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Employments

University of Texas at Dallas, Jindal School of Management
Associate Professor of Finance 2025 - Present

University of Notre Dame, Mendoza School of Business
Assistant Professor of Finance 2018 - 2025
Faculty Fellow at the Notre Dame Institute for Global Investing 2019 - 2025

Public Company Accounting Oversight Board
Senior Fellow 2024 - 2025

Harvard University, Harvard Business School
Post-Doctoral Fellow 2016 - 2018

Education

London School of Economics and Political Science
PhD in Finance 2016
Msc in Finance and Economics 2010

Case Western Reserve University
MS, Applied Mathematics 2009
BS/BA, Mathematics, Economics 2006

Awards and Honors

Winner of the Best Paper at the Seventh Edinburgh Corporate Finance Conference, 2026

Coinvestigator of the French National Research Agency (ANR) Grant for "The Role of Unsystematic Risk in Financial Markets" with Raman Uppal, Paolo Zaffaroni, and Irina Zviadadze, 2024

Winner of the Eastern Finance Association Best Paper Award in Investments, 2023

Winner of the Best Discussant Award at the Cornell University ESG Investing Conference, 2023

Winner of the Notre Dame Mission Award that Exemplifies the Imperative to "Grow the Good in Business," 2022

Winner of the Financial Management Association Best Paper Prize in Quantitative Investments, 2020

Winner of the Best Paper Prize at the University of Cambridge Consortium on Asset Management, 2020

Winner of the First Prize, Crowell Memorial Award for Best Paper in Quantitative Investments, 2019

Winner of the Second Prize Award from the Institute for Quantitative Capital Market Research, 2018

Publications

7) ***Diversification Driven Demand for Large Stocks***
Huaizhi Chen (Solo Authored)
Journal of Financial Economics, 2025

6) ***Self-Declared Benchmarks and Fund Manager Intent: Cheating or Competing?***
Huaizhi Chen, Richard Evans and Yang Sun
Journal of Financial Economics, May 2025
Awards: Best Paper in Investments at the Eastern Finance Association Meeting (2023)

5) ***Calling All Issuers: The Market for Debt Monitoring***
Huaizhi Chen, Lauren Cohen and Weiling Liu
Management Science, November 2024

4) ***Cash Induced Demand***
Huaizhi Chen (Solo Authored)
Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, February 2024

3) ***Don't Take Their Word for It: The Misclassification of Bond Mutual Funds***
Huaizhi Chen, Lauren Cohen and Umit Gurun
Journal of Finance, August 2021
Awards: 2022 Notre Dame Mission Award, 2020 Consortium on Asset Management Best Paper Award, Best Paper Award in the Investment Area (FMA 2020)

2) ***IQ from IP: Simplifying Search in Portfolio Choice***
Huaizhi Chen, Lauren Cohen, Umit Gurun, Dong Lou, and Christopher Malloy
Journal of Financial Economics, May 2020
Awards: 2018 IQ-KAP 2nd Best Paper Prize, 2018 Panagora A. Crowell Prize (1st Place)

1) ***Industry Window Dressing***
Huaizhi Chen, Lauren Cohen and Dong Lou
Review of Financial Studies, April 2016

Working Papers (Including Scheduled Presentations)

The Execution Gap of Trading Mutual Funds
Huaizhi Chen, Umit Gurun, Dominik Roesch, and Sayad Baronyan
Presentations: University of Texas at Dallas Finance Brownbag (2026)

Dinner Table Alphas
Sean Cao, Huaizhi Chen, Lauren Cohen, Hugo Zhao
Presentations: ASU Sonoran Winter Finance Conference (2026), Mid-Atlantic Research Conference in Finance (2026), Seventh Edinburgh Corporate Finance Conference (2026), Finance Business Analytics Conference (2026), Financial Intermediation Research Society (2026), ESADE Spring Workshop (2026), 6th Finance and Accounting Annual Research Symposium (2026), Clemson Finance Research Conference (2026), Alpine Finance Summit (2026), Finance and Business Analytics Conference (2026), Red Rock Finance Conference (2026)
Awards: Best Paper at the Seventh Edinburgh Corporate Finance Conference (2026)

Assessing Assessors
Huaizhi Chen and Lauren Cohen
Presentations: University of Notre Dame Brown Bag (2021/2024), China International Conference in Finance (2024), 1st Georgia Economics Association Meeting (2024), Northern Finance Association Meeting (2024), Southern Finance Association Meeting (2024), LSE Finance Lunchtime Workshop (2024), MIT Consumer Finance: New Perspectives on Policies and Products (2024), Syracuse-Chicago Webinar Series on Property Tax Administration and Design (2025), ASU Sonoran Winter Finance Conference (2025), University of Texas at Dallas (2025), City University of Hong Kong International Finance Conference (2025), Brookings Institution's 13th Annual Municipal Finance Conference, European Finance Association Meeting (2025), Holden Conference on Finance and Real Estate (2025), Lancaster University's Fraud and Manipulation in Financial Markets Conference (2025), National Tax Association Meeting (2025), NBER Summer Institute Real Estate/Urban Economics (2026)

Market-based Incentives for Optimal Audit Quality
Andrew Acito, Amir Amel-Zadeh, James Anderson, William Anderson, Daniel Aobida, Thomas Bourveau, Francois Brochet, Huaizhi Chen, Jonathan T. Fluharty-Jaidee, Martin Schmalz, Manyun Tang, Scott Jinzhiyang Wang, Josh White, and William Zame
Presentations: PCAOB Internal Brownbag (2024), Notre Dame Brown Bag (2024), Southern Finance Association Meeting (2025), CFE-CMStatistics Conference (2025)
Revise and Resubmit at *Management Science*

