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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Business School	
Senior Lecturer in Finance	07/2018 - Present
Lecturer in Finance	09/2017 - 06/2018

EDUCATION

PhD in Finance	
University of Alberta, School of Business	09/2012 - 08/2017
Advisors: Masahiro Watanabe, Akiko Watanabe	
Visiting PhD Student	
University of California, San Diego	01/2015 - 07/2015
Advisor: Valerie Ramey	
MA in Economics and Finance	
University of Alberta, Department of Economics	09/2010 - 06/2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Asset Pricing, International Finance, and Corporate Finance.

RESEARCH PAPERS

Publications

The Burden of the National Debt: Evidence from Mergers and Acquisitions, 2022
w/ Yanhui Wu and Huizhong Zhang
Review of Corporate Finance Studies

Geographic Distribution of Firms and Expected Stock Returns, 2021
Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control

Working Papers

Geopolitical Risk, Financial Slack and Capital Investments, 2022
w/ Vikas Mehrotra and Yanhui Wu

Government Spending Shocks and Asset Prices, 2022

Geopolitical Risk and Corporate Innovation, 2022
w/ Yanhui Wu

Using Stock Returns to Identify Government Spending Shocks: New Insights, 2022

Investment Shocks and Asset Returns: International Evidence, 2020
w/ Akiko Watanabe and Masahiro Watanabe

Banking Efficiency Matters During Non-Financial Crises: Evidence from the Covid-19 Pandemic, 2021
w/ Yanhui Wu

Tax News Shocks, Political Cycles, and Asset Prices, 2020

Identifying Oil Market Risk, 2022

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (MY OWN PRESENTATIONS ONLY)

FMA Asia/Pacific Conference, December 2022 (scheduled)
University of Adelaide, October 2022
University of Queensland, September 2022
Australian National University, August 2022
Australasia Meeting of the Econometric Society, July 2022
International Risk Management Conference, July 2022
American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting, January 2022
FIRN Annual Conference, November 2021
Conference on Law and Macroeconomics, October 2021
Frontiers in International Finance and Banking Conference, October 2021
Vietnam Symposium in Banking and Finance, October 2021
Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting, October 2021
International Risk Management Conference, October 2021
FIRN Banking and Financial Stability Meeting, August 2021
Asian Finance Association Conference, July 2021
International Conference of the French Finance Association (AFFI), May 2021
Conference on Asia-Pacific Financial Markets, December 2020
European Finance Association (EFA) Annual Meeting, August 2020
Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meeting, August 2020
FIRN Annual Conference, November 2019
Financial Management Association (FMA) Asia/Pacific Conference, July 2019

Australian National University, May 2019
Politics, Stock Markets and the Economy Conference, December 2018
University of Queensland, October 2018
FIRN Asset Pricing Meeting, October 2018
Macquarie University, September 2018
University of Auckland, August 2018
Massey University, August 2018
Auckland University of Technology, August 2018
China International Conference in Finance (CICF), July 2018
Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference, April 2018
University of Melbourne, March 2018
University of Queensland, February 2018
American Finance Association (AFA) Annual Meeting, January 2018
Auckland Finance Meeting, December 2017
Australasian Finance and Banking Conference, December 2017
SFS Cavalcade Asia-Pacific, December 2017
Australian National University, November 2017
Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA), August 2017
Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meeting, March 2017
University of Windsor, February 2017
Queensland University of Technology (QUT), February 2017
American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting, January 2017
Auckland Finance Meeting, December 2016
Australasian Finance and Banking Conference, December 2016
Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting, October 2016
Southern Illinois University Research Seminar Series, October 2016
Northern Finance Association (NFA) Conference, September 2016
Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA), August 2016

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (CO-AUTHOR PRESENTATIONS)

Vietnam Symposium in Banking and Finance, October 2022 (scheduled)
FIRN Annual Conference, November 2021
Vietnam Symposium in Banking and Finance, October 2021
Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meeting, August 2020
FIRN Annual Conference, November 2019
Asian Finance Association Conference, July 2019
Financial Management Association (FMA) Asia/Pacific Conference, July 2019
Politics, Stock Markets and the Economy Conference, December 2018
Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting, October 2018
Northern Finance Association (NFA) Conference, September 2018
Macquarie University, September 2018
Australian National University, July 2018
Asian Finance Association Conference, June 2018
FIRN Corporate Finance Meeting, May 2018
Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference, April 2018

