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Tao Wu, Illinois Institute of Technology

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John D. Stowe, Ohio University

AAII Best Paper in Investments

On the Relation between EGARCH Idiosyncratic Volatility and Expected Stock Returns

Hui Guo, University of Cincinnati

Haim Kassa, University of Cincinnati

Michael Ferguson, University of Cincinnati

SWFA Wohl Publishing Best Paper in M&A/Corporate Finance

Stock Price Correlation and the Method of Payment in Corporate Acquisitions

Vineet Bhagwat, Kellogg School of Management

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Does Risk-Neutral Skewness Predict the Cross-Section of Equity Option Portfolio Returns?

Turan Bali, Baruch College

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SWFA Best Paper in International Finance

Systematic, Default and Systemic Risk Effects of International Bank Mergers – Empirical Evidence

Gregor Weiss, TU Dortmund University

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Capital Structure Deviation and Speed of Adjustment

Tarun Mukherjee, University of New Orleans

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Collectivism and Corruption in Bank Lending

Xiaolan Zheng, University of South Carolina

Sadok El Ghouli, University of Alberta

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Profits, Financial Leverage and Corporate Governance

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Stock Market Fragility and the Quality of Governance of the Country

Chunmei Lin, National University of Singapore

Massimo Massa, INSEAD
Hong Zhang, INSEAD

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SWFA Special Events

Day	Time	Event	Room
Thursday	12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Doctoral Student Luncheon (for SWFA registered doctoral students)	
Thursday	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Southwestern Finance Association Reception	
Friday	7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Southwestern Finance Association Board Meeting	
Friday	12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Southwestern Finance Association Luncheon and Business Meeting	

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**March 1, 2012
(Thursday)**

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

SESSION A Corporate Finance

Session Chair: **Barbara J. Davis**, Centenary College of Louisiana

Discussants: [Wei Wang, University of New Orleans](#)
[Christian Rauch, Goethe University – Frankfurt](#)
[Frank Li, University of Arizona](#)
[Pieter De Jong, University of North Florida \(paper 4\)](#)

The Impact of ISO 14001 Certification on Corporate Performance: An Empirical Analysis within the United States

Pieter De Jong, University of North Florida
Antony Paulraj, University of North Florida
Constantin Blome, Université Catholique Louvain

An Empirical Assessment of Empirical Corporate Finance

Frank Li, Arizona State University
Jeffrey Coles, Arizona State University

Capital Structure Deviation and Speed of Adjustment

Tarun Mukherjee, University of New Orleans
Wei Wang, University of New Orleans

The Good – or the Bad and the Ugly? Corporate Governance and Risk Taking in Banks

Christian Rauch, Goethe University-Frankfurt

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

SESSION B Residential Real Estate

Session Chair: ~~**David Javakhadze**, University of Missouri~~ **Avis Devine**, University of Cincinnati

Discussants: ~~[Bruce Gordon, University of North Alabama \(paper 1\)](#)~~
[David Javakhadze, University of Missouri](#)
~~[Avis Devine, University of Cincinnati \(paper 2\)](#)~~
~~[Ramya R. Aroul, University of Texas, Arlington \(paper 4\)](#)~~

Rental Tenure Type and MSA-level House Price Recovery from the Great Recession

Avis Devine, University of Cincinnati

The Predictive Power of Household's Expectation in the Housing Nonlinear Dynamics

Meichi Huang, Yuan Ze University

The Role of Dual Pane Windows and Improvement Age in Explaining Residential Property Value

Ramya R Aroul, University of Texas, Arlington
Andrew Hansz, California State University, Fresno

Rights of Redemption and Their Effect on Real Estate Market Prices

Bruce Gordon, University of North Alabama
Daniel Winkler, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

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SESSION C Real Estate Mortgage Finance

Session Chair: **Harald Scheule**, University of Technology, Sydney

Discussants: **Hong Lee**, Louisiana State University
 Harald Scheule, University of Technology, Sydney
 Shuang Zhu, Louisiana State University
 Bruce Gordon, University of North Alabama

Systematic Risk and Credit Ratings: How Bonds and Mortgage Securitizations are Different
Harald Scheule, University of Technology, Sydney
Daniel Roesch, Leibniz University of Hannover

Modeling Interdependent Real Estate Decisions
Shuang Zhu, Louisiana State University
R. Kelley Pace, Louisiana State University

Mortgage Pricing: What Does Sex have to do With It?
Kristen Van Rensselaer, University of North Alabama
Tanja Blackstone, University of North Alabama
Bruce Gordon, University of North Alabama
Jerry Crabb, IBM

Investment Mistakes in the Mortgage Market: Sluggish Refinancing and Curtailment
Hong Lee, Louisiana State University

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

SESSION D Emerging Markets

Session Chair: **Saint Kuttu**, Hanken School of Economics

Discussants: **Shu Tian**, Massachusetts Maritime Academy
 Saint Kuttu, Hanken School of Economics
 Vivek Rajvanshi, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta
 Pawan Jain, University of Memphis

Time Varying Conditional Discrete Jumps in Emerging African Equity Markets
Saint Kuttu, Hanken School of Economics

Determinants of Intraday Volatility in Indian Futures
Vivek Rajvanshi, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta

Predicting Future Price Volatility: Empirical Evidence from an Emerging Limit Order Market
Pawan Jain, University of Memphis
Christine Jiang, University of Memphis

Liquidity, Macro Factors and U.S. Equity Flows to Emerging Markets

Shu Tian, Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Peihwang Wei, University of New Orleans

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SESSION E Evidence on Stock Returns

Session Chair: **Yaqoub Alabdullah**, University of Missouri

Discussants: **Pradosh Simlai**, University of North Dakota
Jin-Lin Chen, University of Adelaide
Jinho Jeong, Korea University
Xiaofei Zhao, University of Toronto

Information Intensity and the Cross-Section of Stock Returns

Xiaofei Zhao, University of Toronto

Modified Beta and Cross-Sectional Stock Returns

Steven Dennis, University of North Dakota

Pradosh Simlai, University of North Dakota

Steven Smith, University of North Dakota

Do Financial Conglomerates Influence Their Client Firm Stock Prices?

