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EDUCATION

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Ph.D. in Business Administration (Finance)

Nankai University, Tianjin, China

B.A. in Economics & B.A. in Law

(Triple-major and dual-degree program of Economics & Business & Law)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Asset Pricing, Investments, Financial Intermediation, HFs, MFs, PE, Fintech, Financial Fragility, Machine Learning, Industrial Organization, Corporate Governance, M&A, Innovation

Research

[1] **AI Automation and Effort Allocation: Evidence from Sophisticated Investors**

- Job market paper & Dissertation 1st Chapter

[2] **Whom You Know Matters: Mutual Fund Workplace Networks and Investment Performance** (with Charles Cao and Harry Guo)

- Dissertation 2nd Chapter

[3] **Anatomy of a Crypto Bank Run** (with Richard Sias)

[4] **Prices versus Voices: Dissecting the Governance Epitome of Passive Investing**

[5] **The Importance of Shareholder Litigation Risk for Institutional Investors: Evidence from Fee-Shifting Bylaws**

- Dissertation 3rd Chapter (draft available soon)

SELECTED SEMINAR & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026: AFA; AFA Poster Session

2025: University of Arizona; NFA; UD/Philly Fed Fintech and Financial Institutions; FMA (incl. New Idea Session); CMU-Pitt-PSU Joint Conference*

2024: University of Arkansas; FMA (incl. Doctoral Consortium & New Idea Session); FMA Asia/Pacific; ICGS-ASU; EasternFA*; SWFA*

2023: University of Arizona; FMA New Idea Session

(* conferences with coauthor presentations)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Referee: Financial Management (2025)

Selected Conference discussions: FMA (2022 x2; 2024); EasternFA (2024)

Research Grant Reviewer: University of Arizona GPSC Student Research Grant (2024)

GRANTS

AFA Travel Grant 2026

UD/Philly Fed Fintech and Financial Institutions Research Conference Travel Honorarium 2025

University of Arizona Finance Department Travel Grant 2024-2025

University of Arizona GPSC Student Research Grant 2023

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Skills: SAS, Stata, Python, Matlab, LaTeX

Prize: 3rd Prize in 2008 National Olympiad in Mathematics

Hobbies: Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Songwriting, Piano, Singing, Calligraphy (1st prize in National Youth Cup)