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EMPLOYMENT

University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business

Department Chair, Finance and Business Economics, 2023-present

Professor of Finance, 2022-present

Previous: Assistant Professor of Finance, 2002-2007; Associate Professor of Finance, 2007-2022

Courses taught: MBA and Undergraduate Quantitative Investing, PhD Empirical Asset Pricing, MBA and Undergraduate Investments, MBA Student Investment Fund, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Seminar

University of Rochester, William E. Simon Graduate School of Business

Assistant Professor of Finance, 1999-2002

Courses taught: MBA Fixed Income, MBA Investments

Federal Reserve System Board of Governors

Research Assistant, 1992-1994

EDUCATION

The Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D., Finance, 2000

Dissertation: "Bayesian Investigation of Continuous-Time Finance Models"

Advisor: Robert Stambaugh

Pomona College, B.A., Mathematical Economics, 1992, Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

"Seasonal Momentum in Variance Risk Premia," *Review of Financial Studies*, forthcoming (2025), with Steve Heston, Mehdi Khorram, Shuaiqi Li, and Haitao Mo

"Too Good to Be True: Look-ahead Bias in Empirical Options Research," *Review of Financial Studies*, forthcoming (2025), with Jefferson Duarte, Mehdi Khorram, Haitao Mo, and Junbo Wang

"Very Noisy Option Prices and Inferences Regarding the Volatility Risk Premium," *Journal of Finance* 79, 3581-3621 (2024), with Jefferson Duarte and Junbo Wang

"Asset Prices and Time-Varying Persistence of Consumption Growth," *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, forthcoming (2023), with Sungjune Pyun

"Option Momentum," *Journal of Finance* 78, 3141-3192 (2023), with Steve Heston, Mehdi Khorram, Shuaiqi Li, and Haitao Mo

- “Out-of-Sample Performance of Mutual Fund Predictors,” *Review of Financial Studies* 34, 149–193 (2021), with Haitao Mo
- “Option Mispricing around Nontrading Periods,” *Journal of Finance* 73, 861-900 (2018), with Joshua Shemesh
- “Investing in Disappearing Anomalies,” *Review of Finance* 21, 237-267 (2017), with Lukasz Pomorski
- “Inventory Investment and the Cost of Capital,” *Journal of Financial Economics* 107, 557-579 (2013), with Selale Tuzel
- “New Orders and Asset Prices,” *Review of Financial Studies* 26: 115-157 (2013), with Selale Tuzel
- “Can Interest Rate Volatility be Extracted from the Cross Section of Bond Yields? An Investigation of Unspanned Stochastic Volatility,” *Journal of Financial Economics* 94: 47-66 (2009), with Pierre Collin-Dufresne and Bob Goldstein.
- “Identification of Maximal Affine Term Structure Models,” *Journal of Finance* 63: 743-795 (2008), with Pierre Collin-Dufresne and Bob Goldstein.
- “A Nonlinear Factor Analysis of S&P 500 Index Option Returns,” *Journal of Finance* 61: 2325-2363 (2006).
- “Forecasting Volatility with Range-Based EGARCH Models,” *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics* 24: 470-486 (2006), with Michael Brandt.
- “Mutual Fund Performance with Learning Across Funds,” *Journal of Financial Economics* 78: 507-552 (2005), with Jay Shanken.
- “Bayesian Range-Based Estimation of Stochastic Volatility Models,” *Finance Research Letters* 2: 201-209 (2005), with Michael Brandt.
- “Nonlinear Mean Reversion in the Short-Term Interest Rate,” *Review of Financial Studies* 16: 793-843 (2003).
- “The Dynamics of Stochastic Volatility: Evidence from Underlying and Options Markets,” *Journal of Econometrics* 116: 181-224 (2003).
- “Extracting Factors from Heteroskedastic Asset Returns,” *Journal of Financial Economics* 62: 293-325 (2001).
- “The Predictive Failure of the Baba, Hendry and Starr Model of M_1 ,” *Journal of Economics and Business* 50: 477-507 (1998), with Gregory Hess and Richard Porter.
- “The Interest Sensitivity of Wealth in the Life Cycle Model,” *Economics Letters* 46: 321-325 (1994).

