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## Education

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Ph.D., Management (Financial Economics), Yale University, 2003  
MBA, Analytic Finance and Econometrics, University of Chicago, 1996  
B.Eng., Electronic Engineering, University of Tokyo, Japan, 1991

## Academic Appointment

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- Associate Professor of Finance, School of Business, University of Alberta, July 2009-Present.
- Assistant Professor of Management, Jones Graduate School of Management, Rice University, July 2003-June 2009.
- Scott Schoen Visiting Fellow, Yale School of Management, July-August 2006.

## Publications

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- “Strategic Disclosure and Stock Returns: Theory and Evidence from U.S. Cross-listing,” (with Shingo Goto and Yan Xu), *Review of Financial Studies*, 2009, 22 (4), 1585-1620.
  - 2007 FMA Best Paper Award in Financial Institutions
- “Time-Varying Liquidity Risk and the Cross Section of Stock Returns,” (with Akiko Watanabe), *Review of Financial Studies*, November 2008, 21 (6), 2449-2486.
  - First place, 2006 Turnaround Management Association Paper Competition
- “Price Volatility and Investor Behavior in an Overlapping Generations Model with Information Asymmetry,” *Journal of Finance*, February 2008, 63(1), 229-272.

## Working Papers

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- “The Investment Value of Management Earnings Forecasts,” 2012 (with Takato Hiraki and Akiko Watanabe)
- “Product Market Competition and Equity Returns,” 2011 (with Evgeny Lyandres).
- “Dynamic Corporate Capital Stocks: Cross-sectional and Inter-temporal Stock Return Patterns,” 2011 (with Jacob Sagi and Matthew Spiegel).
- “Procyclical Stocks Earn Higher Returns,” 2010 (with William N. Goetzmann and Akiko Watanabe).
- “A Model of Stochastic Liquidity,” 2008.
- “Price Impact Costs and the Limit of Arbitrage,” 2005 (with Zhiwu Chen and Werner Stanzl).

- “Investor Sentiment in Japanese and U.S. Daily Mutual Fund Flows,” 2005 (with Stephen J. Brown, William N. Goetzmann, Takato Hiraki, and Noriyoshi Shiraishi).

### **Work in Progress**

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- “Marking-to-Market, Liquidity Provision and Asset Prices,” 2010 (with Jefferson Duarte).

### **Professional Presentations (my own presentations only)**

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#### **Conferences**

##### “Procyclical Stocks Earn Higher Returns”

- American Finance Association Meetings, Denver, CO, January 2011.
- Nippon (Japanese) Finance Association Meetings, Tokyo, May 2010.

##### “Dynamic Corporate Capital Stocks: Cross-sectional and Inter-temporal Stock Return Patterns” (formerly titled “Equity Issuance and Expected Returns: Theory and New Evidence”)

- American Finance Association Meetings, Denver, CO, January 2011.
- UNC-Duke Corporate Finance Conference, October 2008.
- European Finance Association Meetings, Athens, Greece, August 2008.
- Asian/Nippon Finance Association Meetings, Yokohama, Japan, July 2008.
- Second Singapore International Conference on Finance, National University of Singapore, July 2008.

##### “Marking-to-Market, Liquidity Provision and Asset Prices”

- Paul Woolley Centre Conference, University of Technology Sydney, Oct. 2010.

##### “Product Market Competition and Equity Returns”

- Northern Finance Association Meetings, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Sep. 2009.
- Nippon (Japanese) Finance Association Meetings, Tokyo, May 2009.

##### “Investor Expectations, Business Conditions, and the Pricing of Beta-Instability Risk”

- American Finance Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA, January 2009.
- Lone Star Finance Symposium, Houston, Texas, September 2007.

##### “Strategic Disclosure and Stock Returns: Theory and Evidence from U.S. Cross-listing”

- European Finance Association Meetings, Ljubljana, Slovenia, August 2007.
- Western Finance Association Meetings, Big Sky, Montana, June 2007.
- McGill Conference on Global Asset Management, McGill University, Montreal, June 2007.
- Nippon (Japanese) Finance Association Meetings, Tokyo, June 2007.
- Darden/NYSE Emerging Markets Conference, NYC, New York, March 2007.

##### “Time-Varying Liquidity Risk and the Cross Section of Stock Returns”

- Western Finance Association Meetings, Keystone, Colorado, June 2006.
- Global Educational Symposium on Liquidity and Corporate Renewal, Turnaround Management Association, Chicago, Illinois, June 2006.
- Texas Finance Festival, San Antonio, Texas, April 2006.
- European Finance Association Meetings, Moscow, Russia, August 2005.
- Nippon (Japanese) Finance Association Annual Meetings, Tokyo, Japan, June 2005.

