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## APPOINTMENTS & POSITIONS

### **Cornell University**

- 2024–Present The Rudd Family Endowed Chair Professor of Management & Professor of Finance  
Johnson Graduate School of Management, Cornell SC Johnson College of Business
- 2020–Present Founding Faculty Director, FinTech at Cornell
- 2019–2024 Associate Professor of Finance & The Rudd Family Professor of Management (Endowed  
by the Rudd Family Foundation), Tenured (2021–), SC Johnson College of Business  
Sabbatical leave 2023-2024; Partial Instructions for Cornell Tech MBA 2022-2023
- 2022–2023 Clifford H. Whitcomb Faculty Fellow
- Advisory Honorary Board, Cornell Blockchain Club (2024–)  
Academic Advisory Board, The Emerging Market Institute (EMI, 2022–)  
Advisory Council, Cornell AI Initiative | Radical Collaboration in AI (2022–)  
Faculty Advisor, Cornell FinTech Club (2021–)
- Affiliation Faculty Affiliate, Cornell Center for Social Sciences (2021–)  
Faculty Affiliate, Cornell Institute for China Economic Research (2019–)

### **University of Chicago**

- 2014–2019 Assistant Professor of Finance, Booth School of Business
- 2015–2019 Faculty Member, the Center for East Asian Studies

### **National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)**

- 2022–Present Research Associate (Asset Pricing)

### **Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research (ABFER)**

- 2024–Present Program Director, “Tech, Digital Markets and AI” (Joint with Google, SEA, & SKBI)
- 2022–Present Senior Fellow (2024–); Fellow (2022–2024)

### **Select Editorial Appointments**

- Management Science*: Department Editor (Finance), 2022–Present | Associate Editor, 2020–2023  
Co-Editor, Special Issue on “AI for Finance & Business Decisions,” 2024–2026  
Co-Editor, Special Issue on “Digital Finance,” 2024–2025  
Co-Editor, Special Issue on “Blockchain and Crypto Economics,” 2020–2023  
Guest Editor, Special Issue on “The Human-Algorithm Connection,” 2023
- Review of Finance* Associate Editor, 2024–Present
- Operations Research* Associate Editor, 2024–Present
- Journal Of Investment Management (JOIM)* Associate Editor, 2024–Present
- Ledger* Editorial Board, 2024–Present
- Research Policy* Special Issue on “The Coevolution of Financial and Technological Innovations”  
(Guest) Co-Editor, 2023–Present
- Journal of Portfolio Management (JPM)* Advisory Board, 2023–Present
- Journal of Financial Data Science* Advisory Board, 2023–Present
- Journal of Financial Intermediation*: Associate Editor, 2022–Present
- Journal of Financial Stability* Special Issue on “FinTech and Central Bank Digital Currencies”:  
(Guest) Co-Editor, 2022–2024
- Journal of Corporate Finance*: Associate Editor, 2020–2023
- Journal of Banking and Finance*: Associate Editor, 2020–2023

### **Policy and Industry Advisory/Consulting Engagements**

2024–Present	Expert Advisory Panel (FinTech), "Emerging Technologies and Children" Project, UNICEF
2024–Present	Ad Hoc Senior Economic Advisor, FI Consulting   U.S. Department of the Treasury
2023–Present	Testifying Expert, IntegraFEC   The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
2022–2025	Departmental Special Advisor (Digital Currencies, ML, & AI Consulting), Bank of Canada
2022–2025	Academic Advisor (Token Taxonomy), Ava Labs
2022–2025	9-Member International Education Governing Council, SingChin Academy
2022–2024	Advisory Board (Fin. Innovation), The New York State Department of Financial Services
2021–Present	Inaugural Senior Economic Advisor and Senior Economist, Chainlink Labs
2021–2024	Research Advisor (AI Investment Strategies), BlackRock, Inc.
2021–2022	Advisor, Modular Asset Management, Singapore
2015–2021	Founding Advisory Board, Wall Street Blockchain Alliance (Non-profit)
2015–2020	Research Consultant (Quantitative Investment), Ansatz Capital, New York
2015–2018	Advisor, Amino Capital, Palo Alto
2015–2017	Senior Advisor, String Labs (Incubator for Dfinity)

### **Other Academic Affiliations, Short-Term Visiting Positions, & Professional Services**

2024–2029	Hon. Director, Fudan-Stanford Institute of Financial Technology & Risk Analytics
2024–2027	Special-Term Professor of Economics, Fudan International School of Finance
2023–2024	Nominating Committee, American Finance Association (AFA)
2023–Present	Faculty/Scientist, The Initiative for Crypto Currencies and Contracts (IC3)
2023–Present	Member, FinTech Education & Research 50 Forum (金融科技教与研 50 人论坛)
June 2023	Visiting Professor/Fellow, Advanced FinTech Lab, Stanford (MS&E/Engineering)
2022–2026	Special-Term Professor, Tsinghua University PBC School of Finance
2022–2025	Special-Term Visiting Professor, Peking University Guanghua School of Management
2021–Present	Co-founder & Advisor, AI and Big Data in Finance Research (ABFR) Forum
2020–Present	Co-founder & Fellow, Crypto & Blockchain Economics Research (CBER) Forum
2020–Present	Fellow, Luohan Academy   Alibaba Group
2014–Present	Member, Finance Theory Group
2006	Academic Committee, The 37 <sup>th</sup> International Physics Olympiad (IPhO, Singapore)

## EDUCATION

### **Stanford University**

2009–2014	<b>Ph.D. in Finance, Graduate School of Business</b> Dissertation: Essays on Corporate Finance and Dynamic Investment Advisors: Darrell Duffie, Steven Grenadier (chair), Ilya Strebulaev (co-chair)
2012–2013	<b>MS in Statistics, School of Humanities and Sciences</b> Areas: Probability Theory, Statistical Learning, & Data Science Program Advisors: Bradley Efron & Tze Leung Lai

### **Harvard University**

2008–2009	<b>A.M. in Physics</b> (Ph.D. required sequences completed), <b>Grad. School of Arts &amp; Sciences</b> Areas: Condensed Matter Physics, Geophysics, & Quantum Information Advisors: Eric Dunham, Bertrand Halperin, Eric Mazur, & Lisa Randall
2005–2009	<b>A.B. in Math &amp; Physics</b> (Double Major/Concentration), Economics (Secondary Field), French Language Citation, Highest English Honor, <i>summa cum laude</i> , <b>Harvard College</b> Rank 1 <sup>st</sup> among Physics (+Chemistry) students

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- AI for Finance/Social Sciences; Digital Economics; Economics and Implications of AI; FinTech
- Entrepreneurship; the Economics and Regulation of Innovation, Science, & Technology
- Applied Economics; Applied Theory; Financial Economics; Information Economics

## MEDIA MENTION

*BBC, Bloomberg, BNN Bloomberg TV, CNN, The Economist, Forbes, Washington Post, Cointelegraph, etc.*

