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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Sept 2015 – Present	James A. Elkins Centennial Chair in Finance
Jan 2019-June 2019	Visiting Professor at HKUST (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
Sept 2012 – Aug 2015	Arthur Andersen & Co. Alumni Centennial Professorship in Finance
Spring 2013	Visiting Professor at Harvard Business School
Sept 2009 – Aug 2012	Full Professor University of Texas at Austin, McCombs School of Business Bank of America Centennial Fellow
July 2008 – Feb 2009	Visiting Professor at HKUST (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
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, Cryptocurrencies, Loan Misreporting, 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

- “Do Municipal Bond Dealers Give their Customers Best Execution or Opportunistic Pricing?” with Nicholas Hirschey and Samuel Kruger. *Journal of Finance*, 78(2), 887-934.
- “Did FinTech Lenders Facilitate PPP Fraud?” with Samuel Kruger and Prateek Mahajan. (2023). *Journal of Finance*, 78(3), 1777-1827.
- “Are CLO Collateral and Tranche Ratings Disconnected?” with Jordan Nickerson. (2022). *Review of Financial Studies*, 35(11), 2319-2360.
- “Is COVID Revealing a CMBS Virus?” with Alex Priest. (2023). *Journal of Finance*, 78(4), 2233-2276.
- “Is the Chinese Anti-Corruption Campaign Effective?” with Clark Liu and Tao Shu. (2021). *Management Science*, 68(10), 7248-7273.
- “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(3), 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*, 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(3), 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. (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(7), 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. (2011). *American Economic Review*, 101(3), 125-130.
- “Who Drove and Burst the Tech Bubble?” with Jeffrey Harris, Tao Shu, and Selim Topaloglu. (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(7), 2531-2570.
- “Why are IPO Investors Net Buyers through Lead Underwriters?” with Jeffrey Harris and Selim Topaloglu. (2007). *Journal of Financial Economics*, 85(2), 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(3), 905-951.

“Measuring the Economic Importance of Exchange Rate Exposure” with Craig Doidge and Rohan Williamson. (2006). *Journal of Empirical Finance*, 13(4-5), 550-576.

“The Informational Content of Option Volume Prior to Takeovers” with Charles Cao and Zhiwu Chen. (2005). *Journal of Business*, 78(3), 1073-1109.

“Global Momentum Strategies: A Portfolio Perspective” with Susan Ji and Spencer Martin (2005). *Journal of Portfolio Management*, 31(2), 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(3), 642-657.

“The Dynamics of Institutional and Individual Trading” with Jeffrey Harris and Selim Topaloglu. (2003). *Journal of Finance*, 58(6), 2285-2320.

“Momentum Investing and Business Cycle Risk: Evidence from Pole to Pole” with Susan Ji and Spencer Martin. (2003). *Journal of Finance*, 58(6), 2515-2547.

“Does Book-to-Market Equity Proxy for Distress Risk?” with Mike Lemmon. (2002). *Journal of Finance*, 57(5), 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(3), 783-803.

“International Competition and Exchange Rate Shocks: A Cross-Country Industry Analysis” with René M. Stulz. (2001). *Review of Financial Studies*, 14(1), 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(3), 351-373.

Citations in academic papers according to Google Scholar: 11,564 as of July 2023.

WORKING PAPERS

“What is Forensic Finance?” with Samuel Kruger.

“Did Pandemic Relief Fraud Inflate House Prices?” with Samuel Kruger and Prateek Mahajan.

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

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

CEO/Owner

Integra FEC, Integra REC, Integra Research Group, Integra MED Analytics, engage in litigation consulting and research connected to fraud discovery and recovery. See IntegraFEC.com

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

President, Western Finance Association, 2022.

Vice President, President-Elect, Western Finance Association, 2020, 2021.

Michael J. Brennan Best Paper Award, best paper in the Review of Financial Studies for “Who Facilitated Misreporting in Securitized Loans?”, 2017.

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, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019.

BSI – Gamma Foundation Research Grant, 2008.

PRESENTATIONS

2021-2022

“Did FinTech Lenders Facilitate PPP Fraud?”

Hong Kong Baptist University, Lone Star Conference (co-author), the University of Texas at Austin (co-author), the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (co-author), ASU Sonoran Winter Finance Conference (co-author), Financial Research Association Conference (co-author), Lone Star Finance Conference (co-author), Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (co-author), Georgetown University, RCFS Winter Conference (co-author), Texas Finance Festival (co-author), UT Dallas Fall Finance Conference (co-author), The Society for Financial Studies Cavalcade (co-author), Western Finance Association Conference (co-author), The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the U.S. Government Accountability Office