Jin-Lin Chen, University of Adelaide

Wei-Ling Song, Louisiana State University

Stock market Integration in Northeast Asian Countries: The Case of China, Japan, and Korea

Jinho Jeong, Korea University

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

SESSION F Bond Markets

Session Chair: **Thomas Thompson**, Lamar University

Discussants: **Kelly Cai**, University of Michigan, Dearborn
Umar Butt, DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University
Jessica Wang, University of Texas at Dallas
Qianqian Yu, University of British Columbia

Revisiting Bond Risk Premia

Guoshi Tong, University of British Columbia

Chao Xiong, University of British Columbia

Qianqian Yu, University of British Columbia

Effect of Being Fallen Angels on Bond Ratings and Yields

Kelly Cai, University of Michigan, Dearborn

Debt Covenant Violation and Cost of Borrowing: Evidence from quarterly bond Issue

Umar Butt, DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University

Bondholder Reactions to Bank Loan Covenant Violations and the Evolution of Bank Loan Covenants

Jessica Wang, University of Texas at Dallas

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Great Door Prize Drawings take place at **10:15 a.m.** in the Exhibit Area. *Must be present to win.*

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SESSION A Mutual Fund Returns

Session Chair: **John Adams**, University of Texas, Arlington

Discussants: [Andrew Lynch, University of Missouri](#)
[Ulf Herrmann, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg](#)
[Takeshi Nishikawa, University of Colorado, Denver](#)

Bond Fund Disappearance: What's Return got to do with it?

Martin Rohleder, Catholic University of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt

Hendrik Scholz, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

Marco Wilkens, University of Augsburg

Liquidity, Liquidity Risk, and the Cross Section of Mutual Fund Returns

Andrew Lynch, University of Missouri

Short-Term Persistence in Hybrid Mutual Fund Performance: The Role of Style Shifting Abilities

Ulf Herrmann, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

Hendrik Scholz, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

Affiliated Agents, Boards of Directors, and Mutual Fund Security Lending Returns

John Adams, University of Texas, Arlington

Takeshi Nishikawa, University of Colorado, Denver

Sattar Mansi, Virginia Tech

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10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SESSION B International Fund Returns

Session Chair: **Reza Houston**, University of Missouri

Discussants: [Jesus Gutierrez, Texas A&M International University](#)
[Wei Hua, University New Orleans](#)

What Explains Mutual Fund Performance Persistence? International Evidence

Miguel Ferreira, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Aneel Keswani, Cass Business School

Antonio Miguel, ISCTE – IUL

Sofia Ramos, ISCTE – IUL

Performance of International and Global Equity Mutual Funds: Country and Sector Momentum Matter

Bernhard Breloer, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

Hendrik Scholz, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

Marco Wilkens, University of Augsburg

How Does the Domiciliation Decision Affect Mutual Fund Fees?

Gunnar Lang, ZEW Centre for European Economic Research and University of Stuttgart

Dr. Matthias Koehler, Deutsche Bundesbank

Performance Evaluation of Mutual Funds in India: DEA Approach

Nikhata Afshan, University of Memphis

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SESSION C Insiders, Managerial Entrenchment, and Corporate Governance

Session Chair: **Jorge Brusa**, Texas A&M International University

Discussants: [Zhiehuan Li, Arizona State University](#)
[Umar Butt, DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University](#)
[Yihua Zhao, University of Texas at Dallas](#)

Does Entrenched Manager Like Bond?

Yihua Zhao, University of Texas at Dallas

Lin Zou, Texas Women's University

Mutual Monitoring and Corporate Governance

Zhichuan Li, Arizona State University

Profits, Financial Leverage and Corporate Governance

Umar Butt, DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University

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SESSION D Acquisitions and Divestitures

Session Chair: **Dan French**, University of Missouri **Steve Cole**, University of North Texas

Discussants: **Qingqing Wu**, Arizona State University
Thomas Thompson, Lamar University
Mike Impson, University of North Texas

Three-stage Carve-outs
Thomas Thompson, Lamar University

Information Conduit of Agency Cost: Top Management and Director Interlock between Target and Acquirer
Qingqing Wu, Arizona State University

Reacquired Carve-Outs: Divestiture Gain or Short against the Box?
Thomas Thompson, Lamar University

Stock Price Correlation and the Method of Payment in Corporate Acquisitions
Vineet Bhagwat, Kellogg School of Management
Robert Dam, Kellogg School of Management

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SESSION E Regulatory Issues for Financial Institutions

Session Chair: **Chien-Ting Lin**, Deakin University

Discussants: **Havva Dursun**, Vienna Graduate School of Finance
Jesus Gutierrez,
Wei Hua, University of New Orleans
Chien-Ting Lin, Deakin University

Book-to-Market Equity, Operating Risk, and Asset Correlations: Implications for Basel Capital Requirement
Chien-Ting Lin, Deakin University
Lee Shih-Cheng, Yuan Ze University

The Effects of Regulatory Scrutiny and Corporate Governance on Fraud Detection in Financial Firms: U.S. Evidence
Ahmed Barakat, University of Frankfurt
Anna Chernobai, Syracuse University
Mark Wahrenburg, Goethe University of Frankfurt/Main

Regulating the Amount of Short-Term Debt
Havva Özlem Dursun, Vienna Graduate School of Finance

Do-Bank-Bail-Outs>Create Moral-Hazard?

