishment Listing (SSEL), Longitudinal Business Database (LBD), and The Survey of Business Research, Development, and Innovation (BRDIS).

**Fields of Interest:** Market microstructure, financial stability, empirical finance, growth and technological innovation.