- 2019-2020 *“Are CLO Collateral and Tranche Ratings Disconnected?”*
MIT-Sloan (co-author), the University of Texas at Austin, the Washington DC Federal Reserve
- 2019-2020 *“Do Municipal Bond Dealers Give their Customers Best Execution or Opportunistic Pricing?”*
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, London Business School (co-author), the University of Texas at Austin (co-author), the Nova School of Business and Economics (co-author), the University of Melbourne (co-author), Lone Star Finance Conference (co-author), Northern Finance Association (co-author), Adam Smith Juniors Workshop (co-author), American Finance Association (co-author), European Winter Finance Conference (co-author), Midwest Finance association (co-author), Municipal Finance Workshop (co-author)
- 2020-2021 *“Is COVID Revealing a CMBS Virus?”*
The University of Texas at Austin (co-author), 2021 OSU PhD Conference (co-author)
- 2016-2020 *“Is the Chinese Anti-Corruption Campaign Effective?”*
Finance Down Under Conference (co-author), Conference of Financial Economics and Accounting (co-author), Financial Management Association Meeting Asia Panel Session (co-author), Paris December Conference (co-author), Association of Financial Economists Meeting (co-author), Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research Meeting (co-author), the Fifth Symposium on Emerging Financial Markets: China and Beyond (co-author), China International Conference of Finance (co-author), MIT Asian Conference in Accounting (co-author), China Financial Research Conference (co-author), Arizona State University, Tulane University, University of Georgia (co-author), Georgia State University (co-author), University of Hong Kong, and University of Utah
- 2018-2019 *“What Drove the 2003-2006 House Price Boom and Subsequent Collapse? Disentangling Competing Explanations”*
Brigham Young University (co-author), Emory University (co-author), Louisiana State University (co-author), Pennsylvania State University (co-author), Texas A&M University, the University of Texas (co-author), Lone Star Finance Conference (co-author), Santiago Finance Workshop (co-author), American Economic Association Meeting (co-author), AREUEA National Conference (co-author), UBC Winter Finance Conference (co-author) , and the University of Chicago 10th Anniversary of the Financial Crisis Conference
- 2018-2019 *“Is Bitcoin Really Un-Tethered?”*
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Cryptocurrencies and Blockchain Conference at the University of Chicago (co-author), FBI CPA Conference, Financial Intelligence and Investigations Conference (co-author), Fintech Conference at the Hong Kong University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong Securities

- and Futures Commission, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Korean Financial Supervisory Service, Japan Financial Services Agency, Santa Clara University (co-author), Texas Bitcoin Conference (joint), Tsinghua University, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, University of Texas-Austin (co-author), University of Zurich, and Wharton Liquidity Conference at the University of Pennsylvania (co-author)
- 2016-2018 *“Personal Infidelity and Professional Conduct in 4 Settings”* American Finance Association Annual Meeting (co-author), the Catholic University of Chile (co-author), the Lone Star Finance Conference (co-author), the Wake Forest Corporate Social Responsibility Conference (co-author), the Center for Accounting Research and Education Conference (co-author), the Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting (co-author), the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the University of Texas at Austin (co-author)
- 2016-2017 *“Do Labor Markets Discipline? Evidence From RMBS Bankers”* The Review of Corporate Finance Studies Conference (co-author), the Jackson Hole Finance Conference, the PNC University of Kentucky Finance Conference (co-author), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation– Journal of Financial Services Research Conference (co-author), The University of Texas at San Antonio (co-author), The University of Texas at Austin (co-author), Dartmouth College (co-author), New York University, University of Colorado Boulder, Washington University in St. Louis, the 2017 Florida State University Conference (co-author), the 2017 University of Tennessee Finance Conference, and the 2017 Western Finance Association Meeting (co-author, in attendance)
- 2016-2017 *“Do Personal Ethics Influence Corporate Ethics?”* American Finance Association Annual Meeting (co-author, in attendance), the Securities and Exchange Commission
- 2015-2017 *“Manipulation in the VIX?”* Commodity Futures Trading Commission, SFS Cavalcade Conference 2017 (by co-author), the Western Finance Association, the University of Bristol, University of Notre Dame, University of Texas-San Antonio, and University of Warwick
- 2013-2015 *“Forensic Finance in the Financial Crisis”* related versions 2015 FMA Doctoral Symposium, Fall 2013 FMA Members' & Friends' Breakfast Keynote, 2014 Australasian Finance and Banking Conference Keynote
- 2014-2015 *“Did Dubious Mortgage Origination Practices Distort House Prices?”* Baylor University, the Darden School at the University of Virginia, Georgia State University, London Business School, London School of Economics, Texas Christian University, University of Michigan, University of New South Wales, University of Texas at Dallas
- 2014 *“Debt Correlations in the Wake of the Financial Crisis: What are Appropriate Default Correlation for Structured Products?”* Cambridge University.