Florian Hett, Johannes Gutenberg University

Alexander Schmidt, Goethe University Frankfurt

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SESSION F Market Microstructure

Session Chair: [Steve Sears, Texas A&M International University](#)

Discussants: [Senol Oztekin, FIU](#)

[Sean Byrne, Texas A&M International University](#)

[Lalatendu Misra, University of Texas at San Antonio](#)

[Steve Sears, Texas A&M International University](#)

Intraday Evidence of Trading in Fragmented Markets: An Analysis Post MiFID

Uli Friedrich Paul Spankowski, Chair of Banking and Finance, University of Hohenheim

Martin Wagener, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Information Asymmetry around Operational Loss Announcements in U.S. Financial Firms

Ahmed Barakat, University of Frankfurt

Anna Chernobai, Syracuse University

Mark Wahrenburg, University of Frankfurt

An Empirical Analysis of Order Flow prior to the Announcement of Major Negative Information

Naoto Isaka, Sophia University

Information Horizon and Informed Trader's Order Choices

Hsiao-Fen Yang, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Imperial West, (3rd Floor)

SWFA Doctoral Student Luncheon

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Session A International Capital Markets

Session Chair: **Natalya Delcoure**, University of St. Thomas

Discussants: **Hiroyuki Aman**, Konan University
 Yaqoub Alabdullah, University of Missouri
 Peihwang Wei, University of New Orleans
 David Javakhadze, University of Missouri

Earnings Management of Foreign Firms in the U.S.

Chia-Sheng Chen, University of New Orleans

Peihwang Wei, University of New Orleans

Financial Market Contagion and Co-Integration during Global Financial Crisis: International Evidence

Sabur Mollah, Stockholm University

Goran Zafirov, Stockholm University School of Business

Shahiduzzaman Quoreshi, Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis

Volatility and Public Information Flows: Evidence from Disclosure and Media Coverage in the Japanese Stock Market

Hiroyuki Aman, Konan University

Hiroshi Moriyasu, Nagasaki University

Value Creation after State Share Transfers: New Evidence from China

Haibo Yao, Mississippi State University

Wei He, Mississippi State University

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SESSION B Issues in Financial Institutions

Session Chair: **Dan W. French**, University of Missouri

Discussants: **David Stolin**, Toulouse Business School
 Stefan Jacewitz, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
 John D. Stowe, Ohio University
 Michael Gibbs, University of Missouri

Credit Union Diversification and Cost Efficiency

Wei Hua, University of New Orleans

Squandering home field advantage? Financial Institutions' investing in their own industries

Aneel Keswani, Cass Business School

David Stolin, Toulouse Business School

The Marginal Costs, Capture Costs, and Franchise Value of Banks

Jonathan Pogach, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Stefan Jacewitz, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Paul Kupiec, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Price Dynamics of Emission Allowance with Inter-Period Banking and Compensating Delivery

Sha He, Goethe University Frankfurt

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SESSION C Exchange Rates

Session Chair: **Scott O'Brien**, University of Missouri

Discussants: **Anand B. S. Gulati**, Hanken School of Economics
Ramya R Aroul, University of Texas, Arlington
Rasmus Fatum, University of Alberta
Priti Verma, Texas A&M University, Kingsville

Linkages between the Foreign Exchange Markets of BRIC Countries—Brazil, Russia, India and China—and the US

Ramya R Aroul, University of Texas, Arlington

Peggy E Swanson, University of Texas, Arlington

The Intraday Effects of Central Bank Intervention on Exchange Rate Spreads

Rasmus Fatum, University of Alberta

Time Varying Exchange Rates, Interest Rates and Bank Stock Returns Asymmetry: Evidence from U.S. Banks

Priti Verma, Texas A&M University, Kingsville

Quantile Regression Analysis of Exchange Rate Exposure in Cross-Country Sector Portfolios

Anand B. S. Gulati, Hanken School of Economics

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SESSION D Corporate Governance I

Session Chair: **Shastri Sandy**, University of Missouri

Discussants:

Stock Market Fragility and the Quality of Governance of the Country

Chunmei Lin, National University of Singapore
Massimo Massa, INSEAD
Hong Zhang, INSEAD

The Governance Role of Accounting Conservatism in Financial Reporting
Wenyun Shi, The University of Texas at Dallas

Corporate Governance and Market Liquidity: An Empirical Analysis
Pawan Jain, University of Memphis
Christine Jiang, University of Memphis
Mohamed Mekhaïmer, University of Memphis

Board of Directors and Listing Requirements: Long-Run Operating Performance of Traditionally Insider Control Board
Dishant Pandya, Cleveland State University
Chenchu Bathala, Cleveland State University

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SESSION E Asset Pricing

Session Chair: **Humnath Panta**, Lindenwood University

Discussants: **Humnath Panta**, Lindenwood University
 Mohammad Uddin, University of Texas at Arlington
 Srinivas Nippani, Texas A&M University – Commerce
 Tao Wu, Illinois Institute of Technology

Optimal Consumption and Portfolio Choice for Long-Horizon Investors with Non-tradable Labor Income When Asset Returns Are Predictable
Hui-Ju Tsai, Washington College
Yangru Wu, Rutgers University

State-dependent Dependencies: A Continuous-time Dynamics for Correlations
Christoph Becker, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management
Wolfgang M. Schmidt, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management

An Equilibrium Model with Buy and Hold Investors
Tao Wu, Illinois Institute of Technology

Asset Pricing in an International Lucas Orchard with Dynamic Learning under Agents' Heterogeneous Expectations and Preferences
Oliver Berndt, Goethe University Frankfurt

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SESSION F Institutional Ownership

Session Chair: **Imre Karafiath**, University of North Texas

Discussants: **Imre Karafiath**, University of North Texas
Ramya R. Aroul, University of Texas at Arlington
John Adams, University of Texas at Arlington

Institutional Investors and Their Impact on the Structure of CEO's Equity-based Compensation
Fan Yu, University of Washington

Institutional Ownership, Retail Trading and Stock Return Co-movement
Si Cheng, National University of Singapore

The Impact of insider Ownership Level on Equity Market Timing Decisions
Frank D'Souza, Loyola University, Maryland
Surya Chelikani, Quinnipiac University