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS & FORTHCOMING ARTICLES

1. “Blockchain Disruption and Smart Contracts” (with Zhiguo He), *Review of Financial Studies*, Vol. 32/5 (2019), pp. 1754-1797.
2. “Credit Allocation Under Economic Stimulus: Evidence from China” (with Haoyu Gao, Jacopo Ponticelli, & Xiaoguang Yang), *Review of Financial Studies*, Vol. 32/9, (2019), pp. 3412-3460.
3. “Dynamic Interventions and Informational Linkages” (with Steven Grenadier & Yunzhi Hu), *Journal of Financial Economics*, Vol. 135/1, (2020), pp. 1-15.
4. “Timing of Auctions of Real Options,” *Management Science*, Vol. 66/9, (2020), pp. 3956-3976
5. “Financing Entrepreneurship and Innovation in China” (with Charles M.C. Lee, Yuanyu Qu, and Tao Shen), *Foundations and Trends® in Entrepreneurship*, Vol. 16/1, (2020), pp. 1-64.
6. “Persuasion in Relationship Finance” (with Ehsan Azarmlsa), *Journal of Financial Economics*, Vol. 138/3, pp. 818-837, (2020).
7. “Blockchain Architecture for Auditing Automation and Trust-building in Public Markets” (with Sean Cao, Meng Han, Qixuan Hou, & Baozhong Yang), *IEEE Computer*, Vol. 53/7, July (2020), pp 20-28.
8. “Deep Sequence Modeling: Development and Applications in Asset Pricing” (with Ke Tang, Jingyuan Wang, & Yang Zhang), *Journal of Financial Data Science*, Vol. 3/1, (2021), pp 28-42.
9. “Decentralized Mining in Centralized Pools” (with Zhiguo He & Jiasun Li), *Review of Financial Studies*, Vol. 34/3, (2021), pp. 1191-1235.
10. “Policy Uncertainty and Innovation: Evidence from IPO Interventions in China” (with Sabrina Howell), *Management Science*, Vol. 67/11, (2021), pp. 7238-7261.
11. “Tokenomics: Dynamic Adoption and Valuation” (with Ye Li & Neng Wang), *Review of Financial Studies*, [Editor’s Choice], Vol. 34/3, (2021), pp. 1105-1155.
12. “Knowledge Accumulation, Privacy, and Growth in a Data Economy” (with Danxia Xie & Longtian Zhang), *Management Science*, Vol. 67/10, (2021), pp. 6480-6492.
13. “Persistent Blessings of Luck: Theory and an Application to Venture Capital” (with Yizhou Xiao), *Review of Financial Studies*, Vol. 35/3, (2022), pp. 1183-1221.
14. “Token-Based Platform Finance” (with Ye Li & Neng Wang), *Journal of Financial Economics*, Vol. 144/3, (2022), pp. 972-991.
15. “Endogenous Growth Under Multiple Uses of Data” (with Wenshi Wei, Danxia Xie, & Longtian Zhang), *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, Vol. 141 August, (2022), pp. 104395.
16. “RIM-Based Value Premium and Factor Pricing Using Value-Price Divergence” (with Nathan Darden George & Guojun Wang), *Journal of Banking and Finance*, Vol. 149, (2023), 106812
17. “Crypto Wash Trading” (with Xi Li, Ke Tang, & Yang Yang), *Management Science*, [Lead Article], Vol 69/11, (2023), pp. 6427-6454
18. “Advances in Blockchain and Crypto Economics” (with Bruno Biais, Agostino Capponi, Vishal Gaur, & Kay Giesecke), *Management Science*, Editorial, [Featured Article], Vol 69/11, (2023), pp. 6417-6426

19. “Tax-Loss Harvesting with Cryptocurrencies” (with Wayne Landsman, Edward Maydew, & Daniel Rabetti), *Journal of Accounting and Economics*. Vol. 76(2-3), (2023), 101607
20. “Scaling Smart Contracts via Layer-2 Technologies: Some Empirical Evidence” (with Xiang Hui, Catherine Tucker, & Luofeng Zhou), *Management Science*. Vol 69/12, (2023), pp. 7151-7882, iii-iv.
21. “Information Cascades and Threshold Implementation: Theory and An Application to Crowdfunding” (with Yizhou Xiao), *Journal of Finance*, Vol 79(1), (2024), pp. 579-629.
22. “Small and Medium Enterprises Amidst the Pandemic and Reopening: Digital Edge and Transformation” (with Xiaohan Yang & Xiaobo Zhang), (2024), *Management Science*. Vol 70/7, (2024), pp. 4564-4582.
23. “Opportunities and Challenges Associated with the Development of FinTech and Central Bank Digital Currency” (with Stijn Claessens, Fariborz Moshirian, & Cyn-Young Park), *Journal of Financial Stability*. Vol 73, (2024), 101280
24. “Influencer Marketing and Product Competition” (with Siguang Li), *Journal of Economic Theory*. Vol 220, Sept. (2024), pp. 105867
25. “An Anatomy of Crypto-Enabled Cybercrimes” (with Campbell R. Harvey, Daniel Rabetti, & Zong-Yu Wu), (2024), *Forthcoming, Management Science*
26. “Distributed Ledgers and Secure Multi-Party Computation for Auditing and Financial Reporting” (with Sean Cao & Baozhong Yang), (2024), *Forthcoming, Management Science*.
27. “Adoption of Central Bank Digital Currencies: Initial Evidence from China” (with Haichen Bai, Mei Luo, & Ping Xie), Vol 91, (2025), 102735, *Journal of Corporate Finance*.
28. “Growing the Efficient Frontier on Panel Trees” (with Gavin Feng, Jingyu He, & Xin He), (2024), *Forthcoming, Journal of Financial Economics*.
29. “Uniswap Daily Transaction Indices by Network” (with Nir Chemaya, Emma Jorgensen, Dingyue Zhang, and Luyao Zhang), *Nature, Sci Data* **12**, 93 (2025).
30. “Agent-Based Modeling for DAOs and DeFi” (with Elaine Yilei Dong, Yunbo Lu, Qingsong Ruan, & Guojun Wang), (2025), *Forthcoming, Journal of Credit Risk*, Invited Contribution to FinTech Special Issue.
31. “Strategic Digitization in Currency and Payment Competition” (with Simon Mayer), (2025), *Forthcoming, Journal of Financial Economics*.
32. “The Coevolution of Financial and Technological Innovations” (with Po-Hsuan Hsu, Ben Martin, and John P. Walsh), (2025), *editorial article under preparation, Research Policy*
33. “Financial Technology for Financial Intermediation” (with Campbell Harvey), (2025), *under preparation, Annual Review of Financial Economics*.

## BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS

34. “A Brief Introduction to Blockchain Economics” (with Long Chen & Yizhou Xiao), Chapter 1 in *Information for Efficient Decision Making: Big Data, Blockchain and Relevance*, edited by Kashi Balachandran, World Scientific Publishers (December 2020), pp1-40.
35. “Analyzing Textual Information at Scale” (with Tengyuan Liang, Baozhong Yang, & Xiao Zhang), Chapter 10 in *Information for Efficient Decision Making: Big Data, Blockchain and Relevance*, edited by Kashi Balachandran, World Scientific Publishers (December 2020), pp 239-271.
36. “Alternative Data in FinTech and Business Intelligence” (with Beibei Li & Tony Zhang), Book Chapter in *Palgrave Handbook of FinTech and Blockchain*, edited by Maurizio Pompella and Roman Matousek, Palgrave MacMillan (2021), pp 217-242.
37. “Categories and Functions of Crypto-Tokens” (with Yizhou Xiao), Book Chapter in *Palgrave Handbook of FinTech and Blockchain*, edited by Maurizio Pompella and Roman Matousek, Palgrave MacMillan (2021), pp 267-284.
38. “Educating Entrepreneurs and Financing Innovation in Asia” (with Fei Yan, Yong Suk Lee, Charles Eesley,

and Charles M.C. Lee), Book Chapter in *Drivers of Innovation: Entrepreneurship, Education, and Finance in Asia*, Lee, Yong Suk, and Fei Yan, eds, Stanford University, CA. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center Series with Brookings Institution Press (September 2022), Chapter 1.