WORKING PAPERS

- “Return Extrapolation and Day/Night Effects,” with Sungjune Pyun and Tong Wang
- “Do Option Prices Forecast Aggregate Stock Returns?,” with Haitao Mo and Tong Wang

“Implied Variance and Market Index Reversal,” with Sungjune Pyun and Tong Wang

“The Term Structure of Equity Implied Volatility,” with Tong Wang

“Bayesian Estimation of Continuous-Time Finance Models”

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1998: Western Finance Association, Econometric Society, Lehman Brothers

1999: NYU, University of Rochester, Duke University, University of California at Berkeley, Columbia University, Federal Reserve Board

2000: Western Finance Association, Econometric Society, McGill University, Duke University

2001: Econometric Society, European Finance Association, Arizona State University

2002: American Finance Association, Econometric Society, CIREQ-CIRANO, University of Southern California, University of California at Irvine, London School of Economics

2003: Western Finance Association, Econometric Society, Financial Management Association, University of Minnesota, University of British Columbia

2004: University of Chicago, University of Washington, University of North Carolina

2005: University of Arizona, Brigham Young University

2006: University of Colorado, Tulane University

2007: Boston College, University of Amsterdam, Erasmus University, Imperial College

2008: Econometric Society

2009: Western Finance Association*, CIREQ-CIRANO, Financial Management Association*, Ohio State University, Wharton

2010: American Finance Association, Claremont McKenna College

2011: Western Finance Association*

2016: USC/UCLA Finance Day, Financial Management Association*

2017: Midwest Finance Association*, McGill-HEC Winter Finance Workshop, IFSID Sixth Conference on Derivatives*, Northern Finance Association*, Society for Financial Studies Cavalcade

2018: Brigham Young University, Midwest Finance Association (2 papers), Society for Financial Studies Cavalcade*, World Symposium on Investment Research*

2019: University of Calgary, Latin America FMA*, CICF*, FMA*, Conference in Derivatives and Volatility*

2020: Society for Financial Studies Cavalcade*, Western Finance Association*

2021: ITAM, CICF*, SoFie*, Northern Finance Association* (2 papers), Shanghai Financial Forefront Symposium

2022: Northeastern, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cancun Derivatives Conference, University of Maryland, HEC Montreal, UC Irvine, UNSW Asset Pricing Workshop*

2024: University of Wisconsin, Western Finance Association*, Society for Financial Studies Cavalcade*, Eastern Finance Association*

2025: University of Missouri

(* presentation made by coauthor)

CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS

1998: Econometric Society

2000: Western Finance Association

2002: Western Finance Association, Econometric Society

2003: NBER Asset Pricing, CIREQ-CIRANO

2004: American Finance Association, Western Finance Association

2005: Western Finance Association, Financial Management Association, Bank of Canada/Sauder, CIREQ-CIRANO

2006: Western Finance Association, Bank of Canada Fixed Income, CIREQ-CIRANO

2007: American Finance Association, Western Finance Association, Financial Management Association, Duke-UNC Asset Pricing
2008: American Finance Association
2009: American Finance Association
2010: USC/UCLA Finance Day
2011: USC Lusk Symposium
2013: Claremont MacKenna Finance Conference, Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting
2016: Society for Financial Studies Cavalcade, USC Finance PhD Conference
2017: Society for Financial Studies Cavalcade, UC Riverside Citrus Finance Conference
2018: Midwest Finance Association
2020: Western Finance Association
2021: Midwest Finance Association, Shanghai Financial Forefront Symposium
2022: Financial Research Association
2025: American Finance Association, Western Finance Association