Dividends and Institutional Ownership
Lina Bichara, Bank of America
Michael Impson, University of North Texas

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SESSION G Market Efficiency I

Session Chair: **Nilakshi Borah**, Louisiana Tech University

Discussants: **Shekar Shetty**, Gulf University for Science & Technology
Stephan Meyer, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)
Saskia Laser, University of Rostock

Luck Favors the Prepared—Especially Those Who Placed Stop-loss Orders
Stephan Meyer, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

Published Stock Recommendations as Institutional Investor Sentiment in the Near-term Stock Market
Frank Dreher, Goethe University – Frankfurt

Saskia Laser, University of Rostock

Nico Singer, University of Rostock

The Subprime Crisis and the Efficiency of the Junk Bond Market: Evidence from the Microstructure Theory

Ehab Yamani, University of Texas at Arlington

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SESSION A Equity Valuation

Session Chair: **Michael Impson**, University of North Texas

Discussants: **Tibebe Assefa**, University of Texas – Pan American
 Steven Cole, University of North Texas
 Imre Karafiath, University of North Texas

Does the Industrial Uncertainty affect Firm Valuation? An Empirical Analysis

Wei Du, Louisiana State University
Hue Wang, Louisiana State University

Evolution of Firm Value

Hue Wang, Louisiana State University
Wei Du, Louisiana State University

Behavioral Finance: Overreaction Evidence from Large-Cap Stocks

Tibebe Assefa, University of Texas, Pan American
Omar Esqueda, University of Texas, Pan American

Linking Bank Spread with the Management of Equity Valuation

Steven Cole, University of North Texas
Imre Karafiath, University of North Texas

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SESSION B Effects of Analysts

Session Chair: **Melissa Williams**, University of Houston – Clear Lake

Discussants: **Keming Li**, University of Texas at Arlington
 Ping-Wen Sun, LSU
 Ching-Hung Chang, Arizona State University
 Melissa Williams, University of Houston - Clear Lake

Stock Market Liquidity, Aggregate Analyst Forecast Errors, and the Economy

Ping-Wen Sun, LSU

Analysts and Corporate Liquidity Policy

Ching-Hung Chang, Arizona State University

Role of Analysts: Following Momentum or Creating Momentum?

Keming Li, University of Texas at Arlington
Mohammad Uddin, University of Texas at Arlington

The Short Term Prediction of Analysts' forecast error: Model and Trading Profitability

Kris Boudt, Lessius & KULeuven & VU University, Amsterdam

Peter De Goeij, Tilburg University
James Thewissen, KULeuven & HUBrussel
Geert Van Campenhout, HUBrussel & KULeuven

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SESSION C Market Efficiency II

Session Chair: **Ivelina Pavlova**, University of Houston – Clear Lake

Discussants: [Dan French, University of Missouri](#)
[Yihua Zhao, University of Texas at Dallas](#) ([paper 3](#))
Jeffrey Hobbs, Appalachian State University ([paper 4](#))

Re-assess the Analyst Forecast Dispersion Puzzle

Yexiao Xu, University of Texas at Dallas
Yihua Zhao, University of Texas at Dallas

Can Stock Indices Be Made Better At Predicting Financial Contagion—A Network Model
Yue Shen, Queen's University

Reexamining Stock Returns When Investors Disagree

Vivek Sharma, University of Michigan, Dearborn
Jeffrey Hobbs, Appalachian State University

The Informational Asymmetry Effect on Stock Prices of Financial Firms: Stock Split Announcements

Seondeog Jang, University of North Texas

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SESSION D Security Price Behavior

Session Chair: **Xiaofei Zhao**, University of Toronto

Discussants: **Xiaofei Zhao**, University of Toronto

Stock Splits and Conditional Value Premium

Qing Bai, University of Cincinnati
Hui Guo, University of Cincinnati

Do Jumps Contribute to the Dynamics of the Equity Premium?

Xiaofei Zhao, University of Toronto
Tom McCurdy, University of Toronto
John Maheu, University of Toronto

Is Disclosure Regulation a Zero-sum game? An Examination of Large and Small Trades

Sanjiv Sabherwal, The University of Texas at Arlington
Salil Sarkar, The University of Texas at Arlington
Helen Hurwitz, Columbia University
Xu Wang, Saint Louis University

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Financial Crises and the Global Value Premium: Revisiting Fama-French

Ehab Yamani, University of Texas at Arlington

Dr Peggy Swanson, University of Texas at Arlington

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SESSION E Value of Corporate Decisions

Session Chair: **Laura Gonzalez**, Fordham University

Discussants: **Laura Gonzalez**, Fordham University
Reza Houston, University of Missouri

Intra-Industry Effects of IPOs on Stock Repurchase Decisions

Thanh Nguyen, University of South Florida

The Value of Corporate Diversification in High-Tech Industries

Nilakshi Borah, Louisiana Tech University

Liu Pan, Louisiana Tech University

Jung Chul Park, Auburn University

Nan Shao, Louisiana Tech University

Capital Structure as a Strategic Negotiating Tool: Evidence from Shareholders' Class Action Lawsuits

Shastri Sandy, University of Missouri

Reorganizing Human Capital Theory: Investment Decisions under the Effect of Innovation Probability

Koray Sayili, Queen's University

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SESSION F REITs

Session Chair: **Sina Ehsani**, University of Texas at San Antonio

Discussants: **Michael Gibbs**, University of Missouri
David Javakhadze, Robert J. Trulaske College of Business, University of Missouri
Yaqub Alabdullah, Robert J. Trulaske College of Business, Univ. of Missouri
John Clinebell, University of Northern Colorado

