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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2008 - 2014 Ph.D. in Finance, **Duke University**
- 2006 - 2008 M.A. in Statistics, **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**
- 2002 - 2006 B.S. in Mathematics, with distinction, **Tsinghua University**

EMPLOYMENT

Purdue University

2019 - present Assistant Professor of Finance

Texas A&M University

2017 - 2019 RepublicBank Research Fellow

2014 - 2019 Assistant Professor of Finance

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Asset pricing, Financial econometrics, Macro finance, Hedge funds, Mutual funds, Financial reporting, Financial institutions, Corporate events, Machine learning [[Google Scholar](#)]

PUBLICATIONS

- “Reconstructing the Yield Curve”, with Jing Cynthia Wu, 2020. Forthcoming, **Journal of Financial Economics**. [[Link](#)]
- *Solicited by* Journal of Financial Economics
- “Luck versus Skill in the Cross-Section of Mutual Fund Returns: Reexamining the Evidence”, with Campbell R. Harvey. 2020. (**Conditionally accepted, Journal of Finance**) [[Link](#)]
- “Index Option Returns and Generalized Entropy Bounds”, 2020. Forthcoming, **Journal of Financial Economics**. [[Link](#)]
- “False (and Missed) Discoveries in Financial Economics”, with Campbell R. Harvey, 2020. Forthcoming, **Journal of Finance**, October 2020. [[Link](#)]

- “Lucky Factors?”, with Campbell R. Harvey, 2020. Forthcoming, **Journal of Financial Economics**. [[Link](#)]
- “An Evaluation of Alternative Multiple Testing Methods for Finance Applications”, with Campbell R. Harvey and Alessio Saretto, 2020. Forthcoming, **Review of Asset Pricing Studies**. [[Link](#)]
 - *Invited and Refereed*
- “Cross-Sectional Alpha Dispersion and Performance Evaluation”, with Campbell R. Harvey, 2019. **Journal of Financial Economics**, 134, 273–296. [[Link](#)]
- “Detecting Repeatable Performance”, with Campbell R. Harvey, 2018. **Review of Financial Studies**, 31, 2499–2552. [[Link](#)][[NBER](#)]
- “... and the Cross-section of Expected Returns”, with Campbell R. Harvey and Heqing Zhu, 2016. **Review of Financial Studies**, 29, 5-72. [[Link](#)][[NBER](#)]
 - *Lead article*
 - *NASDAQ OMX Award, 2014, for the best paper in asset pricing at the Western Finance Association Meetings (WFA, 2014)*
 - *Best Paper Award, 2014, INQUIRE-Europe-UK*
 - *Solicited by Review of Financial Studies*

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Backtesting”, with Campbell R. Harvey, 2015. **Journal of Portfolio Management**, 42(1), 12-38. [[Link](#)]
 - *Lead article*
 - *Bernstein Fabozzi/Jacobs Levy Award, 2015, for the best paper in the Journal of Portfolio Management*
- “Evaluating Trading Strategies”, with Campbell R. Harvey, 2014. **Journal of Portfolio Management**, 40(5), 108-118. [[Link](#)]
 - *Bernstein Fabozzi/Jacobs Levy Award, 2014, for the best paper in the Journal of Portfolio Management*

WORKING PAPERS

- “Distorting Arrow-Debreu Securities: New Entropy Restrictions Implied by the Option Cross Section”, with Fousseni Chabi-Yo. 2020. [[SSRN](#)]
 - *Conference presentations: EFA 2020, SAFE Asset Pricing Workshop 2020*
- “Diversifying Private Equity”, with Oleg Gredil and Berk Sensoy. 2020. [[SSRN](#)]
 - *Virtual Asset Management Seminar Series (VAMSS, 2020), 12th Annual Symposium on Private Equity Research 2020*

- “Crowding: Evidence from Fund Managerial Structure”, with Campbell R. Harvey, Eric Tan, and Min Zhu. 2020. [[SSRN](#)]
- *AFA 2021*
- “Beta Signatures”, with Campbell R. Harvey, 2020.
- “Optimal Cross-Sectional Regression”, with Zhipeng Liao, 2020. [[SSRN](#)]
- “Maxing Out Entropy: A Conditioning Approach”, with Fousseni Chabi-Yo, 2020. [[SSRN](#)]
- “A Census of the Factor Zoo”, with Campbell R. Harvey, 2019. [[SSRN](#)]
- “Distorted Risk Incentives from Size Threshold-Based Regulations”, with Shane A. Johnson, 2018. [[SSRN](#)]
- “Asset Pricing with Prior Anchors: Evidence Based on Disclosed Risk Factors”, with Sophia Hu and Shane A. Johnson, 2016. [[SSRN](#)]
- *Conference presentations: CICF 2017, FMA 2017*
- “Does Scale Impact Skill?”, with Campbell R. Harvey, 2016. [[SSRN](#)]
- *Conference presentations: WFA 2017*
- “Multiple Testing in Economics”, with Campbell R. Harvey, 2014. [[SSRN](#)]
- “Diagnosing Dynamic Asset Pricing Models with Generalized Entropy Bounds”, 2014. [[SSRN](#)]

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

[* = presentation by coauthor, 2 = two seminar visits]

- 2021 American Finance Association annual meetings; Louisiana State University (scheduled); University of Oklahoma; Johns Hopkins University; Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance (SAIF, scheduled)
- 2020 ASSA Annual Meeting, San Diego; European Finance Associating Meeting (EFA), Helsinki; 7th SAFE Asset Pricing Workshop; Virtual Asset Management Seminar Series (VAMSS)*; Tulane University*; Two Sigma; 12th Annual Symposium on Private Equity Research; University of Maryland; Washington University in St. Louis; Ohio State University*; Cornell University*
- 2019 American Finance Association annual meetings (AFA), Atlanta; Midwest Finance Association meetings (MFA), Chicago (discussion); University of Oregon, Summer Finance Conference (discussion); University of Michigan*; University of California at Irvine*

