Our research interests are broad and inclusive—roughly balanced between developing new theories of financial markets and institutions and empirically investigating existing financial issues and questions.

Our teaching goal is to communicate the power of financial ideas and applications across a wide range of audiences: undergraduates, MBA students, and executives. Whether the domain is global financial markets, the operations of a particular firm, or personal savings and investment decisions, financial literacy is increasingly important.

### Our Research Interests

- **Asset pricing**
- **Contract and agency theory**
- **Corporate finance**
- **Corporate governance**
- **Financial econometrics**
- **Financial regulation**
- **Fixed income markets**
- **Life-cycle finance**
- **Mathematical finance**
- **Mergers and acquisitions**
- **Real options**
- **Risk management**

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**Scott Robertson, Assistant Professor**  
**RESEARCH INTERESTS** Portfolio choice, derivative contract valuation, and large investor analysis  
**EDUCATION** PhD, Boston University

**William Samuelson, Professor and Department Chair**  
**RESEARCH INTERESTS** Game theory, auctions, negotiations, and behavioral economics  
**EDUCATION** PhD, Harvard University

**Gustavo Schwenkler, Assistant Professor**  
**RESEARCH INTERESTS** Financial econometrics, computational methods, credit and systematic risk, and asset pricing  
**EDUCATION** PhD, Stanford University

**Israel Shaked, Professor**  
**RESEARCH INTERESTS** Solvency, capital market financial analysis, mergers and acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, valuation, bankruptcy, and fraudulent conveyance  
**EDUCATION** DBA, Harvard University

**Donald Smith, Associate Professor**  
**RESEARCH INTERESTS** Fixed income markets, interest rate derivatives, inflation-index securities, and pension fund investment strategies  
**EDUCATION** PhD, University of California, Berkeley

**Andrea Vedolin, Assistant Professor**  
**RESEARCH INTERESTS** Asset Pricing, Derivatives Pricing, Financial Econometrics  
**EDUCATION** PhD, University of Lugano

**Lucy White, Associate Professor**  
**RESEARCH INTERESTS** Corporate finance, financial regulation, strategic behavior  
**EDUCATION** DPhil, Oxford University; PhD, University of Toulouse

**Weiting (Tony) Zhang, Assistant Professor**  
**RESEARCH INTERESTS** International finance, asset pricing, macroeconomics  
**EDUCATION** PhD, The University of Chicago

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**


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**Master Lecture**  
Theodore Chadwick  
Kathryn Griner  
Mark Williams

**Lecturer**  
David Bedard  
John F. Fox  
Keith Osher  
James Welch

**Senior Lecturer**  
David Spieler  
Aaron Stevens

**Professor Emeritus**  
Zvi Bodie

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