PCAOB Inspection Reports and Information Dissemination
Andrew Acito, Amir Amel-Zadeh, James Anderson, William Anderson, Daniel Aobida, Francois Brochet, Huaizhi Chen, Jonathan T. Fluharty-Jaidee, Martin Schmalz, Manyun Tang, Scott Jinzhiyang Wang, and William Zame

Investor Competition and Cost of Capital
Huaizhi Chen (Solo Authored)
Presentations: University of Notre Dame Brown Bag (2020), Virtual Finance Seminar (University of Illinois at Chicago/ Michigan State University 2021), Virtual Finance Seminar (University of Bristol/ University of Exeter/ University of Lancaster/ University of Manchester 2021), Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference (2021)

Seminar and Conference Presentations

ASU Sonoran Winter Finance Conference, Mid-Atlantic Research Conference in Finance, Seventh Edinburgh Corporate Finance Conference, Finance Business Analytics Conference, Financial Intermediation Research Society, ESADE Spring Workshop, 6th Finance and Accounting Annual Research Symposium, Clemson Finance Research Conference, Alpine Finance Summit, Red Rock Finance Conference, University of Texas at Dallas Finance Brownbag, NBER Summer Institute Real Estate/Urban Economics, Finance and Business Analytics Conference	2026
Syracuse-Chicago Webinar Series on Property Tax Administration and Design, ASU Sonoran Winter Finance Conference, University of Texas at Dallas, City University of Hong Kong International Finance Conference, Brookings Institution's 13th Annual Municipal Finance Conference, European Finance Association (Paris), Holden Conference on Finance and Real Estate, Lancaster University's Fraud and Manipulation in Financial Markets Conference, National Tax Association Meeting, CFE-CMStatistics Conference	2025

Cambridge Consortium on Asset Management, Southwest Finance Association Meeting, China International Conference in Finance, Georgia Economics Association Meeting, Northern Finance Association Meeting, Southern Finance Association Meeting, PCAOB Internal Brownbag, LSE Finance Lunchtime Workshop, MIT Consumer Finance: New Perspectives on Policies and Products	2024
Arrowstreet Capital, Eastern Finance Association (Asheville), International Risk Management Conference, European Finance Association (Amsterdam), Wabash River Conference, Bristol Financial Markets Conference, Financial Management Association Meeting	2023
American Finance Association (Chicago), Virtual Finance Seminar (University of Illinois at Chicago/ Michigan State University), Virtual Finance Seminar (University of Bristol/ University of Exeter/ University of Lancaster/ University of Manchester), Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference, Brookings Institution's 10th Annual Municipal Finance Conference, Financial Management Association Annual Meeting	2021
RAPS/RCFS Winter Conference, Cambridge Consortium on Asset Management, FSU SunTrust Beach Conference*, University of South Carolina's 8th Fixed Income and Financial Institutions Conference, Second Future of Financial Information Conference at Stockholm Business School, European Finance Association Annual Meeting, Northern Finance Association Annual Meeting, Financial Management Association Annual Meeting, NBER Asset Pricing, Southern Finance Association Meeting	2020
American Finance Association (Atlanta), Midwestern Finance Association Meeting	2019
American Finance Association (Philadelphia), Financial Management Association Asia (Hong Kong), Behavioural Finance Working Group Conference (London), Southern Finance Association Meeting, Wabash River Conference	2018
6th Luxembourg Asset Management Summit	2017
SFS Cavalcade	2014

(* Cancelled due to Covid-19)

Discussions

9th World Symposium on Investment Research	2026
Isenberg School of Management Finance Conference, Northern Finance Association Meeting, Southern Finance Association Meeting	2025
SFS Cavalcade North America, Southwestern Finance Association Meeting, China Financial Research Conference, European Finance Association Meeting	2024
CHKU-RAPS Conference, Cornell ESG Investing Research Conference, Eastern Finance Association Meetings	2023
Midwestern Finance Association Meetings, European Finance Association Meeting	2022
Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference, 6th SDU Finance Workshop, European Finance Association Meeting	2021
Midwestern Finance Association Meeting, Financial Management Association Meeting, Southern Finance Association Meeting, Paris December Meeting	2020

Midwestern Finance Association Meeting, Western Finance Association Meeting	2019
Financial Management Association Asia (Hong Kong), CICF (Tianjin), Behavioural Finance Working Group	2018
American Finance Association (Chicago)	2017
American Finance Association (San Francisco)	2016
Eighth Annual Paul Woolley Conference	2015

Referee Work

Finance Research Letters, Financial Innovation, Financial Management, International Journal of Data Science and Analytics, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Empirical Finance, Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Journal of Political Economy. Management Science, Quarterly Journal of Finance, Review of Corporate Finance Studies, Review of Finance, Review of Financial Studies

Program Committees

Western Finance Association Meeting (2026), ReCapNet Conference (2025), Western Finance Association Meeting (2025), Midwestern Finance Association Meeting (2023), Western Finance Association Meeting (2024), Western Finance Association Meeting (2023), Midwestern Finance Association Meeting (2022), Western Finance Association Meeting (2022), Financial Management Association Meeting (2021), Midwestern Finance Association Meeting (2021)

PhD Students

Jiahong Shi (LSE, External Examiner)