REITs: A Study of Macroeconomic Effects on Liquidity

Ran Lu, University of the Pacific

John Glascock, University of Connecticut

Time Variation in the Inflation-Hedging Properties of Gold, REITs, and Equities

John Clinebell, University of Northern Colorado

Douglas Kahl, University of Akron

Jerry Stevens, University of Richmond

Do Cultural Variances affect Dividend Behavior in Asian REITs

Michael Gibbs, University of Missouri
Scott O'Brien, University of Missouri

Dividend Policy of European REITs

David Javakhadze, Robert J. Trulaske College of Business, University of Missouri
Yaqub Alabdullah, Robert J. Trulaske College of Business, University of Missouri

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SESSION G Corporate Liquidity

Session Chair: **Lalendu Misra**, University of Texas at San Antonio

Discussants: **Joseph French**, University of Northern Colorado
Haibo Yao, Mississippi State University
Amine Tarazi, Université de Limoges, LAPE
Yongli Luo, The University of Texas-Pan American

Bank Capital Buffer and Liquidity: Evidence from US and European Publicly Traded Banks

Isabelle Distinguin, Université de Limoges, LAPE

Caroline Roulet, Université de Limoges and JPLC

Amine Tarazi, Université de Limoges, LAPE

Liquidity and Control, CEO Compensation under Imperfect Investor Protection Institution

Yongli Luo, The University of Texas-Pan American

The Relationship between Liquidity, Corporate Governance, and Firm Valuation: Evidence from Russia

Wei-Xuan Li, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Chia-Sheng Chen, University of New Orleans

Joseph French, University of Northern Colorado

The Impact of Monetary Policy on the Corporate Balance Sheet

Haibo Yao, Mississippi State University

Kenneth Roskelley, Mississippi State University

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

SWFA Board Meeting and Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

SESSION A Finance in India

Session Chair: **Vijay Vishwakarma**, St. Francis Xavier University

Discussants: **Lalatendu Misra**, University of Texas at San Antonio
 Ajay Mishra, IBS, Hyderabad
 Nemiraja Jادیyappa, Oklahoma State University
 Vijay Vishwakarma, St. Francis Xavier University

The Association between Market, Exchange Rate Risks & Interest Rate and Accounting Variables: A Study on Indian Banking Sector
Ajay K Mishra, IBS, Hyderabad

Financial Reforms and Capital Structure changes in India: An Industry Level Analysis
Nemiraja Jادیyappa, Oklahoma State University

Evidence of Threshold and Asymmetric adjustments in Indian Real Estate Market
Vijay Vishwakarma, St. Francis Xavier University

Changing Capital Structure in a Developing Country: India
Lalatendu Misra, University of Texas at San Antonio
Sina Ehsani, University of Texas at San Antonio

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SESSION B CEOs

Session Chair: **Karyn Neuhauser**, Lamar University

Discussants: **Fawzi Hyder**, Lebanese American University
 Rakesh Bharati, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
 Candra Chahyadi, Eastern Illinois University
 Nilakshi Borah, Louisiana Tech University

Stock Ownership Guidelines for CEOs: Do they (not) meet expectations?

Bradley W. Benson, Louisiana Tech University
Qin Lian, Louisiana Tech University
Qiming Wang, Louisiana Tech University
Nilakshi Borah, Louisiana Tech University

The Role of Education and Experience in CFO Career and Compensation

Candra Chahyadi, Eastern Illinois University
Bahaa Abusalim, Eastern Illinois University

Market Reaction to Capital Expenditures of Powerful CEOs

Anwar Boumosleh, Lebanese American University
Fawzi Hyder, Lebanese American University
Elias Raad, Lebanese American University

CEO Compensation and Risk Taking: Evidence from the Pre-Crisis Banking Industry

Rakesh Bharati, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Jingyi Jia, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

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SESSION C Issues in Bank Lending and Borrowing

Session Chair: **M. Kabir Hassan**, University of New Orleans

Discussants: **Ramesh Adhikary**, University of New Orleans
 Youngha Ki, University of New Orleans
 Ziyu Li, University of New Orleans
 Abdullah Noman, University of New Orleans

Credit Risk Spillovers among Financial Institutions around the Global Credit Crisis: Firm-Level Evidence

Jian Yang, University of Colorado, Denver

Yinggang Zhou, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Banking during Bubbles: Effect on Post-bubble Lending

Laura Gonzalez, Fordham University

Collectivism and Corruption in Bank Lending

Xiaolan Zheng, University of South Carolina

Sadok El Ghoul, University of Alberta

Omrane Guedhami, University of South Carolina

Chuck Kwok, University of South Carolina

Herding Behavior in Bank Lending: Evidence from U.S. Commercial Banks

Chen Liu, Queen's University

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SESSION D Mergers

Session Chair: **Kathryn Huff**, University of New Orleans

Discussants: **Bridgette Bain**, University of New Orleans
 Bora Ozkan, University of New Orleans
 Giovanni Perez, University of New Orleans
 Francisco Rubio, University of New Orleans

Systematic, Default and Systemic Risk Effects of International Bank Mergers – Empirical Evidence

Gregor Weiss, TU Dortmund University
Sascha Neumann, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
Denefa Bostandzic, Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Stock Price Movement around the Merger Announcements: Insider Trading or Market Anticipation?

Pawan Jain, University of Memphis
Mark Sunderman, University of Memphis

Euronext Merger and Equity Premium

Mohamed Mekhaimer, University of Memphis

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

SESSION E IPOs and SEOs

Session Chair: **Nancy Ursel**, University of Windsor

Discussants: **Duc Anh Ngo**, The University of Texas at El Paso
 Wei Wang, University of New Orleans
 Nancy Ursel, University of Windsor
 Halil Kaya, Eastern Kentucky University

Accelerated Seasoned Equity offerings: Motives and Issuer-Underwriter Interactions

Erdal Gunay, University of Windsor
Nancy Ursel, University of Windsor

Interest Rates and the Timing of Initial Public Offerings

Halil Kaya, Eastern Kentucky University

Market Conditions, Seasoned Equity Offerings and Capital Structure

Halil Kaya, Eastern Kentucky University

The Effects of Ownership Structure on Payout Policy: Evidence from Seasoned Equity Offerings (SEOs)

Duc Anh Ngo, The University of Texas at El Paso

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SESSION F Futures Markets

Session Chair: **Lin Gao**, University of St. Gallen

Discussants: **Russ Ray**, University of Louisville
 Chia-Sheng Chen, University of New Orleans
 Lin Gao, University of St. Gallen
 Jian Yang, University of Colorado-Denver

Extreme Correlation of Stock and Bond Futures Markets: International Evidence

Chin-Man Chui, Xiamen University
Jian Yang, University of Colorado, Denver

Managing Financial Risks via Prediction Markets

Russ Ray, University of Louisville

Does a More Liquid Currency Futures Market Tend to Be More Informative?

