

# Young Scholars Finance Consortium 2025 -- PROGAM

## Thursday, March 20, 2025

6pm – 9pm: Consortium welcome reception (Special guest: Reveille, or Miss Rev, Texas A&M University’s official mascot)

## Friday, March 21, 2025

7.30am – 8.30am: Check-in & Breakfast

8.30am – 8.45am: Opening remarks by Christa Bouwman (+ Dean Nate Sharp?)

8.45am – 10.05am: **Session I: *Venture Capital***

Presenter	Coauthors	Title	Discussant
Victor Lyonnet University of Michigan	Lea Stern - U of Washington	<i>Machine Learning About Venture Capital Choices</i>	Adam Kolasinski Texas A&M University
Xuelin Li Columbia University	Sijie Wang - Chinese U of Hong Kong Jiajie Xu - U of Iowa Xiang Zheng - U of Connecticut	<i>How Does VC Activism Backfire in Startup Experimentation?</i>	Rawley Heimer Arizona State University

10.05am – 10.25am: Refreshment Break

10.25am – 10.30am: Announcement of the best PhD Student Paper Award by Department Head James Brown

10.30am – 12.30pm: **Session II: *Banking***

Susan Cherry Stanford University		<i>Regulating Credit: Effects on Market Structure, Lender Technologies, and Credit Access</i>	Kose John New York University
Jonathan Wallen Harvard University	Lina Lu - Federal Reserve Bank of Boston	<i>What Do Bank Trading Desks Do?</i>	Zhenyu Wang Indiana University
Tiange Ye University of Southern California	AJ Chen - UBC Matthew Phillips - MIT Regina Wittenberg-Moerman - Northwestern	<i>Non-Fundamental Loan Renegotiations</i>	Mark Flannery University of Florida

12.30pm – 2.30pm: Lunch

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker by Department Head James Brown

Keynote Address by **Viral Acharya** – New York University

2.30pm – 4.30pm: **Session III: *Textual analysis and advertising***

Presenter	Coauthors	Title	Discussant
Marius Guenzel University of Pennsylvania	Shimon Kogan - Wharton Marina Niessner - Indiana Kelly Shue - Yale	<i>AI Personality Extraction from Faces: Labor Market Implications</i>	Tim Loughran Notre Dame University
William Cassidy Washington University in St. Louis	Elisabeth Kempf - HBS	<i>Partisan Corporate Speech</i>	Jess Cornaggia Pennsylvania State University
Allen Hu University of British Columbia	Xugan Chen - Yale Song Ma - Yale	<i>Banks’ Image: Evidence from Financial Advertising</i>	Phil Strahan Boston College

5pm – 6pm: Welcome Drinks (including a special performance by the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Wranglers at 5.30pm)

6pm – 8pm: Dinner Buffet

## Saturday, March 22, 2025:

7.30am – 8.15am: Breakfast

8.15am – 10.15am: **Session IV: Regulators, healthcare, climate**

Nitzan Tzur-Ilan Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas	Shan Ge - New York University Stephanie Johnson - Rice University	<i>Climate Risk, Insurance Premiums, and the Effects on Mortgages</i>	Matt Gustafson Pennsylvania State University
Jeffery (Yudong) Wang Boston College	Ran Duchin - Boston College Joseph Kalmenovitz - U of Rochester	<i>Between Boardrooms and the Beltway: The Career Paths of Senior Regulators</i>	Serdar Dinc Rutgers University
Christoph Herpfer University of Virginia	Jianzhang Lin - Emory U Gonzalo Maturana - Emory U	<i>Corporate Behavior When Running the Firm for Stakeholders: Evidence from Hospitals</i>	Shane Johnson Texas A&M University

10.15am – 10.30am: Refreshment Break

10.30am – 12.30pm: **Session V: Entrepreneurship and IPOs**

Ting Xu University of Toronto	Alan Kwan - U of Hong Kong Ben Matthies - Notre Dame Richard Townsend - UC San Diego	<i>Entrepreneurial Spawning from Remote Work</i>	Vik Nanda University of Texas – Dallas
Gregory Weitzner McGill University	Andres Almazan - UT Austin Nathan Swem - FRB Sheridan Titman - UT Austin	<i>Access to Capital and the IPO Decision: An Analysis of US Private Firms</i>	Slava Fos Boston College
Preetesh Kantak Indiana University	Fahiz Baba-Yara - Indiana U Fotis Grigoris - U of Iowa	<i>Risk from the Inside Out: Understanding Firm Risk through Employee News Consumption</i>	Kevin Crotty Rice University

12.30pm – 1.30pm: Buffet Lunch