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Academic Appointment

Associate Professor of Finance, 2026 – Present^{*}
Assistant Professor of Finance, 2018 – 2026
Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School

Education

Ph.D. in Financial Economics, 2012 – 2018
The University of Chicago, Booth School of Business and the Department of Economics Joint Program

Bachelor's Degree, Economics and Finance (with honor), 2008 – 2012
Tsinghua University, School of Economics and Management

Research Interests

Empirical Asset Pricing, Financial Machine Learning, Financial Econometrics

Publications[†]

Conditional Spectral Methods (with Federico Bandi)
Journal of Econometrics, 2025, 248: 105863

Narrative Asset Pricing: Interpretable Systematic Risk Factors from News Text (with Leland Bybee and Bryan Kelly), *Review of Financial Studies*, 2023, 36(12): 4759–4787

Characteristics Are Covariances: A Unified Model of Risk and Return (with Bryan Kelly and Seth Pruitt), *Journal of Financial Economics*, 2019, 134(3): 501–524

Fama-DFA Award First Place: Best Paper Published in the Journal of Financial Economics in the Areas of Capital Markets and Asset Pricing, 2019

Best Paper Award, Red Rocks Finance Conference

Working Papers

Quantity, Risk, and Return (with Yu An and Chen Wang)
R&R, Journal of Financial Economics

^{*} At Johns Hopkins Carey Business School, tenure is conferred in conjunction with promotion to the rank of Professor.

[†] Authors are listed alphabetically in the fields of economics and finance.

Instrumented Principal Component Analysis (with Bryan Kelly, Sofonias Korsaye, and Seth Pruitt)

R&R, Quantitative Economics

Trading Volume Alpha (with Ruslan Goyenko, Bryan Kelly, Tobias Moskowitz, and Chao Zhang)

Breaks and Trends in Factor Premia (with Liyuan Cui, Guanhao Feng, Jianxin Ma)

(Early) AI Compute Asset Pricing (with Federico Bandi)

Explaining Realized Returns: Roll's R^2 40 Years Later (with Bryan Kelly and Chao Zhang)

Interbank Runs: A Network Model of Systemic Liquidity Crunches

The Reflection Channel of Shock Transmission in Production Networks

Works in Progress

Noisy Financial Machine Learning (with Federico Bandi and Sofonias Korsaye)

Conference and Seminar Presentations

(Early) AI Compute Asset Pricing

Seminar, Tulane University

Scheduled Mar 2027

AI in Business Conference, OSU Fisher

Scheduled Oct 2026

Noisy Financial Machine Learning

Seminar, University of Cincinnati

Scheduled Mar 2027

Explaining Realized Returns: Roll's R^2 40 Years Later

“The Use of AI in Asset Management” Invited Panel, European Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, Kristiansand, Norway

Jun 2026

Breaks and Trends in Factor Premia

North American Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (ASSA), Washington, DC

Scheduled Jan 2027

Hong Kong Conference for Fintech, AI, and Big Data in Business

May 2025

Trading Volume Alpha

Notre Dame Investment Management Conference

Oct 2025

Brownbag Seminar, University of Houston	Oct 2025
Guest speaker, Financial Machine Learning Summer School, Society for Financial Econometrics (SoFiE), Yale University	Jul 2025
Brownbag seminar, CKGSB, Beijing	Jun 2025
“Using LLM and AI” session, FIRS (Financial Intermediation Research Society) Annual Meeting, Seoul, South Korea	May 2025
“Artificial Intelligence and Finance” session, Association of Financial Economists at ASSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco	Jan 2025
“AI in Finance” Conference, Columbia-RFS	Jun 2024
“Trading Day” Conference, SQA, CQA (Society of Quantitative Analysts, Chicago Quantitative Alliance) and BlackRock, New York	Jun 2024
Online seminar, Dongbei University of Finance and Economics	Jun 2024
Cornell Finance Brown Bag Seminar, Cornell Digital Economics and Financial Technology Lab (DEFT) Visiting Fellow	Apr 2024
Seminar, Syracuse University	Apr 2024
Wolfe Research 7 th Quantitative and Macro Investment Conference, New York	Oct 2023
Seminar, George Mason University	Sep 2023
Seminar, Renmin University of China	Mar 2023
Seminar, City University of Hong Kong	Mar 2023

Quantity, Risk, and Return

AFA (American Finance Association) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia	Jan 2026
Seminar, Texas A&M University	Oct 2025
Seminar, George Washington University	Sep 2025
Seminar, Hong Kong University	Jun 2025
SFS Cavalcade NA, Stevens Institute of Technology	May 2025
Trivariate Research “Quantitative Expert Series” Webinar	May 2025
NBER Asset Pricing Program Meeting, Stanford University	Nov 2024