Chia-Sheng Chen, University of New Orleans
Peihwang Wei, University of New Orleans
Wei-Xuan Li, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Market Sentiment in Commodity Futures Returns

Lin Gao, University of St. Gallen
Stephan Süß, University of St. Gallen

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SESSION A Financial Services Industry

Session Chair: [John D. Stowe, Ohio University](#)[Srinivas Nippani, Texas A&M University](#)

Discussants: [John D. Stowe, Ohio University](#)
[Srinivas Nippani, Texas A&M University](#)

The Information Asymmetry and Earnings Surprises: Evidence from the US Insurance Industry

Carmen Cotel, University of Hartford

Joseph Farhat, Central Connecticut State University

Mercedes Miranda, The University of Michigan-Dearborn

Asset Securitization and Bank Risk Taking

Lai Vo, Louisiana State University

Huong Le, Louisiana State University

The Relationship between Boards of Directors and Firm Performance: Evidence from Bank Holding Companies

Jennifer O'Sullivan, University of New Orleans

Kabir Hassan, University of New Orleans

Abdullah Mamun, University of Saskatchewan

The Value of Industrial Shareholdings in a Universal Bank: The Case of Deutsche Bank in the 1990s

Stephan Spaethe, Center for Financial Studies

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SESSION C Market Liquidity

Session Chair: **Shastri Sandy**, University of Missouri

Discussants: [Susana Yu, Montclair State University](#)
[Omar Esqueda, University of Texas, Pan American](#)
[Yosra Ghabri, Institut des Hautes Etudes Commerciales, IHEC Carthage](#)
[Senol Oztekin, Florida International University](#)

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Control Enhancement Devices and Stock Market Liquidity: The Case of Tunisia
Yosra Ghabri, Institut des Hautes Etudes Commerciales, IHEC Carthage

A Multivariate Analysis of Additions to the Nasdaq-100 Index: Does Liquidity Matter?
Susana Yu, Montclair State University
Gwendolyn Webb, Baruch College - CUNY
Kishore Tandon, Baruch College – CUNY

Liquidity and Market Depth in US Electronic Futures Markets
Senol Oztekin, [FIU Florida International University](#)
Suchi Mishra, [FIU Florida International University](#)
Robert Daigler, [FIU Florida International University](#)

Corporate Governance and Liquidity Implications on the Value of Cross-listed Firms
Omar Esqueda, [UTPA University of Texas, Pan American](#)

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SESSION D Small Business Finance

Session Chair: **Andrew Lynch**, University of Missouri

Discussants: **Burak Dolar**, Augustana College

The Impact of Market Concentration on the Availability of Credit to Small Businesses in the Aftermath of the Financial Crisis of 2007-2008: A Market-Level Analysis
Burak Dolar, Augustana College

Determinants of Success in Online Social Lending: A Peak at US Prosper & UK Zopa
Laura Gonzalez, Fordham University

The Role of Collateral and Relationship Lending in Loan Pricing of Small Firms: Evidence from United Kingdom SMEs
Ana Paula Matias Gama, University of Beira Interior and NECE – Research Unit in Business Science
Fábio Duarte, University of Beira Interior

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SESSION E Commercial Banking

Session Chair: **Linus Wilson**, University of Louisiana - Lafayette

Discussants: [Inga Chira](#), Florida Atlantic University
[Jian Yang](#), University of Colorado Denver ([paper 2](#))
[Joseph Mohr](#), University of South Florida ([paper 3](#))
[Linus Wilson](#), University of Louisiana – Lafayette ([paper 4](#))

Toxic Asset Subsidies and the Early Redemption of TALF Loans
Linus Wilson, University of Louisiana - Lafayette

Does Receiving TARP Funds make it easier to roll your Commercial Paper onto the Fed?
Linus Wilson, University of Louisiana - Lafayette
Yan Wendy Wu, Wilfrid Laurier University

The Impact of Auditors' and Analysts' Bad News on Bank Performance during the 2008 Financial Crisis
Inga Chira, Florida Atlantic University

Too Big to Fail: Big Banks and the Cost of Funds Paradox
Joseph Mohr, University of South Florida
Tih Koon Tan, The University of Tampa

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SESSION F Executive Compensation

Session Chair: [Sheng Huang, Singapore Management University](#)

Discussants: _____

Managerial Attributes, Incentives, and Performance
Zhichuan Li, Arizona State University

Executive Pensions, Compensation Leverage, and Firm Risk
Reilly White, University of Connecticut
Assaf Eisdorfer, University of Connecticut
Carmelo Giaccotto, University of Connecticut

Relationship between Top Executive Compensation Structure and Corporate Governance: Evidence from Japanese Public Disclosed Data
Hideaki Sakawa, Nagoya City University
Keisuke Moriyama, Nagoya City University
Naoki Watanabel, Toyo University

Executive Compensation and Horizon Incentives: An Empirical Investigation of Corporate Cash Payout
Sheng Huang, Singapore Management University

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SESSION G Options

Session Chair: [Tao Wu, Illinois Institute of Technology](#)

Discussants: _____

A Margin Requirement Based Return Calculation for Portfolios of Short Option Positions
Scott Murray, Baruch College

Does Risk-Neutral Skewness Predict the Cross-Section of Equity Option Portfolio Returns?
Turan Bali, Baruch College
Scott Murray, Baruch College