39. “Financing Innovative Enterprises in China: A Public Policy Perspective” (with Charles M.C. Lee, Yuanyu Qu, and Tao Shen), Book Chapter in *Drivers of Innovation: Entrepreneurship, Education, and Finance in Asia*, Lee, Yong Suk, and Fei Yan, eds, Stanford University, CA. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center Series with Brookings Institution Press (September 2022), Chapter 11.
40. “数字化与创业 (Digitization and Entrepreneurship),” Book Chapter in *Digital Economy Development & Governance*, Xiaojuan Wang eds, CITIC Press 中信出版集团 数字经济发展与治理 (August 2023), pp 104-120.
41. “Demystifying Electronic Payment Systems and Digital Currencies” (with David Easley & Eswar Prasad), Book Chapter in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance*, (2024), June 18.
42. “Blockchain Forensics and Crypto-Related Cybercrimes” (with Kim Grauer, Daniel Rabetti, & Henry Updegrave), *SSRN Handbook*, (2023)
43. “人工智能重塑金融 (AI Reshaping Finance),” Book Chapter in *Digital Economy Development & Governance, Volume VI*. Xiaojuan Wang eds, CITIC Press 中信出版集团 数字经济发展与治理第四辑 (2025), *Forthcoming*.
44. “Navigating the Dark Side of Crypto and Web3: Facts People Should Know and Digital Forensics to the Rescue” (with Kim Grauer, Daniel Rabetti, & Henry Updegrave), *World Scientific*, (2025), *Forthcoming*.

#### SELECT WORKING PAPERS ([Full List Here](#))

45. “Auctions of Real Options,” (2018), *R&R, Management Science*.
46. “Textual Factors: A Scalable, Interpretable, and Data-driven Approach to Analyzing Unstructured Information” (with Tengyuan Liang, Xiao Zhang, & Wu Zhu), (2024), *Minor Revision, Management Science*.
47. “The Rise of Factor Investing: Asset Market Implications and ‘Passive’ Security Design” (with Shiyang Huang & Douglas Xu), (2023), *R&R, Journal of Finance*.
48. “Quant Trading and Market Stability: Evidence from Tick Data | 量化交易与金融市场稳定——基于逐笔委托数据的实证” (with Yuanyu Qu & Weixing Wu), (2024), *R&R, 经济研究 Economic Research Journal*.
49. “Financial and Informational Integration Through Oracle Networks” (with Eswar Prasad & Daniel Rabetti), (2023), *R&R, Review of Financial Studies*
50. “Inclusion and Democratization Through Web3 and DeFi? Initial Evidence from the Ethereum Ecosystem” (with Ke Tang, Yanxin Wang, & Xi Zhao), (2023), *Invited for Resubmission, Journal of Financial Economics*.
51. “Goal-Oriented Portfolio Management Through Transformer-Based Reinforcement Learning” (with Ke Tang & Jingyuan Wang), (2024), *R&R, Journal of Financial Economics*.
52. “Factor Pricing, Categorization, and Market Segmentation of Crypto Assets” (with Andrew Karolyi, Ke Tang, & Weiye Zhao), (2021), *R&R, Management Science*
53. “Blockchain for Environmental Monitoring: Theory and Empirical Evidence from China” (with Yuanyu Qu & Guojun Wang), (2024), *R&R, Review of Finance*.

#### RECENT KEYNOTES & PUBLIC LECTURES ([Full List Here](#))

Invited Speaker, RUC Mundell-Huang Da Lectures on Economics (黄达-蒙代尔讲座)	2026
Keynote, The 20th Central Bank Conference on the Microstructure of Financial Markets	2025
Keynote, Conf. on Acct & Fin Research & Edu in the Era of Rapid Tech Advances (Suzhou)	2025
Keynote, 15th China International Conference on Insurance and Risk Management (Urumqi)	2025
Keynote, 28th Global Conference on Business Management and Social Sciences (Dubai)	2025
Keynote Speaker, The Chinese Economist Society (CES) Annual Deans’ Forum	2025
Keynote Speaker, Global Graduate Student Summer Forum (CUFE)	2025

Keynote, Chinese Economic Association (CEA) Europe/UK Annual Conference (Glasgow)	2025
Keynote Speaker, Conference on Financial Regulation and RegTech (Beijing)	2025
Keynote, The 3rd Joint Conference of Statistics and Data Science in China (Hangzhou)	2025
Public Lecturer, NBS-PRI-ECGI Public Lecture Series (Singapore)	2025
Public Lecturer, Nanyang Technological University Dean's Distinguished Speaker Series	2025
Luncheon Keynote, 1st Annual MARC Conference at the University of Toronto	2025
Keynote Guest Speaker, The 18 <sup>th</sup> Financial Risks International Forum (Paris)	2025
Keynote Speaker, 2 <sup>nd</sup> China Banking and Corporate Finance Conference (CBCF)	2025
Distinguished Public Lecturer, Hong Kong Baptist University	2024
Distinguished Visiting Fellowship, Lingnan University	2024
Keynote Speech, International Forum on CBDC's, Fintech, and Digital Finance, 37th AFBC	2024
Keynote Speaker, Society of Financial Studies Cavalcade Asia-Pacific (Seoul)	2024
Keynote, LU-JNU Joint Conference for Sustainable Finance and Development in the Digital Era	2024
Keynote, 6 <sup>th</sup> Intl. Conf. on Blockchain Econ., Security, & Protocols (Tokenomics, Hong Kong)	2024
Keynote Speaker, Workshop on the Economics of Technology and Decentralization (Tokyo)	2024
Keynote, Intl. Conf. on Blockchain and Artificial Intelligence Applications for Web 3.0 (Seoul)	2024
Keynote Speaker, 13 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Futures and Other Derivatives (ICFOD)	2024
Invited Panelist, 68th Economic Research Conference, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston	2024
Public Lecture, University of Massachusetts Amherst Monthly FinTech Series	2024
Keynote, 5 <sup>th</sup> Big Data Econometrics Theory and Applications Conference (CJoE Conference)	2024
Keynote, 6 <sup>th</sup> FinTech Conference & Chengfang FinTech Forum (金融街论坛)	2024
Keynote Address, Desmarais Global Finance Lecture/Conference, DGFRC@McGill	2024
Keynote, Tsinghua University Technology Finance Forum (清华大学科技金融论坛)	2024
Forum Keynote, 10 <sup>th</sup> China International Big Data Industry Expo (数博会)	2024
Keynote (Inaugural), 8th Annual Global Quantitative and Macro Investment Conference (NYC)	2024
Keynote Speaker, "AI and Finance," 2 <sup>nd</sup> Forum of <i>Quarterly Journal of Finance</i>	2024
Keynote, 2 <sup>nd</sup> China Academic Conf. on Digital Economy Development & Governance	2024
Lead Professor (Speaker), Annual Young Scholar Forum (首届青年学者年度论坛)	2024
Opening Keynote, CUFE International Summer Research Camp	2024
Keynote Speaker, 8th China Derivatives Youth Forum	2024
Finance Keynote Speaker, 8 <sup>th</sup> CCER Summer Institute	2024
Keynote Speaker, Harvest Fund 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Forum on AI Frontier Thoughts	2024
Keynote Speech, 4th Workshop on Big Data Econometric Theory and Application	2024
Distinguished Keynote Lecture & Doctoral Session Keynote, EFMA Annual Meeting (Lisbon)	2024
Keynote Speaker, 8th Annual Meeting of the Entrepreneurial Finance Association (ENTFIN)	2024
Keynote Speech, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Torino Decentralized Finance (ToDeFi) Conference	2024
Speaker, HKU-SCF FinTech Academy Distinguished Lecture, University of Hong Kong	2024
Plenary Keynote, Symposium on World Economics, Finance & Business (joint w. WCET)	2024
Keynote Speaker, 9 <sup>th</sup> Crypto Finance Conference in St. Moritz (CfC St. MORITZ)	2024
Keynote Speaker and Tutorial, ESSEC-NUS Conference on Financial Data Analytics	2024
Keynote Speaker, International Forum on "CBDCs, FinTech, and Digital Finance" The 36 <sup>th</sup> Australasian Banking and Finance Conference (Sydney)	2023
Keynote Speaker, BenchCouncil IC 2023 International Conference on AI in Finance International Symposium on Intelligent Computers Algorithms and Applications	2023