- 2018 American Finance Association annual meetings (AFA), Philadelphia (discussion); Western Finance Association annual meetings (WFA), Coronado (1 paper + 1 discussion); Society of Financial Studies (SFS) Finance Cavalcade, Connecticut (2 discussions); Hong Kong Polytechnic University*; Nanyang Technological University*; Singapore Management University*; National University of Singapore*; Peking University HSBC Business School*; Man Quant Conference*; Rice University*; University of Southern California*; Carnegie Mellon University*; Purdue University; Hanken School of Economics*; Man-Numeric*; Research Affiliates*
- 2017 American Finance Association annual meetings (AFA), Chicago; Western Finance Association annual meetings (WFA), Whistler; China International Conference in Finance (CICF), Hangzhou*; Financial Management Association International, Boston*; Lone Star Finance Conference, Baylor University (discussion)
- 2016 American Finance Association annual meetings (AFA), San Francisco; Western Finance Association annual meetings (WFA), Utah; SunTrust-Florida State University Finance Conference (discussion); Society of Financial Studies (SFS) Finance Cavalcade, Toronto (1 paper + 2 discussions); Hong Kong Polytechnic University; Ninth Annual Conference, Society for Financial Econometrics (SoFiE), Hong Kong (2 papers); Man Quant Conference, New York*; Research Affiliates, Newport Coast*; APG, Amsterdam*; ICPM Conference, Montreal*; Deutsche Bank Asset Management*
- 2015 American Finance Association annual meetings (AFA), Boston; Baylor University (Hankamer); China International Conference in Finance (CICF), Shen Zhen; University of Colorado-Boulder (Leeds); Lone Star Finance Conference, UT Dallas; Teacher Retirement System of Texas; Wharton Jacobs Levy Conference, New York*; Society for Quantitative Analysis, New York*; Man Quant Conference, New York*; Chicago Quantitative Alliance, Las Vegas*; Research Affiliates Research Conference, Laguna Beach*; SQA, New York*; 18th Portfolio Management Conference, Frankfurt*; Man Alternative Investment Forum, Oxford*; Bernstein Investment Forum, New York*
- 2014 Western Finance Association annual meetings (WFA), Monterey*; Duke University (Fuqua, brownbag); Texas A&M University (Mays, 2); Texas A&M University (Mays, brownbag); Hong Kong University; Chinese University of Hong Kong; Nanyang Technological University; 2014 New Frontiers in Finance Conference at Vanderbilt University*; 2014 Inquire-UK meeting in Vienna*; University of Utah (David Eccles)*; Penn State University (Smeal)*; Inquire Europe UK*; Man-AHL*; APG*; CPPIB*
- 2013 Duke (Fuqua, brownbag)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2020 Jay Ross Young Faculty Scholar Award, Purdue University
- 2019 Distinguished Teacher Award (Master's elective), Purdue University
- 2017 RepublicBank Research Fellow, Texas A&M University
- 2015 Bernstein Fabozzi/Jacobs Levy Award for the Best Paper in the Journal of Portfolio Management
- 2014 NASDAQ OMX Award for the Best Paper on Asset Pricing, WFA
INQUIRE-Europe-UK Best Paper Award
Bernstein Fabozzi/Jacobs Levy Award for the Best Paper in the Journal of Portfolio Management
- 2008 - 2013 Duke University Fellowship
- 2006 - 2008 University of Minnesota Graduate Scholarship
- 2006 Tsinghua University Honor Graduate
- 2002 - 2005 Tsinghua University: Academic Excellence Scholarships

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2019 - 2020 *Instructor*, Krannert School of Management, **Purdue University**
- Options and Futures (master level)
 - Average rating over 2 sections, 2019: 4.8/5.0 (24 out of 41 students)
- 2015 - 2019 *Instructor*, Mays School of Business, **Texas A&M University**
- Investment Analysis (undergraduate level)
 - Average rating over 3 sections, 2019: 4.7/5.0 (100 out of 136 students)
 - Average rating over 3 sections, 2018: 4.8/5.0 (83 out of 144 students)
 - Average rating over 3 sections, 2017: 4.8/5.0 (89 out of 115 students)
 - Average rating over 3 sections, 2016: 4.7/5.0 (119 out of 195 students)
 - Average rating over 3 sections, 2015: 4.6/5.0 (115 out of 194 students)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Program Committee Member: Western Finance Association Meetings (WFA, 2021-)
- Referees (Journals): Reviewer for *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, *Review of Financial Studies*, *Management Science*, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, *Review of Finance*, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, *Journal of Econometrics*, *Journal of Empirical Finance*, *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*, *Financial Analysts Journal*, *Critical Finance Review*, *Financial Management*, *Quantitative Finance*, *European Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Investing*, *Journal of Financial Markets*, *Journal of Financial Econometrics*

- Referees (Grants), Hong Kong External Grant Reviewer, Swiss National Science Foundation
- Member, Selection Committee, 2017, FIRN (Financial Research Network) Conference

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Purdue University:

- Member, Finance Area Budget Committee, 2019-present
- Member, Finance Ph.D. Program Committee, 2019-present

Texas A&M University:

- Member, Finance Ph.D. Program Committee, 2014-2019
- Finance Seminar Series Organizer, 2016-2018

REFERENCES

Available upon request