Alberta/Calgary Finance Conference, November 2017
Japanese Economic Association Meetings, May 2015
Development Bank of Japan, May 2015
Nippon (Japanese) Finance Association Meetings, June 2014

CONFERENCE DISCUSSANT

International Conference of the French Finance Association (AFFI), May 2021
Asian Finance Association Conference, July 2021
Asian Finance Association Conference, July 2019
Auckland Finance Meeting, December 2017
SFS Cavalcade Asia-Pacific, December 2017
Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting, March 2017
Auckland Finance Meeting, December 2016
Australasian Finance and Banking Conference, December 2016
FMA Annual Meeting, October 2016

CONFERENCE SESSION CHAIR

Australasia Meeting of the Econometric Society, July 2022
Northern Finance Association (NFA) Conference, September 2021
Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting, March 2017
Australasian Finance and Banking Conference, December 2016
FMA Annual Meeting, October 2016

MEDIA ARTICLES

Rein in inflation, July 2022

LMD: The Voice of Business

The need to privatize state-owned enterprises, June 5, 2022

The Sunday Times Sri Lanka

Inflation has sky-rocketed, May 15, 2022

The Sunday Times Sri Lanka

Investors need confidence that Sri Lanka is a safe choice for investment!, May 08, 2022

The Sunday Times Sri Lanka

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Program Chair

- Queensland Corporate Finance Conference (QCFC 2023), August 2023 (Scheduled)
- Queensland Corporate Finance Conference (QCFC 2022), October 2022 (Scheduled)
- Queensland Corporate Finance Conference (QCFC 2019), August 2019

Conference Program Committee

- Financial Management Association (FMA) Asia/Pacific Conference, December 2022
- Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting, October 2022
- Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting, October 2021
- Financial Management Association (FMA) Asia/Pacific Conference, July 2019
- Financial Management Association (FMA) Asia/Pacific Conference, July 2018
- AFAANZ Conference, July 2018
- FMA Annual Meeting, Boston, October 2017
- FMA European Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, June 2017
- FMA Asia Pacific Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, May 2017

Peer-Reviewed Articles for:

- Journal of Corporate Finance, Journal of Empirical Finance, Economic Letters, International Review of Economics and Finance, Japan and the World Economy, Papers in Regional Science, Economic Analysis and Policy, Financial Innovation

University Committee

- Faculty Academic Board - Faculty of Business and Law (June 2021 to December 2022)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Queensland University of Technology, Australia

February 2018 - Current

- International Finance (Undergraduate)
- Data Analysis and Decision Making (MBA)

University of Alberta, Canada

September 2015 to December 2016

Instructor, Department of Finance

- Investment Principles (Undergraduate)
- Introduction to Finance (Undergraduate)

University of Alberta, Canada

September 2013 to December 2014

Teaching Assistant, Department of Finance

- Investment Principles (Undergraduate)
- Advanced Portfolio Management (Undergraduate)
- International Finance (Undergraduate and MBA)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Tax Shocks, Political Cycles, and Asset Prices, FMA Asia Pacific Conference (2019)
 - Finalist for best paper award
- Government Spending Shocks and Firm Innovation, FMA Conference (2018)
 - Semi-finalist for best paper awards
- Faculty Grant Funding (2016 - 2017)
- FGSR Profiling Alberta's Graduate Students Award (2016)

- Scotiabank NFA Registration Award (2016)
- Investment Shocks and Asset Returns: International Evidence, FMA (2016)
 - Semi-finalist for best paper awards
- University of Alberta Business PhD Award (2012 - 2016)
- University of Alberta Business PhD Scholarship (2012 - 2016)
- AIMCo. PhD Scholarship in Finance (2014 - 2015)
- GRA Rice Graduate Scholarship in Business (2014 - 2015)
- Doctoral Students Abroad Funding (2015)
- Ernst Young PhD Faculty Fellowship (2012 - 2013)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Economic Association, 2016-Present
Member, American Finance Association, 2016-Present
Member, Financial Management Association International, 2016-Present
Member, European Finance Association, 2016-Present
Member, Northern Finance Association, 2016-Present
Member, Econometric Society, 2021-Present

COMPUTER SKILLS

Programming: SAS, Matlab, R, Stata, Dynare, LaTeX

OTHER

Canadian (Citizenship)
Australia (Permanent Resident)

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request