Keynote, The 4th International FinTech Research Forum, RUC School of Finance	2023
Keynote Speaker, 4th ACM International Conference on AI in Finance Workshop on "Machine Learning for Investor Modelling and Recommender"	2023
Keynote Speaker, 4 <sup>th</sup> GSU-RFS FinTech Conference	2023
Invited Speaker, FMA Annual Meetings Overview & Research (O&R) Ideas Session	2023
Keynote, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Intl. Meet on Applied Science, Engineering & Technology (Vancouver)	2023
Keynote Speaker, Wolfram ChainScience Conference (Boston)	2023
Keynote, Tongji Finance Symposium "New and Important Issues in Financial Markets"	2023
Keynote Speech, The 5 <sup>th</sup> Shanghai Financial Forefront Symposium	2023
Opening Keynote, UC Berkeley (MFE) Financial Innovation Conference	2023
Keynote Address, XJTU AI & Big Data in Acct & Fin Research Conference	2023
Keynote, International Conf. on Intelligent Computing & Machine Learning (2ICML)	2023
Opening Keynote, 9 <sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Business Management and Social Science	2023
After Dinner Speech, The Economic Club of Memphis Member Meeting	2023
Alumni Representative Speech, Founder's Day, Singapore Hwa Chong & Guangzhou SCA	2023
Keynote Speaker, The Mid-South DATA Conference	2023
Keynote, Cambridge University Algorithmic Trading Society Annual Quant Conference	2023
Keynote, 1 <sup>st</sup> China Academic Conf. on Digital Economy Development & Governance	2023
Speaker, HKU-SCF FinTech Academy Distinguished Lecture, University of Hong Kong Standard Chartered Hong Kong 150th Anniversary Community Foundation	2023
eCornell Keynotes, Legal and Regulatory Challenges in FinTech and Blockchain	2023
Keynote Speaker, 8 <sup>th</sup> Global Blockchain Summit, "Blockchain New Economy"	2022
Speaker, Faculty Spotlights, Cornell Trustee-Council Annual Meeting (TCAM)	2022
Keynote Speaker, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Conference on FinTech, Innovation and Development Theme 2022: Financing Technological Innovation	2022
Academic Lecture and Public Keynote, Inaugural Digital Finance Conference (Seoul)	2022
Keynote, 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop of Business Financing and Banking Research Group (USyd)	2022
Keynote Speaker, Conference on "The Impact of Fintech and Climate Change on Agricultural Finance and Investment" (China)	2022
Keynote Speech, International Conference on FinTech and Digital Finance	2022
Keynote Address, Inaugural Cardiff FinTech Conference (UK)	2022
Keynote Speaker, The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Frontiers of Factor Investing Conference, Lancaster, UK	2022
Keynote Address, Inaugural Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Congress (B2C), Barcelona	2022
Keynote Speaker, ACEM Doctoral Student Forum (Shanghai)	2022
Keynote Speaker, Cornell Asia-Pacific Leadership Conference	2022
Keynote Panel, The Latest and Greatest of Blockchain, CFA Chicago	2022
Public Lecture, QingYuan Academy Digital Social Science Series, Zhejiang University	2022
Keynote Speech, Computing (formerly Science and Information) Conference, London	2022
Keynote Speaker, Conference for Fintech, AI, and Big Data in Business, HK	2022
Keynote Speech, The 4 <sup>th</sup> Greater China Finance Conference	2022

#### OTHER SELECT HONORS, GRANTS, & AWARDS ([Full List Here](#))

Thematic Research Fellowship, Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Research (HKIMR)	2025
Academy of Business and Management Conferences Distinguished Speaker Award (Dubai)	2025

Inaugural Exponential Science Pioneers Award (Business Management and Financial Economics)	2025
Sui Academic Research Award (SARA) by the Sui Foundation	2024-2025
Inaugural Johnson School Faculty Curriculum Development Award (Artificial Intelligence)	2024-2025
PCCW Mission Grant & Frank H.T. Rhodes Leadership Grant	2024-2025
Distinguished Visiting Fellowship Award, Lingnan University	2024-2025
Best Paper (Sole First Prize), Inaugural China Tech-Fin Research Conference (Shanghai)	2024
Digital Economy Open Research Platform “Pinnacle” Research Award	2024
Digital Economy Open Research Platform “Pioneer” Paper Award	2024
2 <sup>nd</sup> CBER-Circle Insight Prize	2024
Educator Award, Ripple University Blockchain Research Initiative (UBRI)	2024
3 <sup>rd</sup> IQAM Research Prize (awarded every two years for excellent capital market research)	2024
Asian Finance Association (AsianFA) Annual Conference Best Paper Finalist	2024
Best Paper Award (Finance 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize), Research Symposium on Finance and Economics (India)	2024
Faculty Champion (Advanced Career, for Advising & Mentoring), Cornell Graduate D&I Awards	2024
Best Paper Award, China Fintech Research Conference (CFTRC)	2024
NAAIM Founders Award (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) for Advances in Active Investment Management	2024
Best Paper Award, 4th Global AI Finance Research Conference	2023
Best Paper Award, 18th Annual Conference on Asia-Pacific Financial Markets (CAFM)	2023
Best Paper Award in Finance, INFORMS <i>Management Science</i>	2023
Teaching Honor Roll, Cornell University Johnson School of Management	2023
2023 Top Crypto & Blockchain Minds by Rebellion Research	2023
Digital Economy Open Research Platform “Pioneer” Paper Award	2023
IC3 Grant for Social Goods “Dynamic Incentives and Web3 Reputation”	2023
CFRI Contribution Award (for Research Innovation and Professional Services)	2023
Outstanding Contribution Award (1/ 21), Northeast Yucai School Global Alumni Association	2023
Microsoft Azure Cloud Computing Grant, Center for Data Science for Enterprise and Society “AI for Financial Policy and Managerial Decision-Making”	2023-2024
CFAM-CSMAR Best Paper Award (sole top paper prize at the 19 <sup>th</sup> CFAM)	2022
Top 10 Quant Professors 2022 by Rebellion Research	2022
2 <sup>nd</sup> IQAM Research Prize (awarded every two years for excellent capital market research)	2022
CIRF-PBFJ Research Excellence Award, 8 <sup>th</sup> China International Risk Forum	2022
Best Paper Award, 18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conf. of the Asia-Pacific Association of Derivatives	2022
European Financial Management Association EFMA-WRDS Conference Best Paper Award	2022
Best Conference Paper Award, 15 <sup>th</sup> International Risk Management Conference	2022
INQUIRE Europe (Panel Tree for Asset Pricing and Investment Management)	2022
Best Paper Award, 12 <sup>th</sup> Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference	2022
Best Paper, TAU Coller Sch. of Mgmt. Blockchain Research Institute Conference	2021
Best Paper Award Semi-finalist (2 Papers), FMA Conference	2021
Asseth--Kaiko Prize for Research in Cryptoeconomics (Best Paper & Talk)	2021
Best Paper Award (1 <sup>st</sup> Prize), 4 <sup>th</sup> UWA Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Conference	2021
The Hoge Blockchain Research Institute Call for Proposals Award	2021