Implied Volatility Skew in ETFs and Component Stocks
Timothy Krause, University of Texas at San Antonio

Pricing and Hedging the Smile with SABR: Evidence from the Interest Rate Caps Market
Tao Wu, Illinois Institute of Technology

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SESSION H Academic Publishing

Moderator: [James Philpot, Missouri State University](#)

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Panelists: *Editors of the Journal of Financial Research:*
Drew Winters, Texas Tech University
Jeff Mercer, Texas Tech University

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12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Imperial Center, (3rd Floor)

Annual Business Meeting and Lunch

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2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

SESSION A Corporate Social Responsibility

Session Chair: **Christian Rauch**, [Goethe University - Frankfurt](#)

Discussants: **Kais Bouslah**, University of Quebec – Montreal
Hitochi Takehara, Waseda University
Christian Rauch, Goethe University – Frankfurt
Abdelmajid Hmaïtane, UQAM

Corporate Social Performance and Family Businesses: The Case of Japanese Firms

Michikazu Aoi, Meiji University
Keiichi Kubota, Chuo University
Hitoshi Takehara, Waseda University

Does Social Commitment Alleviate Corporate Financial Constraints?

Abdelmajid Hmaïtane, UQAM
Lawrence Kryzanowski, Concordia University
Bouchra Mzali, University of Quebec - Montreal

Firm Risk and Social Performance

Kais Bouslah, University of Quebec - Montreal
Lawrence Kryzanowski, Concordia University
Bouchra Mzali, University of Quebec – Montreal

Private Equity Shareholder Activism

Christian Rauch, Goethe University - Frankfurt
Marc Ueber, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

SESSION B Financial Education

Session Chair: **Melissa Williams**, [University of Houston – Clear Lake](#)

Discussants: **Dan French**, [University of Missouri](#)
Julia Kwok, [Northeastern State University \(paper 2\)](#)
Melissa Williams, [University of Houston – Clear Lake \(paper 3\)](#)
Adam Lei, [Midwestern State University \(paper 4\)](#)

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Using Bloomberg Terminals in a Security Analysis and Portfolio Management Course

Adam Lei, Midwestern State University
Huihua Li, St. Cloud State University

Box Office Blockbusters: Using Hollywood Films to Illustrate the Foundations of Finance

Helen B. Sikes, Centenary College of Louisiana

Barbara J. Davis, Centenary College of Louisiana

On the Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices in the Classroom: Evidence from a Survey of Faculty and Students

William Baker, Appalachian State University

Edward Lusk, SUNY Plattsburgh

Karyn Neuhauser, Lamar University

Group Assessment of Learning: Test the Class, Not the Students

Julia Kwok, Northeastern State University

Teko Jan Ernst Bekkering, Northeastern State University

David Kern, Northeastern State University

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SESSION C Miscellaneous Issues in Finance

Session Chair: _____ **Michael Impson**, University of North Texas

Discussants: **Salil Sarkar**, University of Texas at Arlington

Svetlana Orlova, Oklahoma State University

Mingsheng Li, Bowling Green State University ([paper 3](#))

Empirical Analysis of ETF Intraday Trading

Mingsheng Li, Bowling Green State University

Dan Klein, Bowling Green State University

Jessica Xin Zhao, Penn State University - Erie

Reliance on External Financing and Heterogeneity of the Capital Structure

Svetlana Orlova, Oklahoma State University

Accounting Irregularities and Failure to Deliver: An Examination of the Relationship between Naked

Short Sales and Restatements

Naomi Boyd, West Virginia University

Ann Marie Hibbert, West Virginia University

Ivelina Pavlova, University of Houston – Clear Lake

Corporate Governance and the Diversification Discount: The implications of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act

Anwar Boumosleh, Lebanese American University

Brandon Cline, Mississippi State University

Fawzi Jaber Hyder, Lebanese American University

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SESSION D International Banking

Session Chair: **Michael Gibbs**, University of Missouri **John Glascock**, University of Connecticut

Discussants: **Ran Lu**, University of the Pacific
Frederic Schweikhard, Goethe University – Frankfurt ([paper 2](#))
Nacasius U. Ujah, Texas A&M International University

International Investigation on Foreign Bank's Post Entering Performance-The Differential Impact of Entry Mode Choice

Sheng-Hung Chen, Department of Finance, Nanhua University
Peng-Wen Chen, Department of Finance, Nanhua University

Bank Performance, Bank Earnings Management, and Bank Market Structure-Evidence from the Emerging and the Frontier Markets

Nacasius Ujah, Texas A&M International University
Collins Okafor, Texas A&M International University

The Internalization of Systemic Risk – An Analysis of the German Bank Levy

Frederic Schweikhard, Goethe University – Frankfurt

The Last Efficiency Seen before the Economic Crisis: Case of GCC Banking Industry

Jamal Ali Al-Khasawneh, Gulf University for Science & Technology
Shekar Shetty, Gulf University for Science & Technology

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SESSION E Mergers and Acquisitions

Session Chair: **Reza Houston**, University of Missouri

Discussants: **Andrew Lynch**, University of Missouri

Heterogeneous Market Responses and the Listing Effect in M&A

Qingzhong Ma, Cornell University
Wei Zhang, Ithaca College

*Offer Premiums, Target Shareholder Wealth Effects, and the Likelihood of Management Involvement:
Evidence from the 2002-2007 LBO Wave*
Jeffrey Coy, Florida Atlantic University

The role of bondholders' Coordination in Freeze-out Exchange Offers
Flavio Bazzana, University of Trento
Eleonora Broccardo, University of Trento

The Effects of LBO Events on Industry Rivals
Jeffrey Oxman, University of St. Thomas
Yildirim Yildirim, Syracuse University

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SESSION F Derivatives and Hedging

