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## Education

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**University of Kansas**

Ph.D. in Finance

2021 - Present

**Hunan University**

M.S. in Economics

2017 - 2020

**Kunming University of Science and Technology**

B.S. in Marketing

2013 - 2017

## Research Interests

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- Empirical Corporate Finance: Payout Policy, Insider Trading, Corporate Innovation
- Household Finance
- Financial Reporting

## Working Papers

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†Presented by coauthors

1. **Does Mutual Fund Managers' Beauty Matter for Fund Performance?** (with [Xiaobo Liang](#))  
*Reject & Resubmit, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*
  - School of Business Best Ph.D. Student Paper Award, University of Kansas, July 2023
  - Brown Bag, University of Kansas, February 2023
  - American Finance Association Ph.D. Poster, January 2022†
  - Asian Finance Association Annual Conference, July 2021
  - Global Conference on Innovations in Management and Business, July 2021†
  - Camphor Conference for Finance, May 2021
2. **Fiscal Stimulus and Housing Booms: Evidence from the 2003 Tax Cuts** (with [Leming Lin](#) and [Atanas Mihov](#))
  - Silicon Prairie Finance Conference, May 2025
  - AREUEA National Conference, May 2025
  - University of Mississippi, May 2025†
  - University of Pittsburgh, March 2025†

- Midwest Finance Association Annual Conference, March 2025
  - [Virtual Household Finance Seminar](#), March 2025<sup>†</sup>
  - AREUEA-ASSA Ph.D. Poster, January 2025
3. **Operational Losses and Insider Trading: Evidence from U.S. Financial Institutions** (with Anna Chernobai, Filippo Curti, and Atanas Mihov)

## Publication

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4. **Manager Sentiment in MD&A and Its Effect on Corporate Innovation** (with Long Zhao), *(2025) Economic Modelling, Volume 143: 106968*
- John O. Tollefson Best Paper Award, University of Kansas, April 2025
  - School of Business Best Ph.D. Student Paper Award, University of Kansas, June 2025
  - The First Xiangjiang River Forum, August 2022
  - Asian Finance Association Annual Conference, June 2022

## Work in Progress

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5. **Dividend Tax Cut, Financial Constraints, and Corporate Innovation** (with [Zhaozhao He](#) and [Jide Wintoki](#))
- Financial Management Association, October 2024
  - Silicon Prairie Finance Conference, May 2024
  - University of Kansas, September 2023
6. **The Price Impact of Mandatory Versus Voluntary Disclosures: Evidence from Management Earnings Guidance in China** (with [Wei Huang](#) and Mingyuan You)
- Southern Management Association, November 2023<sup>†</sup>
  - China Finance Review International & China International Risk Forum Joint Conference, July 2023<sup>†</sup>

## Conference Discussions

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1. **Ethical Implications of Legal Liability: Evidence from a Quasi-natural Experiment on Stock Price Crash Risk** (Hung Cao, Hieu Phanb, and Matteo Arena) FMA, 2024
2. **Estimation and Inference in Low Frequency Factor Model Regressions with Overlapping Observations** (Asad Dossani) SWFA, 2023
3. **Global Banks' Leverage, Gross Capital Flows, and Current Account Imbalances** (Julien Acalin) The First Xiangjiang River Forum, 2022
4. **Public Audit Oversight and Corporate Innovation: International Evidence** (Yuan Huang, Zilong Song, K.C. John Wei, and Kaitang Zhou) AsianFA, 2022

5. **Does Working from Home Impair Mutual Fund Performance?** (Charles Cao, Timothy Simin, and Han Xiao) AsianFA, 2021

## Teaching Experience

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- **Instructor, University of Kansas**
  - Corporate Finance Spring 2024, Fall 2024
- **Teaching Assistant, University of Kansas**
  - Investment Theory and Applications Fall 2022, Spring 2025
  - Financial Markets and Intermediaries Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Fall 2025
  - Corporate Finance Spring 2022, Fall 2023
- **Teaching Assistant, Hunan University**
  - Investment Spring 2019

## Grants and Awards

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- John O. Tollefson Best Paper Award 2025
- John O. Tollefson Doctoral Student Teaching Award 2025
- Graduate Student Scholarship, University of Kansas 2021 - Present
- AREUEA Travel Grant 2025
- Graduate Student Travel Fund Award, University of Kansas 2024
- School of Business Best Ph.D. Student Paper Award, University of Kansas 2023, 2025
- SWFA Travel Grant 2023
- International Student Tuition Grant, University of Kansas 2022, 2023
- First Prize Scholarship of Honor for Graduate Student, Hunan University 2017 - 2019
- National Encouragement Scholarship, Kunming University of Science and Technology 2014, 2015
- First Prize Scholarship, Kunming University of Science and Technology 2014, 2015

## Professional/School Services

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- Ad Hoc Reviewer
  - *Economic Modelling* 2025
- Association of Business Doctoral Students, University of Kansas
  - President 2025 - Present
  - Vice President 2022 - 2025

## Certifications and Skills

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- Technical Skills: Stata, SAS, R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$
- Certification: Financial Risk Manager (Granted in January 2024)
- Language: English (Fluent), Mandarin (Native)

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