Presentations under the earlier title “A Factor Framework for Cross-Sectional Price Impacts”

University of Michigan Mitsui Finance Symposium “New Frontiers in Asset Pricing”	May 2024
Financial Management Association (FMA) Applied Finance Conference, New York	May 2024
The Society for Financial Econometrics (SoFiE) Annual Meeting, Seoul	Jun 2023
RUC-VUW Workshop, online	Sep 2022

Conditional Spectral Methods

The Society for Financial Econometrics (SoFiE) Annual Meeting, Seoul Jun 2023

Narrative Asset Pricing: Interpretable Systematic Risk Factors from News Text

Seminar, Bloomberg L.P. Data Science Invited Speaker Series Jun 2024

Seminar, Central University of Finance and Economics Mar 2023

Northeastern University Finance Conference Jun 2022

University of Connecticut Finance Conference Jun 2022

Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meeting, Chicago Mar 2022

Georgia State-RFS (Review of Financial Studies) Fintech Conference, Atlanta Feb 2022

Seminar, Kepos Capital Sep 2021

Characteristics Are Covariances: A Unified Model of Risk and Return

Seminar, Campbell & Co. Jan 2019

Seminar, T. Rowe Price Jul 2018

Interbank Runs: A Network Model of Systemic Liquidity Crunches

Seminar, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Sep 2019

DC-Area Juniors Conference May 2019

Seminar, Penn State University Mar 2019

Seminar, Tsinghua University PBC School of Finance Mar 2018

Seminar, University of Houston Bauer College of Business Feb 2018

Seminar, AQR Capital Management Feb 2018

Seminar, CUNY Baruch Feb 2018

Seminar, Johns Hopkins Carey Business School Feb 2018

Seminar, Federal Reserve Bank of New York Jan 2018

Seminar, Purdue University Krannert School of Management Jan 2018

Seminar, CKGSB Jan 2018

Conference Discussions

(Discussion slides are available on my [website](#))

“Inference on Cross-Sectional Fit in Linear Factor Models” by Alex Horenstein, Paulo Maio, Saad Mouti, and Fangfang Wang

North American Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, Washington, DC

Scheduled Jan 2027

“Cognitive Embeddings” by Laurenz De Rosa
Yiran Fan Memorial Conference (UChicago) May 2026

“Dissecting the Aggregate Market Elasticity” by Victor Duarte, Mahyar Kargar, Jiawei Li, Dejanir Silva
AFA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia Jan 2026

“Moving Targets” by Lauren Cohen and Quoc Nguyen
 “AI and Advanced Text Processing to Extract Risk and Return Information” session, *MFA Annual Meeting, Chicago* Mar 2025

“(Almost) 200 Years of News-Based Economic Sentiment” by Jules H. van Binsbergen, Svetlana Bryzgalova, Mayukh Mukhopadhyay, Varun Sharma
 “Asset Pricing: Big Data and AI” session, *AFA Annual Meeting, San Francisco* Jan 2025

“What Drives Trading in Financial Markets? A Big Data Perspective” by Shikun Ke and Anton Lines
 “Asset Pricing: Machine Learning” session, *AFA Annual Meeting, San Francisco* Jan 2025

“Large Language Models and Return Prediction in China” by Lin Tan, Huihang Wu, and Xiaoyan Zhang
ABFER (Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research) Webinar Nov 2024

“Asset Embeddings” by Xavier Gabaix, Ralph S.J. Koijen, Robert J. Richmond, Motohiro Yogo
ABFER (AI & Big Data in Finance Research Forum) Webinar Sep 2024

“Crash Narratives” by William Goetzmann, Dasol Kim, and Robert Shiller
Society for Financial Studies (SFS) Cavalcade North America, Atlanta May 2024

“Anomalies in the Age of Machine” by Fuwei Jiang, Lingchao Meng, Yiming Wang, and Guofu Zhou
Econometric Society Asia Meeting, online Jun 2023

“Peer-Reviewed Theory Does Not Help Predict the Cross-Section of Stock Returns” by Andrew Y. Chen, Alejandro Lopez-Lira, and Tom Zimmermann
Future of Financial Information (FutFinInfo) Conference, Paris May 2023

“Dynamic Competition and Expected Returns” by Ilona Babenko, Oliver Boguth, and Yuri Tserlukevich
American Finance Association (AFA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans Jan 2023

“Do Banks Overreact to Disaster Risk?” by Qianqian Huang, Feng Jiang, Yuhai Xuan, Tao Yuan
China International Conference in Finance, online Jun 2022