“Value Risk in International Equity Markets”

- Nippon (Japanese) Finance Association Meetings, Tokyo, Japan, June 2006.

“Investor Sentiment in Japanese and U.S. Daily Mutual Fund Flows”

- Assurant/Georgia Tech International Finance Conference, April 2005.
- European Finance Association Meetings, Berlin, Germany, August 2002.

“A Model of Stochastic Liquidity”

- European Finance Association Meetings, Glasgow, Scotland, August 2003.
- Western Finance Association Meetings, Los Cabos, Mexico, June 2003.

“Price Volatility and Investor Behavior in an Overlapping Generations Model with Information Asymmetry”

- Blaise Pascal Conference on Financial Modeling, Paris, France, July 2003.
- American Finance Association Meetings, Washington D.C., January 2003.
- APFA/PACAP/FMA Meetings, Tokyo, Japan, July 2002.

“Price Impact Costs and the Limit of Arbitrage”

- European Finance Association Meetings, Berlin, Germany, August 2002.
- Western Finance Association Meetings, Park City, Utah, June 2002.
- APFA/PACAP/FMA Meetings, Tokyo, Japan, July 2002.

**Invited Seminars**

“Product Market Competition and Equity Returns”

- Osaka University, May 2011.
- Australian National University, November 2010.
- University of Melbourne, October 2010.
- Queensland University of Technology, October 2010.
- University of Miami, October 2010.
- Waseda University, Tokyo, May 2010.

“Procyclical Stocks Earn Higher Returns”

- University of New South Wales, May 2010.
- University of Technology, Sydney, May 2010.
- University of Sydney, May 2010.
- Simon Fraser University, March 2010.

“Dynamic Corporate Capital Stocks: Cross-sectional and Inter-temporal Stock Return Patterns”  
(formerly titled “Equity Issuance and Expected Returns: Theory and New Evidence”)

- Indiana University, November 2008.
- Nomura Securities, Tokyo, Japan, July 2008.
- Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan, June 2008.

“Investor Expectations, Business Conditions, and the Pricing of Beta-Instability Risk”

- INQUIRE UK, Cambridge, UK, September 2007.
- Michigan State University, September 2007.

“Time-Varying Liquidity Risk and the Cross Section of Stock Returns”

- Tokyo Finance Workshop, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, June 2006.

- University of South Carolina, May 2005.

“A Model of Stochastic Liquidity”

- University of Alberta, January 2005.

“Price Volatility and Investor Behavior in an Overlapping Generations Model with Information Asymmetry”

- Tokyo Finance Workshop, University of Tokyo, Japan, July 2008.
- New York University, February 2003.
- University of Washington-Seattle, February 2003.
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 2003.
- Washington University, February 2003.
- Rice University, February 2003.
- University of California-Irvine, February 2003.
- Georgia Institute of Technology, January 2003.
- Boston College, January 2003.
- University of Notre Dame, January 2003.

“Price Impact Costs and the Limit of Arbitrage”

- Trading Technology Workshop, Tokyo, Japan, July 2002.

## Professional Services

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### Editorial Positions

- Associate Editor, *Japan and the World Economy*, 2008-present.
- Associate Editor, *International Review of Finance*, 2008-present.

### Ad hoc Referee

- *Journal of Finance*, *Review of Financial Studies*, *Econometrica*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, *Journal of Financial Markets*, *Journal of Empirical Finance*, *Financial Management*, *Review of Finance*, *Management Science*, *Journal of International Business Studies*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *International Review of Finance*, *Japan and the World Economy*, *Journal of the Japanese and International Economies*

### Program Committee Member

- Western Finance Association Meetings, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 2012.
- Financial Management Association Annual Meetings, Denver, Colorado, October 2011.
- Edwards Symposium on Financial Markets and Institutions, U. of Saskatchewan, July 2011.
- Financial Management Association Annual Meetings, New York City, October 2010.
- Financial Management Association Annual Meetings, Reno, Nevada, October 2009.
- Western Finance Association Meetings, San Diego, California, June 2009.
- APFA/PACAP/FMA Meetings, Tokyo, Japan, July 2002.

**Session Chair**

- Financial Management Association Annual Meetings, Reno, Nevada, October 2009.
- Northern Finance Association Meetings, Kananaskis, Canada, September 2008.