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Western Finance Association: 2003-2021, 2023-25
Society for Financial Studies Cavalcade: 2017-2025
European Finance Association: 2013-2025
Society for Financial Econometrics: 2008, 2014-2025
Financial Management Association: 2005-2008, 2018-2025
Midwest Finance Association: 2017-2025
Northern Finance Association: 2019-2025
Finance Down Under: 2020-2025
ITAM Finance Conference: 2015-2024
International Conference on Finance & Technology: 2022
European Financial Management Association: 2006
American Finance Association: 2006

EDITORIAL SERVICE

Journal of Finance: Associate Editor, 2019-present
Journal of Financial Econometrics: Associate Editor, 2007-2019
Journal of Business and Economic Statistics: Associate Editor, 2015-2019
Quarterly Journal of Finance: Associate Editor, 2010-2020
Finance Research Letters: Associate Editor, 2009-2013
Review of Derivatives Research: Associate Editor, 2007-2018

REFEREEING

AER: Insights, Annals of Statistics, Biometrika, Economic Inquiry, Finance Research Letters, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Banking & Finance, Journal of Business & Economic Statistics, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Economic Dynamics & Control, Journal of Empirical Finance, Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Financial & Quantitative Analysis, Journal of Financial Econometrics, Journal of the American Statistical Association, Review of Asset Pricing Studies, Review of Derivatives Research, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics & Statistics, Review of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, Hong Kong Research Grants Council, National Science Foundation

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Best paper prize at the Conference on Derivatives and Volatility for “Very Noisy Option Prices and Inferences Regarding Option Returns,” 2019
Spängler IQAM Prize for best investments paper in the Review of Finance for “Investing in Disappearing Anomalies,” 2017

Finalist for Journal of Finance Smith-Breedon Prize for “Identification of Maximal Affine Term Structure Models,” American Finance Association, 2008
Dean’s Award for Research Excellence, Marshall School of Business, 2006
Best Paper in Investments for “Mutual Fund Performance with Learning Across Funds,” Financial Management Association, 2003
Research Grant, BSI Gamma Foundation, 2001
Graduate Fellowship, National Science Foundation, 1994-1999
Dean’s Fellowship for Distinguished Merit, Wharton School of Business, 1994-1998
Phi Beta Kappa, Pomona College, 1992
Pendleton Prize for Best Graduating Student in Economics, Pomona College, 1992

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES (Initial placement in parentheses)

University of Southern California

Austin Pollok, 2022 (USC)
Ryan Erhard, 2022 (SEC)
Louis Yang, 2021 (Point72)
Conson Zhang, 2019 (Peking University)
Roman Skripnik, 2019 (Toulouse Business School)
Yuan Wan, 2019 (PricewaterhouseCoopers)
Sung June Pyun, 2017 (National University of Singapore) – primary advisor
Wayne Chang, 2017 (Minerva)
Junbo Wang, 2014 (Fannie Mae)
Tong Wang, 2013 (Virginia Tech) – primary advisor
Haitao Mo, 2013 (Louisiana State University)
Jerchern Lin, 2012 (University of Buffalo)
Joshua Shemesh, 2011 (University of Melbourne)
Min Kim, 2010 (University of New South Wales)
Terry Wang, 2010 (Queens University)
Eleonora Granziera, 2010 (Bank of Canada)
Huseyin Gunay, 2010
Costas Xiouros, 2009 (BI Norwegian School of Management)
Jesus Sierra, 2009 (Bank of Canada)
Pawel Szerszen, 2008 (Federal Reserve Board of Governors)
Maria Ogneva, 2008 (Stanford)
Xudong An, 2007 (San Diego State)
Pouyan Mashayekh-Ahangarani, 2007 (Countrywide Financial)
Yangyong Zhang, 2006 (McGraw Hill Financial)
Huapeng Shi, 2006 (Royal Bank of Scotland)
Wei-Cheng Miao, 2004 (National Central University, Taiwan)

University of Rochester

Yuanzhi Luo, 2002 (Goldman Sachs Asset Management)
Ane Tamayo, 2001 (London Business School)