<i>Management Science</i> Distinguished Service Award (for Associate Editors)	2021
Best Paper Award, 3 <sup>rd</sup> China International Forum on Finance and Policy	2021
Fintech Chair (Paris-Dauphine-PSL/Mazars/CACIB) Call-for-Research Award	2021
Johnson Faculty Research Award (one recipient per year)	2021
Yihong Xia Best Paper Award, China International Conference in Finance	2021
ICPM Research Award, The International Centre for Pension Management	2021
Best Paper, 17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conf. of the Asia-Pacific Association of Derivatives (APAD)	2021
Best Paper Award, 11 <sup>th</sup> Financial Markets and Corporate Governance (FMCG) Conference	2021
Best Paper Award, Crypto and Blockchain Economics Research (CBER) Annual Conference	2021
Microsoft Azure Cloud Credit Award (renewed three times)	2021-2024
Best Paper, ML Conference: "Human Sovereignty and Machine Efficiency in the Law"	2021
CCSS Research Grant, "Interpretable AI & Big Data Analytics with Applications in Finance"	2020-2025
<i>Management Science</i> Meritorious Service Award	2020
The FinTech Chair (Paris-Dauphine University-PSL) Global Call for Research Award	2020
Poets & Quants Best 40 Under 40 MBA/Business School Professors	2020
INQUIRE Europe/UK Research Grant Award (Interpretable AI for Investment)	2020
Fellow of the Risk Institute at the Ohio State University Fisher College of Business	2019-2021
The Risk Institute Research Grant	2019
Becker Friedman Institute of Economics Data Acquisition Grant-Venture Contracting	2019
Kauffman Foundation Junior Faculty Fellowship in Entrepreneurship	2018-2022
Honorary Member (for Outstanding Contribution), Global Interdependence Center	2018-2019
Kenan Institute Frontiers of Entrepreneurship Research Grant	2018
INQUIRE Europe Research Grant Award (Natural Language Processing)	2018
AAM-CAMRI-CFA Institute Prize in Asset Management	2018
Excellent Paper Award, China International Forum on Finance and Policy	2018
CME Best Paper Award (Emerging Trends in Entrepreneurial Finance)	2018
EFA Wharton School – WRDS Outstanding Paper in Corporate Finance	2018
Best Paper Award, Guanghua International Symposium on Finance	2018
Becker Friedman Institute of Economics Inaugural Grant (Data Acquisition)	2018
Research Grant, Stigler Center for the Study of the Economy and the State	2017-2018
Best Paper Award in the Theories and Practices of Securities and Financial Markets	2017
Asian Finance Association Annual Conference Best Paper Award	2017
China Financial Research Conference NSFE Best Paper Award	2017
Committee of 100 Next Generation Leader	2017
Research Grant, Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation	2016-2019
Research Grant, Center for East Asian Studies	2015-2019
Research Grants (6 times), Fama-Miller Center for Research in Finance	2014-2019
Research Grants (4 times), the Initiative on Global Markets (IGM)	2014-2019
Finance Theory Group Best Paper Award, Runner-up	2014
George P. Shultz Scholar, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research	2013–2014
PhD Fellow, the Stanford Institute for Innovation in Developing Economies	2013–2014

Stanford SEED Research Grant	2013
Shmuel Kandel Award in Financial Economics, Utah Winter Finance Conference	2013
Stanford Asian American Award	2013
The Gerald J. Lieberman Fellowship	2012–2013
Zephyr Prize for Best Paper in Corporate Finance, The 25 <sup>th</sup> AFBC	2012
Prize Winner, PhD Forum of Australasian Finance and Banking Conference	2012
Australasian Finance and Banking Conference Travel Grant	2012
The 1636 Society, Harvard	2011–
Doctoral Student Travel Grants, Stanford GSB	2011–2014
Best Paper Award in Finance, The 11 <sup>th</sup> Trans-Atlantic Doctoral Conference	2011
Stanford Ph.D. Fellowships	2009-2014
Jack T. Sanderson Memorial Prize for Best Student in Physics Studies	2009
Allston Burr Resident Dean’s Award (Lowell)	2009
The Kawamura Fellowship	2009
Excellence Award from the Academy of Foreign Cultures (French)	2009
Phi Beta Kappa, Early Induction	2008
William H. and Mary Lee Bossert Prize for Science	2008
Harvard College Research Program Grant	2008
Dragon 100 Young Chinese Leaders Forum (U.S. Representative)	2008
Harvard College Scholar	2007
Herchel Smith-Harvard Undergraduate Science Research Fellow	2006, 2007
John Harvard Scholarship for Academic Achievement of the Highest Distinction	2006
Detur Book Prize, Harvard	2006
K. J. Lee Family Scholarship	2005-2009
Bernhard Neumann Award & Global Rank 1 <sup>st</sup> , Australian Mathematics Competition	2004
Shimadzu Best Innovation Award in Defense/Aerospace, Singapore	2004
Best Poster Prize, Singapore Materials Research Society	2004
Gold Medal, Math Category 1 <sup>st</sup> , Singapore Science and Engineering Fair	2004
Qualifications for IMO (national training team), IPhO, IChO, & Intel ISEF <small>No participation due to citizenship status</small>	2003,2004
Gold Medal, Best Performer for Theory, the 16 <sup>th</sup> Singapore Physics Olympiad	2003
Gold Medal, Individual Rank 2 <sup>nd</sup> , the 15 <sup>th</sup> Singapore Chemistry Olympiad	2003
Gold Medals (Senior & Open Sections), Team 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Singapore Mathematics Olympiads	2001,2003

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Cornell University, Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management

NBAT: Digital Economy and Financial Technology (Cornell-Tsinghua FMBA Dual-Degree, 2024-2025)

NBAE 5600: Introduction to FinTech, Finnovation, & Finalytics (Executive MBA elective, 2020-)

BANA 5250: Machine Learning for Investment (Master of Science in Business Analytics elective, 2023)

NBAT 5900: Advanced Topics in Finance (Cornell-Tsinghua MBA/FMBA Dual-Degree, 2021-2023)

