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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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### University of Alberta, School of Business

*09/2012 - 08/2017*

Ph.D. in Finance

### University of California, San Diego

*01/2015 - 07/2015*

Visiting Ph.D. Scholar

### University of Alberta, Department of Economics

*09/2010 - 06/2012*

MA in Economics and Finance

## WORKING PAPERS

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1. **Government Spending Shocks and Asset Prices, 2018**
2. **Geographic Agglomeration of Firms, Productivity Change, and Asset Prices, 2018**
3. **Investment Shocks and Asset Returns: International Evidence, 2018**  
*with Akiko Watanabe (U. of Alberta) and Masahiro Watanabe (U. of Alberta)*
4. **Government Spending Shocks and Firm Innovation, 2018**  
*with Yanhui Wu (QUT) and Huizhong Zhang (QUT)*
5. **Geopolitical Risk and Corporate Investment, 2018**  
*with Vikas Mehrotra (U. of Alberta) and Yanhui Wu (QUT)*
6. **Income Tax Shocks, Political Cycles, and Asset Prices, 2018**
7. **The Uncertainty - Innovation Nexus: A Tale of Three Types, 2018**  
*with Yanhui Wu (QUT)*
8. **Government Debt and Corporate Takeovers, 2019**  
*with Yanhui Wu (QUT) and Huizhong Zhang (QUT)*

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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1. **Time-Varying Liquidity and Investment Effect, 2018**  
*with Mark Doolan and Daniel Smith*

## **2. Demand Expectations and Firm Leverage Dynamics, 2018**

*with Kelvin Tan and Clara Zhou*

## **3. Speed of Investment-Specific Technology Adoption and Value Premium, 2016**

*with Ivor Cribben, Akiko Watanabe and Masahiro Watanabe*

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

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- Financial Management Association (FMA) Asia/Pacific Conference, July 2019 (scheduled)
- 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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- Financial Management Association (FMA) Asia/Pacific Conference, July 2019 (scheduled)

- 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 SESSION CHAIR**

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- Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting, March 2017
- Australasian Finance and Banking Conference, December 2016
- FMA Annual Meeting, October 2016

## **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

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- 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

## **CONFERENCE DISCUSSANT**

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- 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

## **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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- Government Spending Shocks and Firm Innovation - Semi-finalist for best paper awards, FMA (2018)
- Department of Finance and Statistical Analysis Travel Funding (2016)
- 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 - Semi-finalist for best paper awards, FMA (2016)

- 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)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Instructor**, University of Alberta, School of Business  
 Investment Principles - Summer 2015, Winter 2016, Spring 2016  
 Introduction to Finance - Winter 2016

**Instructor**, QUT Business School  
 International Finance - Semester 1, 2018, Semester 2, 2018

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Alberta, School of Business  
 Prof. Akiko Watanabe, Investment Principles - Winter 2013, Winter 2014  
 Prof. Akiko Watanabe, Advanced Portfolio Management - Winter 2013, Winter 2014  
 Prof. Masahiro Watanabe, International Finance (Undergraduate and MBA) - Winter 2014

## REFEREEING

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International Review of Economics and Finance, Japan and the World Economy, Journal of Empirical Finance, Papers in Regional Science

## 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, European Economic Association, 2016-Present  
 Member, Northern Finance Association, 2016-Present

## INFORMATION

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Citizenship: Canadian  
Software: SAS, Matlab, R, Stata, Dynare, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X