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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Sept 2015 – Present	James A. Elkins Centennial Chair in Finance University of Texas at Austin, McCombs School of Business
Jan 2019 – June 2019	Visiting Professor
July 2008 – Feb 2009	HKUST (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
Sept 2012 – Aug 2015	Arthur Andersen & Co. Alumni Centennial Professorship in Finance University of Texas at Austin, McCombs School of Business
Spring 2013	Visiting Professor Harvard Business School
Sept 2009 – Aug 2012	Full Professor University of Texas at Austin, McCombs School of Business Bank of America Centennial Fellow
Jan 2004 – Aug 2009	Associate Professor of Finance (with Tenure) University of Texas at Austin, McCombs School of Business
Jan 2005 – May 2005	Whitebox Visiting Fellow in Behavioral Finance Yale School of Management
Jan 2003 – Dec 2003	Frederick Frank Visiting Assistant/Associate Professor of Finance at Yale School of Management
May 2003 – Jul 2003	Associate Professor of Finance (with Tenure, on leave) Arizona State University, W.P. Carey School of Business
Aug 1997 – May 2003	Assistant Professor of Finance Arizona State University, W.P. Carey School of Business

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Forensic Finance, Digital Assets and Blockchain, Market Manipulation, Conflicts of Interest, CDOs, MBS, Credit Ratings, International Finance, Insider Trading, Institutional and Individual Investors, Real Estate, Rational and Behavioral Pricing, Hedge Funds.

PUBLISHED OR FORTHCOMING ARTICLES

“Is COVID Revealing a CMBS Virus?” with Alex Priest, forthcoming in *The Journal of Finance*.

- “Is the Chinese Anti-Corruption Campaign Authentic? Evidence from Corporate Investigations” with Clark Liu and Tao Shu, forthcoming in *Management Science*.
- “Ten Years of Evidence: Was Fraud a Force in the Financial Crisis?” 2021, *Journal of Economic Literature* 59(4), 1293-1321.
- “What Drove the 2003-2006 House Price Boom and Subsequent Collapse? Disentangling Competing Explanations” with Samuel A. Kruger and Gonzalo Maturana, 2021, *Journal of Financial Economics* 141(3), 1007-1035.
- “Is Bitcoin Really Un-Tethered?” with Amin Shams, 2020, *The Journal of Finance* 75(4), 1913-1964.
- “Personal Infidelity and Professional Conduct in 4 Settings” with Samuel A. Kruger and Gonzalo Maturana, 2019. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)* 116(33), 16268-16273.
- “Do Labor Markets Discipline? Evidence from RMBS Bankers” with Samuel A. Kruger and Gonzalo Maturana, 2019. *Journal of Financial Economics* 133(3), 726-750.
- “Manipulation in the VIX?” with Amin Shams, 2018, *Review of Financial Studies* 31(4), 1377-1417.
- “Debt Correlations in the Wake of the Financial Crisis: What are Appropriate Default Correlation for Structured Products?” with Jordan Nickerson, 2017, *Journal of Financial Economics* 125, 454-474.
- “Did Dubious Mortgage Origination Practices Distort House Prices?” with Gonzalo Maturana, 2016, *Review of Financial Studies* 29(7), 1671-1708.
- “Who Facilitated Misreporting in Securitized Loans?” with Gonzalo Maturana, 2016, *Review of Financial Studies* 29(2), 384-419. Winner of Michael J. Brennan Best Paper Award for best paper in the Review of Financial Studies. Winner of the Ohio State Alumni Conference Best Paper Award sponsored by BlackRock.
- “How Important Are Foreign Ownership Linkages for International Stock Returns?” with Sohnke Bartram, Tae-Hoon Lim, and David Ng, 2015, *Review of Financial Studies* 28(11): 3036-3072.
- “Complex Securities and Underwriter Reputation: Do Reputable Underwriters Produce Better Securities?” with Richard Lowery and Alessio Saretto, 2014, *Review of Financial Studies* 27(10), 2872-2925. Winner of the Blackrock Prize at the 26th Australasian Finance and Banking Conference.
- “Rating Shopping or Catering? An Examination of the Response to Competitive Pressure for CDO Credit Ratings” with Jordan Nickerson and Dragon (Yongjun) Tang, 2013, *Review of Financial Studies* 26(9), 2270-2310.
- “Did Subjectivity Play a Role in CDO Credit Ratings?” with Dragon Tang, August 2012, *Journal of Finance* 67(4), 1293-1328.