MBA Directed Readings (1.5+2.5 Units, Spring 2022; 1.5 Units, Spring 2023)

NBA 5600 | NBAY 5610: Demystifying Big Data and FinTech  
(MBA elective, 2020-2023; Cornell Tech MBA elective, 2022-2023)

NCC 5060 & NCCY 5060 & LAW 6652: Managerial Finance (Summer 2020 & 2021)

University of Chicago Booth School of Business

BUSF 35125: Quantamental Investment (2015, 2016, 2018, 2019)

BUSE 35125: Quantamental Investment Lab (2015)

Other Workshops & Teaching Engagements

Ph.D. Course COMM 590A Digital Economics, FinTech, and AI for Finance, UBC Sauder, 2023-2024

Data Economy Research Summer School, Lecturer (数字经济暑期学术研讨会讲师), July 17-23, 2023

jointly organized by CUHK Shenzhen Business School (香港中文大学(深圳)经管学院), Shenzhen Finance Institute (深圳高等金融研究院), and Shenzhen Institute of Data Economy (深圳数字经济研究院)

Jiang Xuemo Lectures (workshop for doctoral and research master students), Fall 2024

“Digital Economy and Financial Technology,” Fudan University School of Economics

Gerzensee Advanced Courses in Economics for Doctoral Students and Faculty Members, Aug 2003

Digital Economics, FinTech, and AI in Finance

The Study Center Gerzensee, Foundation of the Swiss National Bank

ACEM Doctoral Students Summer Research Workshop, Summer 2022

Shanghai Jiao Tong University Antai College of Economics and Management.

Guest Lectures and Interviews

Berkeley Haas, “Decentralized Finance,” CS194-177 · CS294-177 · EWMBA 237 · MFE 230T

MIT Sloan, “Blockchain Technologies: Business Innovation and Application,” Executive Education

UCLA Anderson, Ph.D. Course on Capital Markets Research

Wharton, “Corporate Finance,” MBA Core Course

Executive/Industry/Policy Workshops and Training Programs (One-off)

Research Work Session, Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), (2024)

USAO-N.D. Cal. / U.S. DOJ Fraud Section / National Cryptocurrency Enforcement Team

Cryptocurrency Fraud Seminar (2023)

Cornell University XED Digital Business Leadership Program, Five Cohorts (2021-2023)

eCornell-Eruditus Executive Education-RMB: Leading in the Digital Financial Services World (2022)

The Future of Financial Services and the Fintech Ecosystem

Cornell University XED WNS Financial Leaders Program (2021)

Asset Management Association of China: “Quantamental Investment” + “Financial Technology and Financial Analytics,” Clinic for Fund Executives (2016-2018)

DataYes & KDD China: “Blockchain Economics and Applications” + “Unstructured Data Analytics,” FinTech x AI Advanced Workshop (2018)

Amino Capital: Entrepreneurial Finance and FinTech Clinic for Entrepreneurs and Investors (2017)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

### **Grant Review Service**

Expert Reviewer, Singapore Ministry of Education (MOE), 2025—

Expert Reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Government of Canada, 2023—

Expert Reviewer, The Israel Science Foundation (ISF), 2021—

Expert Reviewer, National Science Foundation, 2021—

Expert Reviewer, National Science Centre Poland, 2021—

Expert Reviewer, German Research Foundation/Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, (DFG), 2020—

External Expert, The Fonds de recherche du Québec - Société et culture (FRQSC), 2019—

External Reviewer, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, 2018—

### **Recent Conference Organizations, Program Committees, Panels, & Discussions ([Full List Here](#))**

#### **2025**

Table Leader/Host, Inaugural AEA Mentoring and Networking Luncheon, AEA Annual Meeting

Program Co-Chair, China Fintech Research Conference (CFTRC)

Discussant, “Distant Holdings: Decoding Mutual Fund Skills with Large Language Models” by Ma, Zhang, and Zhou, Singapore Management University Annual Summer Camp

Discussant & Panelist, VII Conference of the Banking Initiative on Artificial Intelligence in Finance

Chapter on “AI’s Impact on Financial Markets: Consequences of Evolving Information Production”

Editor Panelist, 2<sup>nd</sup> China Banking and Corporate Finance Conference

Program Committee and Session Chair, China International Conference in Finance (CICF), Shenzhen  
Review Committee (FinTech and Big Data), Midwest Finance Association Meeting  
Program Committee, ASU Sonoran Winter Finance Conference  
Program Committee, 1st Annual Isenberg School of Management Finance Conference  
Program Committee, SFS Cavalcade North America Conference (Stevens Institute of Technology)  
Program Committee, 4<sup>th</sup> Conf. on Emerging Technologies in Acct & Fin (CETAFE) at USC  
Program Committee, Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS) Conference, Snowbird, Utah  
Program Committee, 4<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Conference for Fintech, AI, and Big Data in Business  
Program Committee, University of Maryland-RFS AI in Finance Conference  
Program Committee, Western Finance Association Annual Meeting (WFA, Snowbird, UT)  
Organizing Committee, Modern Risk Society Conference in Boston  
Scientific Program Reviewer, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Financial Stability Conference (Cleveland)  
Scientific Committee, 2025 Johns Hopkins Carey Finance Conference

## 2024

Conference Chair, International Conference on Economics, Technology, and Interdisciplinary Sciences (ETIS), jointly organized by SIMIS, FS-CFTRA, FinTech@Cornell, ICCM, and FIIAI.  
Senior Program Committee, 5<sup>th</sup> ACM International Conference on AI in Finance (ICAIF)  
Program Co-Chair, Inaugural China Tech-Fin Research Conference (CTFRC)  
Program Co-Chair, China Fintech Research Conference (CFTRC)  
Founding Program Co-Chair, XueShuo-ADEFT Academy Winter Institute in AISSEAI (online)  
Founding Program Co-Chair, XueShuo-ADEFT Academy Summer Institute in Digital Finance, Beijing  
Keynote Panelists, Plenary Session on “Financial Big Data and Technology” & Doctoral Session on “Finance and AI,” European Financial Management Association Annual Meeting (Lisbon)  
Organizing Committee, 44<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems, Workshop on “Tech for Good: Economic and Computational Advances in Distributed Systems”  
Track Chair, IEEE Global Blockchain Conference: Transforming a Trustworthy Digital Future  
Special AI Session Organizer/Chair, “Economics of LLMs and Applications in Finance”  
34<sup>th</sup> Conference in Financial Economics and Accounting (CFEA, Buffalo)  
Advisory Committee, Design of Blockchain-Enabled Markets Conference (Columbia)  
Advisory Committee, 4<sup>th</sup> Crypto and Blockchain Economics Research (CBER) Annual Conference  
Invited Panelist, 68<sup>th</sup> Economic Research Conference, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston  
Program Committee, 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Advances in Financial Technologies (Austrian National Bank, Vienna)  
Program Committee and Session Chair, China International Conference in Finance (CICF), Beijing  
Program Committee, Columbia-RFS AI in Finance Conference, “AI and Finance: Opportunities and Risks”  
Program Committee, The 34<sup>th</sup> Conference in Financial Economics and Accounting (Buffalo)  
Program Committee, European Finance Association (EFA) Annual Meeting, Slovakia  
Program Committee, Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS) Conference, Berlin, Germany  
Program Committee, Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting, Grapevine, Texas  
Program Committee, 3<sup>rd</sup> Hong Kong Conference for Fintech, AI, and Big Data in Business  
Program Committee, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) Agentic Markets Workshop  
Program Committee, The Latest in DeFi Research (TLDR) Conference, Columbia University, NYC  
Program Committee, SFS Cavalcade Asia-Pacific Conference (Seoul)  
Program Committee, SFS Cavalcade North America Conference (Georgia State University)  
Program Committee, 14<sup>th</sup> Summer Institute of Finance Conference (SIF, Xi’an)  
Program Committee, the 8<sup>th</sup> Young Scholars Finance Consortium (YSFC, Texas A&M)  
Scientific Committee, 2024 Johns Hopkins Carey Finance Conference

