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EDUCATION

University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, USA

Ph.D. in Business Administration (Finance) 2025 (Expected)

M.A. in Economics 2023

University of Exeter, Exeter, UK

M.Sc. in Financial Analysis and Fund Management 2012

Hanoi Foreign Trade University, Hanoi, Vietnam

B.A. in Economics 2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Investments, Asset Pricing, Financial Intermediation, Behavioral Finance.

JOB MARKET PAPER

1. **Incentive Misalignment and Market Efficiency: Evidence from Portfolio Manager Ownership in the Mutual Fund Industry**

   Abstract: This paper examines the impact of agency-issue-induced incentive misalignment on the relation between risk (e.g., beta, idiosyncratic volatility or distress risk) and abnormal return in the stock market. Using hand-collected data on portfolio manager ownership of U.S. active mutual funds, I construct a stock-level measure of exposure to incentives-induced trading and show that this measure is associated with the abnormally low returns of high-risk stocks. Across a comprehensive set of strategies that buy high-risk stocks and sell low-risk stocks, negative alphas concentrate only among stocks subject to high incentives-induced trading. This pattern is neither driven by other firm characteristics nor explained by fund performance, and the effect does not extend to other groups of anomaly strategies. The findings are consistent with the conjecture that incentives-induced trading entails excessive risk taking that distorts market efficiency.

   Presentations: University of Missouri 2024.

WORKING PAPERS

2. **Flow Hedging and Mutual Fund Performance**

   I find that equity funds that do not hedge against flow risk are less likely to compensate their portfolio managers based on assets under management and generate better risk-adjusted performance.

Presentations: AFA Poster Session 2024, EFA 2024, SWFA 2024, FMA 2023, NFA Ph.D. Session 2023, SFA 2023.

3. **Out-of-Sample Performance of Factor Return Predictors**

   I apply machine learning techniques on a high-dimensional set of predictors to forecast factor returns in real time and show that this approach produces factor timing strategies that outperform prior methods.

   Presentations: SWFA 2024, University of Missouri 2023.

4. **The Up Side of Being Down: Depression and Crowdsourced Forecasts**

   with Sima Jannati and Sarah Khalaf

   We find that non-severe depression is positively associated with forecast accuracy and identify reduced optimism and enhanced information processing as the two economic mechanisms.

   Presentations: SWFA 2021†, World Finance Conference 2021†, University of Missouri 2020.

   Media Coverage: St. Louis Business Journal (Oct 2020).

   † indicates presentation by co-author.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

5. Do Financial Innovations Expand the Investment Opportunity Set? Evidence from Active ETFs.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Ad Hoc Referee: Emerging Markets Review, Financial Innovation, Applied Financial Economics Letters.

Paper Discussions: EFA 2024, SWFA 2024, FMA 2023 (x2), SFA 2023.

PRE-PH.D. PUBLICATION

Nguyen, Du, and Minh Pham, 2018, Search-based Sentiment and Stock Market Reactions: An Empirical Evidence in Vietnam, *The Journal of Asian Finance, Economics and Business* 5(4), 45-56.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, USA — 2022-2023

FINANC 4310: Financial Modeling and Databases (Undergraduate)

Spring 2023 (Student Evaluations: **4.60/5.00**)

Fall 2022 (Student Evaluations: **4.55/5.00**)

Lecturer in Finance, Hanoi University, Hanoi, Vietnam — 2013-2019

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

CFA Charterholder

WORKSHOPS

The Mitsui Center Summer School on Structural Estimation	University of Michigan
Web-Scraping and Data-Cleaning for Research	Indiana University

HONORS AND AWARDS

Conference Research Awards

American Finance Association Ph.D. Travel Grant	2023, 2024
Northern Finance Association Ph.D. Travel Grant	2023
Southwestern Finance Association Ph.D. Travel Grant	2024

University Research Awards

E. Allen Slusher Business Scholarship	2023
Raymond and Susan Chen International Ph.D. Scholarship	2022
Graduate Research Assistant Award	2022
Trulaske College of Business Ph.D. Scholarship	2019-current
Strategic Priority Scholarship	2019-current
Graduate Finance Fellowship Fund	2019
Exeter Dean's Commendation Award and Exeter Award	2012
Dissertation Prize, Hanoi Foreign Trade University	2011

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Michael S. O'Doherty (Chair), Professor of Finance, University of Missouri

Frederick (Fred) L. Bereskin, Associate Professor of Finance, University of Missouri

Kuntara Pukthuanthong, Professor of Finance, University of Missouri

Adam S. Yore, Associate Professor of Finance, University of Missouri

LANGUAGES

Computer: R, Stata, SAS, Python, LaTeX

Human: Vietnamese (native), English (fluent)