- “Examining the Dark Side of Financial Markets: Evidence from Short-Term Institutional Trading Prior to Major Events,” with Tao Shu and Selim Topaloglu, 2012, *Review of Financial Studies* 25, 2155-2188.
- “How Important Is the Financial Media in Global Markets?” with Nicholas H. Hirschey and Patrick J. Kelly, 2011, *Review of Financial Studies* 24(12), 3941-3992.
- “Did Credit Rating Agencies use Biased Assumptions?” with Dragon Tang, May 2011, *American Economic Review*, Vol. 101, No. 3: Pages 125-130.
- “Who Drove and Burst the Tech Bubble?” with Jeffrey Harris, Tao Shu, and Selim Topaloglu, August 2011, *The Journal of Finance* 66(4), 1251-1290.
- “Do Market Efficiency Measures Yield Correct Inferences? A Comparison of Developed and Emerging Markets” with Patrick Kelly and Federico Nardari, 2010, *Review of Financial Studies*, 23(8), 3225-3277.
- “How Smart are the Smart Guys? A Unique View from Hedge Fund Stock Holdings,” with Jin Xu, 2009, *Review of Financial Studies* 22, 2531-2570.
- “Why are IPO Investors Net Buyers through Lead Underwriters?” with Jeffrey Harris and Selim Topaloglu, 2007, *Journal of Financial Economics* 85, 518-551.
- “Do Investors Trade More When Stocks Have Performed Well? Evidence from 46 Countries,” with Federico Nardari and René M. Stulz, 2007, *Review of Financial Studies* 20, 905-951.
- “Measuring the Economic Importance of Exchange Rate Exposure,” with Craig Doidge and Rohan Williamson, 2006, *Journal of Empirical Finance* 13, 550-576.
- “The Informational Content of Option Volume Prior to Takeovers,” with Charles Cao and Zhiwu Chen, 2005, *Journal of Business* 78, 1073-1109.
- “Global Momentum Strategies: A Portfolio Perspective,” with Susan Ji and Spencer Martin, 2005, *Journal of Portfolio Management* (Winter), 23-39.
- “Daily Cross-border Equity Flows: Pushed or Pulled?” with Federico Nardari and René M. Stulz, 2004, *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 86, 642-657.
- “The Dynamics of Institutional and Individual Trading,” with Jeffrey Harris and Selim Topaloglu, 2003, *Journal of Finance* 58, 2285-2320.
- “Momentum Investing and Business Cycle Risk: Evidence from Pole to Pole,” with Susan Ji and Spencer Martin, 2003, *Journal of Finance* 58, 2515-2547.
- “Does Book-to-Market Equity Proxy for Distress Risk?” with Mike Lemmon, 2002, *Journal of Finance* 57, 2317-2336. Reprinted in The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics: The Psychology of World Equity Markets, edited by Werner de Bondt.

“Are the Fama and French Factors Global or Country-Specific?” 2002, *Review of Financial Studies* 15, 783-803.

“International Competition and Exchange Rate Shocks: A Cross-Country Industry Analysis,” with René M. Stulz, 2001, *Review of Financial Studies* 14, 215-241.

“Another Look at the Role of the Industrial Structure of Markets for International Diversification Strategies,” with G. Andrew Karolyi, 1998, *Journal of Financial Economics* 50, 351-373.

Citations in academic papers according to Google Scholar: 9,351 as of October 2021, and 979 in SSCI journals as of December 2015.

WORKING PAPERS

“Did FinTech Lenders Facilitate PPP Fraud?” with Samuel Kruger and Prateek Mahajan.

“Are CLO Collateral and Tranche Ratings Disconnected?” with Jordan Nickerson.