## 2023

Session Organizer/Chair, “Innovations and Challenges in DeFi”  
American Finance Association Annual Meeting (AFA)  
Session Chair & Program Committee, “Markets, Information, and Incentives”  
Financial Intermediation Research Society Conf. (FIRS, Vancouver)  
Session Co-organizer, “Decentralized Finance”  
American Economic Association Annual Meeting (AEA)  
Advisory Committee & Program Committee, GSU- RFS FinTech Conference  
Senior Program Committee, 4<sup>th</sup> ACM International Conference on AI in Finance (ICAIF)  
Program Co-Chair, China Fintech Research Conference (CFTRC)  
Program Track Chair (FinTech), Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting, Chicago  
Program Committee, ASU Sonoran Winter Finance Conference  
Program Committee and Session Chair, China International Conference in Finance (CICF), Shanghai  
Program Committee, European Finance Association (EFA) Annual Meeting, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Program Committee, 2nd Hong Kong Conference for Fintech, AI, and Big Data in Business  
 Program Committee, Fifth International Conference on Advances in Financial Technologies (Princeton)  
 Program Committee, 11th Oxford Financial Intermediation Theory Conference (OxFIT)  
 Program Committee, SFS Cavalcade North America Conference (UT Austin)  
 Program Committee, 13th Summer Institute of Finance Conference (SIF, Shanghai and virtual)  
 Program Committee, 12<sup>th</sup> Tel Aviv University (TAU) Finance conference  
 Program Committee, Tokenomics: 5th Intl. Conf. on Blockchain Economics, Security & Protocols (NYC)  
 Program Committee, Western Finance Association Annual Meeting (WFA, San Francisco)  
 Scientific Committee, 2023 Johns Hopkins Carey Finance Conference

## 2022

Co-organizer, The 26<sup>th</sup> Finance Theory Group (FTG) Meeting (Ithaca, NY)  
 Panelist, Applied Theory Research in FinTech and Digitization  
 Senior Program Committee, 3<sup>rd</sup> ACM International Conference on AI in Finance (ICAIF)  
 Program Co-Chair, China Fintech Research Conference (CFTRC)  
 Program Co-Chair and Session Chair, International Conference on Finance and Technology  
 Program Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Guanghua International Symposium on Finance (第二届中国金融前沿学术论坛)  
 Program Committee, Western Finance Association (WFA) Annual Meeting, Portland  
 Advisory Committee & Program Committee, GSU- RFS FinTech Conference  
 Program Committee, SFS Cavalcade North America Conference  
 Program Committee, SFS Cavalcade Asia Pacific Conference  
 Program Committee, The 2022 Annual Conference in Digital Economics (ACDE)  
 Program Committee, Conf. on Emerging Technologies in Acct & Fin (CETAFE) at USC  
 Program Committee and Session Chair, China International Conference in Finance (CICF), Shanghai  
 Program Committee, 18th Annual Conference on Corporate Finance (Washington University in St. Louis)  
 Program Committee, 11<sup>th</sup> Tel Aviv University (TAU) Finance conference  
 Program Committee, Tokenomics: 4th Intl. Conf. on Blockchain Economics, Security & Protocols (Paris)  
 Reviewer Committee, 19<sup>th</sup> Chinese Finance Annual Meeting  
 Scientific Committee, 2022 Johns Hopkins Carey Finance Conference  
 Best Paper Committee, 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Smart Finance (ICSF)  
 Host, AI and Big Data in Finance (ABFR) Webinar on “Missing Financial Data”  
 Panelist, “Designing CBDCs in Emerging Economies,” Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)  
 Panelist, Assistant Professor Mentoring Session, Northern Finance Association (NFA) Annual Meeting  
 Discussant, “Rivals’ Cash Holdings and Corporate Innovation” by Atanassov and Le, European Financial Management Association Annual Meeting (Rome)  
 Discussant, “Information Processing in a Transparent Market: Evidence from DeFi Markets” by Markovich, 9<sup>th</sup> ABFER Annual Conference “Accounting” (Singapore)  
 Discussant, “How to Talk When a Machine is Listening?: Corporate Disclosure in the Age of AI” by Cao, Jiang, Yang, and Zhang, American Finance Association (AFA) Annual Meeting

## Advising & Mentoring

PhDs, Postdocs, & Junior Scholars in Economics, Finance, Management, & Related Fields  
 (with home institution & placements):

### Cornell University:

- Jihye Jang (Dyson Applied Economics, Committee)
- Bobby Yu (Nolan Real Estate, 2025, Committee)
- Florian Suri-Payer (Computer Science, Committee)
- Qihong Ruan (Econ Department, Committee)
- Yu Wang (Econ Department, Committee, Advisor for 2<sup>nd</sup> year summer Paper, winner of the Tapan Mitra Economics Prize)
- Yushan Zhou (Johnson Marketing Joint Program, 2023-2025, research mentor)
- Pietro Bini (Johnson Finance, 2025, Chair, Boston University Questrom School of Business)
- Artem Streltsov (Johnson Finance, 2025, Chair, University at Buffalo School of Management)
- Jiawen Yan (Johnson Accounting, 2025, Committee, National University of Singapore)
- Yifei Mao (Nolan Finance, 2025, reference, Santa Clara University)
- Jushen Zou (Johnson Finance, 2023-2024, 1<sup>st</sup> year mentor)
- Fred Sun (Johnson Finance, 2022-2023, 1<sup>st</sup> year mentor)
- Jining Hou (Johnson Finance, 2022-2023, 1<sup>st</sup> year mentor)
- Kody Law (Johnson Finance 2024, Research Mentor, CUHK Business School)
- Ye Xian (Dyson Applied Economics 2023, Co-chair, Acadian Asset Management)

- Ashish Ochani (Johnson Accounting 2023, Committee, Binghamton University)
- Siguang Li (Cornell Econ 2022, Co-Chair, HKUST Guangzhou)
- Youwei Yang (Dyson Applied Economics 2021, Committee, Director of Financial Analytics at StoneX Group Inc. and Chief Economist/VP at BIT Mining Limited)

University of Chicago:

- Jingtao Zheng (Booth and Econ Joint Program in Financial Economics 2024, External Reference, Citadel Securities)
- Jingyu He (Booth Econometrics and Statistics 2020, ad hoc Reference, City U. of Hong Kong)
- Ehsan Azarmsa (Booth and Econ Joint Program in Financial Economics 2022, Committee, University of Oklahoma)
- Xiao Zhang (Booth Finance 2019, Committee, Analysis Group)
- John Loudis (Booth Finance 2019, Reference, Notre Dame)
- Alexander Zentefis (Booth Finance 2017, Reference, Yale)
- Yunzhi Hu (Booth and Econ Joint Program in Financial Economics 2017, ad hoc Reference, UNC)
- John Nash (Booth Finance 2016, HKUST, Committee)