**Discussant**

- DBJ International Conference, Development Bank of Japan, Tokyo, November 2011.
- Northern Finance Association Meetings, Vancouver, Canada, September 2011.
- European Finance Association Meetings, Stockholm, Sweden, August 2011.
- Nippon (Japanese) Finance Association Meetings, Tokyo, May 2011.
- Frontiers in Finance, Banff, Canada, July 2010.
- American Finance Association Meetings, Atlanta, January 2010.
- Northern Finance Association Meetings, Niagara-on-the-Lake, September 2009.
- European Finance Association Meetings, Bergen, Norway, August 2009.
- Frontiers in Finance, Banff, Canada, July 2009.
- Western Finance Association Meetings, San Diego, June 2009.
- Lone Star Finance Symposium, University of Texas at Dallas, September 2008.
- Northern Finance Association Meetings, Kananaskis, Canada, September 2008 (two discussions).
- European Finance Association Meetings, Athens, Greece, August 2008.
- Frontiers in Corporate Finance and Governance, Banff, Canada, August 2008.
- Western Finance Association Meetings, Hawaii, June 2008.
- Asian/Nippon Finance Association Meetings, Yokohama, Japan, July 2008.
- European Finance Association Meetings, Ljubljana, Slovenia, August 2007 (two discussions).
- Second Annual Empirical Asset Pricing Retreat, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands, June 2006.
- European Finance Association Meetings, Moscow, Russia, August 2005.
- European Finance Association Meetings, Berlin, Germany, August 2002.
- APFA/PACAP/FMA Meetings, Tokyo, Japan, July 2002 (two discussions).

**Panel Discussion**

- Global Educational Symposium on Liquidity and Corporate Renewal, Turnaround Management Association, Chicago, Illinois, June 2006.

**Ph.D. Advising**

- Behnam Torabi, University of Alberta, 2010-Present.

**External Examiner**

- Ph.D. Dissertation, Yufen Fu, Simon Fraser University, April 2011
- Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, March 2011

**Book Review**

- David K. Eiteman, Arthur I. Stonehill, and Michael H. Moffett, *Multinational Business Finance*, 11<sup>th</sup> ed., February 2008.
- Kirt Butler, *Multinational Finance*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Wiley, July 2007.
- Warren Bailey, International Finance textbook project, Addison-Wesley, October 2004.

**Testimonials**

- Kirt Butler, *Multinational Finance*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Wiley, July 2007.

### **Grants, Fellowships and Awards**

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- Standard Research Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), CA\$77,500, 2010 (3 years, co-investigator: Akiko Watanabe).
- GRA Rice Faculty Fellowship, School of Business, University of Alberta, 2009-2010
- Scholarship Excellence Award, Jones Graduate School of Management, Rice University, 2008
- FMA Best Paper Award in Financial Institutions, 2007.
- First place with cash prize, Turnaround Management Association Paper Competition, 2006.
- Ph.D. Student Travel Grant, Western Finance Association, 2003.
- Yale University Fellowship, 1998-2002.
- Heiwa Nakajima Foundation Fellowship, 1998-2000.
- Rotary Foundation Fellowship, 1998-2001 (Offer declined).
- Sumitomo Bank Fellowship, 1994-1996.

### **Teaching Experience**

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School of Business, University of Alberta, July 2009-Present.

- International Finance (MBA, undergraduate)

Jones Graduate School of Management, Rice University, August 2003-June 2009.

- International Finance (MBA, PMBA & EMBA)
- Economic Environment of Business (a macroeconomics course, MBA & PMBA)

Teaching Assistant, Yale School of Management

- Professor William N. Goetzmann, Empirical Research in Finance and Accounting (Ph.D.), Spring 2002.
- Professor Jonathan E. Ingersoll, Jr., Financial Instruments and Contracts (MBA), Fall 2001, Fall 2000.
- Professor Hua He, Financial Economics II (Ph.D.), Spring 2001.
- Professor K. Geert Rouwenhorst, International Finance (MBA), Spring 2001.
- Professor Zhiwu Chen, Financial Economics I (Ph.D.), Fall 2000.

### **Industry Experience**

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- Associate, Financial Engineering Dept., Sumitomo Bank, Tokyo, Japan, 1991-1998.  
Tailored risk management schemes using foreign-exchange and interest-rate derivatives. Structured asset-backed securities. Clients included over 30 companies listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange.

### **Research Interests**

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Theoretical and Empirical Asset Pricing, Market Microstructure.

### **Teaching Interests**

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International Finance, Investments, Derivative Securities and Financial Engineering, and Fixed Income Securities.

### **Professional Affiliations**

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- Member, American Finance Association, 2001-Present.
- Member, Western Finance Association, 2003-Present.
- Member, Society for Financial Studies, 2003-Present.

- Member, American Economic Association, 2007-Present.
- Member, European Finance Association, 2002-Present.
- CMA (Chartered Member of Security Analyst Association of Japan), 1994-Present.
- Member, Nippon (Japanese) Finance Association, 2003-Present.
- Member, Japanese Association of Financial Econometrics and Engineering, 1997-2008.