

**UC SANTA BARBARA**  
**FINANCE CONNECTION X BLOCKCHAIN**  
**6pm in North Hall 1110 on Wednesday, February 26, 2020**

**Polychain Capital and StakerDAO**  
**Shifting from Traditional Finance to Decentralized Finance**

**Sherwin Dowlat at Polychain Capital**

*Portfolio Manager*

Sherwin joined Polychain Capital in 2018 and he works on the Investments team. Polychain Capital is a hybrid venture and hedge fund firm within the crypto industry with +\$1bn in assets. Prior to Polychain, Sherwin worked across various research roles and developed a strong background in traditional finance. He started his career at Wedbush, where he co-authored the first report on Bitcoin/GBTC on the sell-side. Following his time in Research at Wedbush, Sherwin worked at Susquehanna covering a variety of emerging technologies, including distributed ledger technology.

Sherwin is a 2014 graduate of San Diego State University with a degree in Finance, Mathematics, and Economics.

**Christian Arita at StakerDAO**

*Operations Lead*

Christian joined StakerDAO in 2019 and he works as the first full-time employee alongside the CEO & Founder. StakerDAO is a platform for governing, specifically launching and managing, decentralized financial products. StakerDAO was seeded by Polychain Capital in the summer of 2019. Prior to StakerDAO, Christian worked at Deutsche Bank in Research, where he covered Global Macro and US Equity Strategy. Christian began his career at Jefferies as an intern within its Investment Banking division covering Restructuring & Recapitalizations, Technology, Industrials, and Health Care.

Christian is a 2016 graduate of UC Santa Barbara with a degree in Economics & Accounting. Christian was Co-President of Finance Connection in 2016.