External:

- Zhiheng He (Tsinghua University, 2025, External Advisor and Visitor Host, Renmin University of China School of Finance)
- Shuhuai Zhang (Tsinghua PBCSF, 2025, External Advisor and Visitor Host, Nankai University School of Finance)
- Ruizhe Jia (Columbia IEOR, 2025, External Advisor & Committee, Stanford MS&E)
- Weiyi Zhao (Tsinghua University, 2024, External Advisor, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law School of Finance, top prize winner at the China Finance Doctoral Forum)
- Lu Liu (Tsinghua PBCSF, 2024, Reference, Central University of Finance and Economics)
- Yang Yang (Tsinghua University Postdoc, 2023, Reference, University of Bristol Computer Science)
- Daniel Rabetti (Tel Aviv Finance 2023, Co-Advisor, NUS Accounting and Finance)
- Norman Guo (GSU Finance, 2022, Committee, St. Louis University)
- Longtian Zhang (Tsinghua U. Institute of Economics, 2021, External Advisor, Winner of the 11<sup>th</sup> Mundell-HuangDa Prize in Economics, Central University of Finance and Economics)
- Xiaohan Yang (Peking University NSD, 2020, Visitor Host and External Advisor, Alibaba Research)

College, Master, & other PhD Students, with Initial Placements:

- Tianyu Zhou (Brown University 2025, Undergrad Mentor Through IC3)
- Atharwa Pandey (Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani 2024, External Advisor, MS in Operation Research Engineering, Cornell University)
- Luofeng Zhou (Columbia Research Associate/Predoc 2023, External Advisor, Ph.D. in Finance, NYU Stern)
- Yuetong Meng (2023, Reference, Ph.D. in Finance, Indiana University)
- Xingbang Su (Dyson MS in Applied Economics and Management 2021, Reference, Ph.D. in Accounting, Northwestern Kellogg)
- Jimei Shen (NYU Stern Master in Financial Economics 2022, External Reference, Martingale Asset Management)
- Samuel Petrucci (U. of Chicago 2022, Undergrad Advisor, AllianceBernstein)
- Liam Fox (Cornell Tech MBA 2022, Reference, Chainlink Lab)
- Gregory Pan (Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, ad hoc advisor 2020-2021)
- Sebastian Barquin Sanchez (Cornell Engineering Learning Initiatives, ad hoc advisor 2020-2021)
- Sania Saleem (Cornell EMBA 2022, Reference, Ph.D. in Grenoble Ecole de Management)
- Ramtin Salamat (2021 Sharif U. of Technology, Reference, Ph.D. in Economics, U. of Toronto)
- Yi Zhang (Peking University 2021, Reference, Ph.D. in Finance, Cornell Johnson)
- Guanyu Zhou (U. of Chicago 2020, Undergrad Advisor, PhD in Finance, Wharton)
- Hanyao Zhang (2020, Reference & Summer Research Advisor, PhD in Economics, Columbia)
- Ziming Wang (2020, Reference & Summer Research Advisor, Tsinghua University PBCSF)
- Oliver Xie (AQR 2020 & U. of Chicago 2018, Thesis Advisor & Reference, PhD in Finance, Stanford GSB; Winner of the James S. Hu Undergraduate Thesis Prize)
- Ammon Lam (Booth Research Professional/Predoc 2019, Reference, PhD in Finance, NYU Stern)
- Jiashu Sun (2019, Reference, MS in Financial Economics, Columbia University)
- Catherine Jing (U. of Toronto 2018, Reference, MPP, University of Chicago)
- Dahai Yu (U. of Chicago 2018, Reference, Bluefin Trading)
- Yiran Fan (Booth Research Professional/Predoc 2017, Reference, PhD in Joint Financial Economics, University of Chicago)
- Xiao Liu (2017, Reference, PhD in Accounting, Rice University)

- Roger Luo (2016, Reference, MS in Financial Math, University of Chicago)
- Amy Wang (ad hoc Mentor, McKinsey | PhD in Finance, Stanford GSB)
- Ngee Yong Teo (Mentor and Reference, Joint MBA & MPA, Harvard & Stanford)
- Sheng Lin (Reference, Baruch MFE)
- Yuri Hamamura (Academic Advisor, Cornell MBA, Financial Services Agency, Japan);
- Hermann Zhang (Reference, Point 72)
- Jay Jeon (Reference, Ronin Capital)
- Yu Pu (Reference, Barclays)
- Johnny Tang (H4A Mentor, PhD in Business Economics, Harvard GSAS and HBS)
- Samantha Zhang (Reference, MS in Statistics, Rice University)

## RECENT CONFERENCES, PANELS & SEMINARS ([Full List Here](#))

Including conference presentations by co-authors, total no. of talks, scheduled talks, and discussion/invitation only (+)

### **2025 Conference Paper Presentations and Keynotes:**

American Finance Association (AFA), San Francisco (4 papers)  
 Asian Bureau of Finance and Economics Research (ABFER) Annual Meeting (5 papers)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> China Banking and Corporate Finance Conference (keynote + editor panelist)  
 CICC Global Institute 2025Q1 Macro Forum  
 Conference on Asset Pricing and Machine Learning (Uni. of Gothenburg, AP2, & Svenska Handelsbanken)  
 VII Conference of the Banking Initiative on “Artificial Intelligence in Finance”<sup>+</sup> (Barcelona)  
 12th Annual Conference on Financial Market Regulation (CFMR 2025, Washington DC)  
 Econometric Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco  
 Financial Intermediation in the 3rd Millennium: Perils and Pearls (University of Essex)  
 Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS) Conference, Seoul  
 The 18<sup>th</sup> Financial Risks International Forum (Paris, Keynote)  
 Global Entrepreneurship and Innovation Research Conference (GEIRC, Taiwan)  
 Hoyt Institute Workshop on Biodiversity and Urban Economics  
 18th International Behavioural Finance Conference, London  
 5<sup>th</sup> Machine Lawyering Conference (Hong Kong)  
 Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance (SAIF) Annual Research Conference  
 University of Texas Forensic Finance Conference  
 Western Finance Association Annual Meeting, Utah

### **2025 Seminars/Webinars/Public Lectures:**

Bank for International Settlements (BIS) Asian Office  
 Bloomberg CTO Data Science Speaker Series  
 Boston University  
 City University of Hong Kong  
 The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Finance Department)  
 Duke University  
 EPFL Swiss Finance Institute  
 Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Supervision Department)  
 Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Department of Money and Payments)  
 IESE Business School, Barcelona  
 Luohan Academy Webinar  
 Mundell-Huang Da Lectures on Economics, Renmin University of China  
 Nanyang Business School (Banking and Finance)  
 NTU NBS-PRI-ECGI Public Lecture Series  
 NTU Dean’s Distinguished Speaker Series  
 National University of Singapore Business School  
 NUS DAO-ISEM-IORA seminar series  
 University of Florida  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison

**2024 Conference Papers and Keynotes (81) + Seminars/Webinars/Public Lectures (23)**

**2023 Conferences (67) + Seminars/Webinars (38)**

**2022 Conferences (94) + Seminars/Webinars (32)**

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