EDUCATION

1993 – 1997	Ph.D., Finance , Ohio State University
1992 – 1993	M.S., Finance , Texas A&M University
1988 – 1992	B.A., Economics , Baylor University

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Investments, Undergraduate Program, University of Texas

Empirical Methods/Asset Pricing/Behavioral Finance Seminar, Doctoral Programs, University of Texas, Yale School of Management, and Arizona State University

Global Finance, MBA Program, University of Texas

International Finance, Undergraduate Program, University of Texas

Applied Finance Research, Doctoral Program, University of Texas

International Finance, Yale School of Management

Investment Management, Evening and Day MBA Programs, Arizona State University

International Financial Management, Undergraduate Program, Arizona State University

Investment Management, Undergraduate Program, The Ohio State University

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

Chair, Society of Financial Studies (SFS) Cavalcade, 2013.

Vice-Chair, Society of Financial Studies (SFS) Cavalcade, 2012.

Distinguished Referee Award, *Review of Financial Studies*, 2012.

Award for Research Excellence, McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin, 2012.

Research Excellence Grant, McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin, 2009, 2011, 2013.

BSI – Gamma Foundation Research Grant, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial

Associate Editor, *Review of Financial Studies*, June 2012-May 2015

Director

Board of Directors, Financial Management Association, 2014-Present

Referee

The Journal of Finance, The Review of Financial Studies, The Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, The Journal of Financial Economics, Management Science, The Review of Corporate Financial Studies, The Journal of International Money and Finance, The Journal of Empirical Finance, American Economic Review, The Journal of Corporate Finance, The Journal of Economics and Business, Journal of Financial Markets, European Financial Management, Financial Review, 1995-present

Conference Organizer

Texas Finance Festival, April 2017, 2018
Cavalcade Chair, May 2013
Cavalcade Vice Chair, May 2012
Co-organizer, HKUST Asset Pricing Conference, December 2008

Session Chair (Incomplete)

American Finance Association, 2006, 2007, 2012
ASB The Australasian Finance and Banking Conference, 2011
AsianFA-NFA International Conference, 2008
China International Finance Conference, 2010
Western Finance Association, 2005, 2006, 2007
Georgia Tech International Conference, 2005
McGill International Conference, 2007

Discussant

American Finance Association, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013
AREUEA Conference, 2013
ASB The Australasian Finance and Banking Conference PHD session, 2011, 2014
AsianFA-NFA International Conference, 2008 (2 papers)
Atlanta Federal Reserve Conference, April 2006
Georgia Tech International Conference, 2005
Singapore International Conference, 2008
Western Finance Association, 2001, 2002, 2004 (2), 2010

Program Committee Member

Darden International Finance Conference, 2008-2012
Western Finance Association, 2003-2015
American Finance Association, 2004-2007, 2011
European Finance Association, 2005
European Financial Management Association, 2006
Financial Management Association, 2004, 2006

PhD Committee Members

Amin Shams (Chair), initial appointment at Ohio State
Gonzalo Maturana (Chair), initial appointment at Emory
Ruoyu Shao, (Co-chair), Economics Student, initial industry appointment
Jordan Nickerson (Co-chair), initial appointment at Boston College
Nicholas Hirschey (Co-chair), initial appointment at London Business School

Chishen Wei, initial appointment at Nanyang Technological University
Michael Yates, initial appointment at Auburn University
Tao Shu, initial appointment at University of Georgia
Jin Xu (Co-chair), initial appointment at Zebra Asset Management
Patrick Kelly (Co-chair), initial appointment at University of South Florida
Susan Ji, (Dissertation Chair), initial appointment at Baruch College
Magali Valero, Economics, PhD expected August 2003
Selim Topaloglu, initial visiting appointment at Purdue University, now at Queens University
Naveen Daniel, initial visiting appointment at Georgia State
Chris Gadarowski, initial visiting appointment at the Cornell Hotel School
Jim Linck, University of Georgia

Doctoral Program

Speaker and Session for the FMA Doctoral Consortium 2012, 2015
McCombs School of Business, January 2004 – May 2008

Chaired Committee for New MS Finance Program

McCombs School of Business, 2011

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