“Peer Momentum” by Efdal Ulas Misirli, Daniela Scida, and Mihail Velikov
DC-Area Junior Conference May 2022

“Economic Narratives and Market Outcomes: A Semi-supervised Topic Modeling Approach” by Dat Mai and Kuntara Pukthuanthong
Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meeting, Chicago Mar 2022

“The Temporal Structure of Risk and the Cross-Section of Equity Returns” by Shane Miller
American Finance Association (AFA) Annual Meeting, online Jan 2022

“Skewness and time-varying second moments in a nonlinear production network: theory and ev-

idence” by Ian Dew-Becker, Alireza Tahbaz-Salehi, and Andrea Vedolin <i>Shanghai Financial Forefront Symposium</i> , online	Dec 2021
“A Structural Model of Interbank Network Formation and Contagion” by Patrick Coen and Jamie Coen <i>SaMMF OTC Markets Workshop</i> , online	Dec 2021
“Non-Market Factors and the CAPM: the Market Index Effect” by Michael F. Ferguson, Babak Lotfaliei, and Timothy E. Trombley <i>Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting</i> , online	Oct 2020
“One Vol to Rule Them All: Common Volatility Dynamics in Factor Returns” by Nishad Kapadia, Matthew Linn, and Bradley S. Paye <i>European Finance Association (EFA) Annual Meeting</i> , online	Aug 2020
“Risk Factors that Matter: Textual Analysis of Risk Disclosures for the Cross-Section of Returns” by Alejandro Lopez-Lira <i>Society for Financial Studies (SFS) Cavalcade NA</i> , online	May 2020
“ q^5 ” by Kewei Hou, Haitao Mo, Chen Xue, and Lu Zhang <i>Carey Finance Conference</i>	Oct 2019
“A Toolkit for Factor-Mimicking Portfolios” by Kuntara Pukthuanthong, Richard Roll, Junbo Wang, and Tengfei Zhang <i>China International Conference in Finance</i> , Guangzhou	Jun 2019
“Factors that Fit the Time Series and Cross-Section of Stock Returns” by Martin Lettau and Markus Pelger <i>Society for Financial Studies (SFS) Cavalcade NA</i> , Pittsburgh	May 2019

Awards, Honors, and Fellowships

NBER Long-Term Asset Management (LTAM) Honorarium	2025
Review of Asset Pricing Studies Referee of the Year Award	2024
Fama-DFA Best Paper Award First Place (Journal of Financial Economics Best Paper in the Areas of Capital Markets and Asset Pricing)	2019
Best Paper Award, Red Rocks Finance Conference	2018
The Theodore W. and Esther Schultz Economics Fellowship	2017 – 2018
Financial Economics / Social Sciences Fellowship	2014 – 2017
Department of Economics / Social Sciences Fellowship	2012 – 2014
China National Scholarship	2011

Grants

Carey Business School, General Research Support Fund Award (\$2.5K), “Text-based Economic Activity Measurement using Large Language Models”, PI, 2023

Professional Service

Journal referee

Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, Review of Financial Studies, Review of Asset Pricing Studies (*RAPS Referee of the Year Award, 2024*), Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of American Statistical Association, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Business & Economic Statistics, Econometric Theory, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Management Science, Operations Research, Real Estate Economics, Journal of Empirical Finance, Journal of Financial Econometrics, Mathematical Finance, Review of Finance, Journal of Finance and Data Science, Pacific-Basin Finance Journal, ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology

Conference program committee member

Georgia State–Management Science AI and FinTech Conference	2025
NTU Conference on AI for Finance	2025, 2026
European Finance Association (EFA) Annual Meeting	2024 – 2026
SFS Cavalcade North America	2021 – 2026
Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting	2022
Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meeting	2022, 2024

Grant external reviewer

U.S. National Science Foundation
Hong Kong RGC Research Fellow Scheme (RFS/SRFS)
Canada Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
Hong Kong Research Grants Council
Swiss National Science Foundation

School and University Service

Carey Business School service

Finance Seminar Series co-organizer	2023 – 24
Carey Finance Conference co-organizer	2022
Finance Brownbag Series organizer	2022 – 23
Academic Ethics Board member	2019 – 23

JHU Economics Department PhD thesis defense committee

Fangzhu Yang, Kevin Yuan

Pre-doctoral research assistant students advised (Ph.D. placement)

Rongchen Li (Columbia Accounting), Zeyao Luan (Rutgers Finance)

Teaching

Managing Financial Risk (Master of Science in Finance)	2019 – now
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Non-Academic Work Experience

Morgan Stanley Huaxin Securities, Fixed Income Division, Summer Analyst, Shanghai	2011
CITIC Securities, Equity Research, Summer Intern, Beijing,	2010

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