- 2013-2014 *"Who Facilitated Misreporting in Securitized Loans?"* Arizona State University, Boston College, Harvard Business School, Ohio State Alumni Conference, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2013 *"Conflicts of Interest, Complexity, and The Financial Crisis"* SFS Cavalcade Keynote.
- 2012-2013 *"Complex Securities and Underwriter Reputation: Do Reputable Underwriters Produce Better Securities?"* Oxford 2012 Conference on Reputation, Tilburg University, Ohio State University, presented at the Western Finance Association (by co-author but in attendance)
- 2011-2013 *"Rating Shopping or Catering? An Examination of the Response to Competitive Pressure for CDO Credit Ratings"* Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Houston, Notre Dame/NASDAQ 2012 Conference on Regulatory Implications, Macquarie Graduate School of Management, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (co-presented), Western Finance Association (by co-author but in attendance), NBER (by co-author but in attendance)
- 2012 *"Recent Research in Forensic Finance"* Speaker for FMA Special Session 2012, also speaker for the FMA Doctoral Consortium
- 2011 *"Do Hedge Funds Make Money for their Clients?"* with Christian Tiu, Macquarie Graduate School of Management Alumni Event
- 2009-2011 *"How Important is Foreign Ownership for International Stock Co-Movement?"* University of Texas at Dallas, Dimensional Fund Advisors, 2010 China International Conference, Tsinghua Emerging Markets Conference
- 2008-2010 *"Did Subjectivity Play a Role in CDO Credit Ratings?"* BSI Gamma Conference, Tsinghua University, INSEAD, Singapore, 2008 Chulalongkorn Accounting and Finance Symposium, National University of Singapore, University of Texas, Hebrew University, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, University of Arizona, 16th Mitsui Finance Symposium, University of Michigan, Notre Dame Conference on the Financial Crisis, Shanghai Jiaotong University, 2010 Atlanta Federal Reserve Financial Markets Conference, 2010 American Finance Association, 2010 Utah Winter Finance Conference, Securities and Exchange Commission, University of Hawaii, 2010 China International Conference, 2010 NBER Credit Rating Sessions
- 2008-2010 *"How Important is the Financial Press in Emerging Markets?"* Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Singapore Management University, Peking University, Singapore Management University, Fudan University, Jiao Tong University, Nanyang Technological University, University of Washington, Darden International Conference, 2010 American Finance Association (by co-author, but in attendance), 2010 China International Conference
- 2008 Work-in-progress, *"Examining Quant Risk: International Movements and Domestic Implications"* Sanford C. Bernstein Conference, part of a presentation to AllianceBernstein
- 2007-2008 *"Examining the Dark Side of Financial Markets: Evidence from Short-Term Institutional Trading Prior to Major Events,"* Darden School of Business,

- 2008 China International Conference (by co-author, but in attendance), 2008 Singapore International Conference (by co-author, but in attendance and responded to discussant)
- 2006-2008 *“Are Emerging Markets More Profitable? Implications for Comparing Weak and Semi-Strong Form Efficiency,”* formerly titled, “Measurement and Determinants of International Stock Market Efficiency” 2008 American Finance Association (by co-author, but in attendance and responded to discussant), Baruch College, Carnegie Mellon, Copenhagen Business School, Darden/NYSE Conference in N.Y. (by co-author, but in attendance and responded to discussant), George Mason University, the Federal Reserve in D.C., Norwegian School of Management, The Ohio State University
- 2002-2006 *“Who Drove and Burst the Tech Bubble?”* Western Finance Association, University of Texas, Dartmouth College, Ohio State University, AGSM Summer Research Camp, University of New South Wales. FMA European Conference in Stockholm, The Review of Financial Studies/Indiana University bubble conference, Texas A&M University
- 2005-2008 *“How Smart are the Smart Guys? A Unique View from Hedge Fund Stock Holdings”* 2008 American Finance Association (by co-author, but in attendance and responded to discussant), University of Lisboa in Portugal, University of Texas, Yale School of Management
- 2004-2005 *“Why are IPO Investors Net Buyers through Lead Underwriters?”* Conflict of Interest conference sponsored by Ohio State University/Federal Reserve Bank of New York, University of Tilburg, Rutgers University, University of Florida, University of Texas, American Finance Association
- 2004 *“Stock market trading and market conditions”* University of Texas Finance and Accounting Symposium, University of Amsterdam
- 2002 *“Daily Cross-border Equity Flows: Pushed or Pulled?”* Georgia Tech International Finance Conference
- 2001-2002 *“The Dynamics of Institutional and Individual Trading”* Financial Management Association, University of North Carolina, Rice University, Baylor University, Texas A&M University, (under previous title) Ohio State University, University of Michigan
- 1999-2001 *“The Informational Content of Option Volume Prior to Takeovers”* American Finance Association, Utah Winter Finance Conference, Western Finance Association
- 1999-2000 *“Does Book-to-Market Equity Proxy for Distress or Overreaction?”* University of Maryland, Southern Methodist University, Western Finance Association
- 1998-1999 *“International competition and exchange rate shocks: A cross-country industry analysis”* American Finance Association, Arizona Finance Symposium
- 1997 *“Do the Fama and French Factors Proxy for Risk? An International Test.”* Penn State University, University of Arizona, Arizona State University, McGill University
- 1996 *“Another Look at the Role of the Industrial Structure of Markets for International Diversification Strategies”* Financial Management Association, Western Finance Association

Editorial

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

Director

Board of Directors, Financial Management Association, 2014-2016

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

Western Finance Association, 2021
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

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

Alex Priest (chair), initial appointment at University of Rochester
Amin Shams (co-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, 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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