Session Chair: **Scott O'Brien**, University of Missouri

Discussants: **Kabir Hassan**, University of New Orleans
Abdullah Mamun, Edwards School of Business, University of Saskatchewan
Yanhao Fang, Dept. of Finance, Louisiana State University
Wei-Han Liu, La Trobe University

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Index Price Discovery in the Cash Market
Yanhao Fang, Dept. of Finance, Louisiana State University

*Estimating Optimal Hedge Ratio and Hedge Effectiveness via Fitting the Multivariate Skewed
Distributions*
Wei-Han Liu, La Trobe University

Credit Default Swaps and Sovereign Debt Markets
Kabir Hassan, University of New Orleans
Geoffrey Ngene, University of New Orleans
Jung-Suk Yu, Dankook University

Credit Derivatives and Loan Pricing
Abdullah Mamun, Edwards School of Business, University of Saskatchewan
George Tannous, Edwards School of Business, University of Saskatchewan
Nimita Azam, School of Business, Independent University

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SESSION A Risk-Return Tradeoff and International Evidence

Session Chair: **Dan French**, University of Missouri

Discussants: **Jorge Brusa**, Texas A&M International University
Peng Chen, University of Kansas

Time-Varying Risk-Return Tradeoff in the Stock Market

Hui Guo, University of Cincinnati
Zijun Wang, Texas A&M University
Jian Yang, University of Colorado - Denver

The Other January Effect and Risk

Jorge Brusa, Texas A&M International University
Rodrigo Hernandez, Radford University
Pu Liu, University of Arkansas

Uncertainty, Risk and its Effect on Stock Returns: International Evidence

Bhavik Parikh, University of Memphis
Christine Jiang, University of Memphis

Comovements of International Stock Market Returns

Peng Chen, University of Kansas

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SESSION B Risk

Session Chair: **David Stowe**, University of Missouri

Discussants: **Scott O'Brien**, University of Missouri
Galin Todorov, Florida International University

On the Relation between EGARCH Idiosyncratic Volatility and Expected Stock Returns

Hui Guo, University of Cincinnati
Haim Kassa, University of Cincinnati
Michael Ferguson, University of Cincinnati

Analyzing the Changing Term Structure and Expectations of US Treasury Default Risk

Srinivas Nippani, Texas A&M University – Commerce
Stanley D. Smith, University of Central Florida

The Relative Leverage Premium

Filippo Ippolito, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Roberto Steri, Bocconi University
Claudio Tebaldi, Bocconi University

Time-Variation in Correlations and Risk

Galin Todorov, Florida International University

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SESSION C Dividends

Session Chair: **Helen Sikes**

Discussants: **Pawan Jain**, University of Memphis
 Barbara Davis, Centenary College of Louisiana
 Bo, Zhao, The George Washington University
 Karyn Neuhauser, Lamar University

Idiosyncratic Volatility Discount: Dividend Matters

Bo Zhao, The George Washington University
Robert Savickas, The George Washington University

Market Sentiment and Dividend Policy Cross Sectional Evidence

Bo Zhao, The George Washington University

When no-news is bad news: Failing to increase dividends

David Michayluk, Univ Technology Sydney
Karyn Neuhauser, Lamar University
Scott Walker, Univ Technology Sydney

A Global Investigation of Dividend Yields: Shareholder Demand, Agency Problems, and Market Quality

Pawan Jain, University of Memphis
Quentin Chu, University of Memphis
Ahmed Elnahas, University of Memphis

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SESSION D Asset Prices

Session Chair: **Thomas Thompson**, Lamar University

Discussants: **Hyoseok Hwang**, Louisiana State University
 Minjie Shao, University of Central Florida
 Viviana Fernandez, Universidad Adolfo Ibanez (UAI)- Business School

Trends in Commodity Real Prices: How real is real?

Viviana Fernandez, Universidad Adolfo Ibanez (UAI) –Business School

The Predictability Implied by Consumption-Based Asset Pricing Models: A Review of the Theory and Empirical Evidence

Hyoseok Hwang, Louisiana State University

Multi-unit Auctions with Noncompetitive Bidding: An Experimental Examination

Minjie Shao, University of Central Florida
Charles Schnitzlein, University of Central Florida

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SESSION E Financial Distress and Bankruptcy

Session Chair: Shekar Shetty, Gulf University for Science & Technology

Discussants:

Competitive Strategy and Industry Contagion Following Traditional Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Announcements

Kenneth Hunsader, University of South Alabama
Natalya Delcours, University of St. Thomas
Gwendolyn Pennywell, University of South Alabama

Operational Risk, Financial Distress Risk and Equity Returns

Ramya R Aroul, University of Texas at Arlington
Mishuk A Chowdhury, University of Texas at Arlington
Peggy E Swanson, University of Texas at Arlington

Predicting Failure in the Commercial Banking Industry

Reza Houston, University of Missouri
John Tatom, Indiana State University

AIG's Announcements, FED's Innovation, Contagion and Systemic Risk in the Financial Industry

Mohammad Safa, University of New Orleans
M. Kabir Hassan, University of New Orleans
Neal C. Maroney, University of New Orleans

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SESSION F Security Markets

Session Chair: **Andrew Lynch**, University of Missouri

Discussants:

Transmigration across Price Discovery Categories: Evidence from the U.S. CDS and Equity Markets

Michael Tuan Shew Chng, Deakin University
Victor Fang, Monash University
Vincent Xiang, Monash University

What Drives the Herding Behavior of Individual Investors?

Maxime Merli, LaRGE Research Center, EM Business School, Strasbourg University
Tristan Roger, EUROFIDAL CERAG (CNRS), Grenoble University

Sunshine Trading: Flashes of Trading Intent at the NASDAQ

Elvira Sojli, RSM, Erasmus University
Wing Wah Tham, Erasmus School of Economics, Erasmus University
Johannes Skjetorp, Norges Bank

Post-open Market Stock Repurchase Announcement Drifts and Firms' Earnings Performance

Thanh Nguyen, University of South Florida