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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

## EDUCATION

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

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Theoretical Asset Pricing, Empirical Asset Pricing, and Empirical Corporate Finance.

## RESEARCH PAPERS

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### *Publications*

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

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

### ***Papers in Review***

Government Spending Shocks and Asset Prices, 2021

Geopolitical Risk and Corporate Innovation, 2022  
with Yanhui Wu

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

### ***Working Papers***

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

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

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

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

Identifying Oil Market Risk, 2022

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (MY OWN PRESENTATIONS ONLY)**

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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)**

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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**

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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**

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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

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **Conference Program Chair**

- Queensland Corporate Finance Conference (QCFC 2021), August 2022
- Queensland Corporate Finance Conference (QCFC 2019), August 2019

### **Conference Program Committee**

- 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

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### **Queensland University of Technology, Australia**

February 2018 - Current

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

### **Doctoral Students Advised**

- Richard Colthurst

### **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

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- 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)
- Faculty Grant Funding (2012 - 2013)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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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**

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

## **OTHER**

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Canadian (Citizenship)  
Australia (Permanent Resident)

## **REFERENCES**

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Available Upon Request