

**Washington Area Finance Association
Conference Program
Tenth Semiannual Meeting, November 22, 2002
The Catholic University of America
Washington, D.C.
Sponsored by CUA, GWU, & NASDAQ**

Registration, Tea/Coffee, Pastries

9:30am-10:00am, University Center West Building, Room 310

Morning Sessions

Session 1: Derivatives

10:00am-12:00pm, University Center West Building, Room 308

Chair: Jamshed Uppal, CUA

Another Look at the Forward-Futures Price Differential in Libor Markets

Don M. Chance Pamplin College of Business, Virginia Tech

Discussant: Peter Locke, GWU

Non-Normal Share Returns: Empirical Observations and Implications for Options Pricing

George M. Jabbour George Washington University
Marat V. Kramin Financial Engineer, Fannie Mae
Timur V. Kramin Executive Director, Tatarstan American Investment Fund, Russia
Stephen D. Young Vice President, Wachovia Securities Equity Derivatives Group

Discussant: Lawrence Schrenk, University of Baltimore

Arbitrage Opportunities in the Gold Futures Market: A threshold Error-Correction Model

Philip A. Shively Lafayette College, PA

Discussant: Frederick Joutz, GWU

A Model for Position Limits on Cash Settled Derivative Indexes

Hans R. Dutt SEC, Office of Economic Analysis
Larry E. Harris SEC, Chief Economist

Discussant: Senay Agca, GWU

Session 2: Market Structure & Asset Pricing

10:00am-12:00pm, University Center West Building, Room 309

Chair: Arthur Wilson, GWU

Asymmetry, Loss Aversion and Forecasting

Shaun Bond Cambridge, UK & GWU

Discussant: Alex Philipov, Boston College

Large Investors: Implications for Equilibrium Asset Returns, Shock Absorption, and Liquidity

Matthew Pritsker Board of Governors of the Fed Res System, Washington, DC

Discussant: Arthur Wilson, GWU

Bayesian Analysis of Stochastic Betas

Gergana Jostova George Washington University
Alexander Philipov Boston College

Discussant: Robert Savickas, GWU

Time-Varying Risk Premia and The Cross Section of Stock Returns

Hui Guo Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Discussant: Shaun Bond, GWU

Session 3: Corporate Finance

10:00am-12:00pm, University Center West Building Room 313

Chair: H. Kent Baker, AU

In Search of a Residual Dividend Policy

H. Kent Baker American University
David M. Smith University at Albany, SUNY

Discussant: Lori Walsh, SEC

Cash Flow, Risk, and the Role of Private Debt in Capital Structure

Mark Carey Federal Reserve Board
Mark Hrycay Federal Reserve Board

Discussant: TBA

Earnings Quality And Price Quality

Ran Hoytash Rutgers University
Murgie Krishnan Rutgers University
Srinivasan Sankaraguruswamy Georgetown University & SEC

Discussant: Christopher Jones, GWU

Mutual Fund Distribution and Delegated Monitoring: An Examination of No-Transaction-Fee Supermarkets

Conrad S. Ciccotello Georgia State University
Jason T. Greene Georgia State University
Lori S. Walsh SEC

Discussant: Erik C. Benrud, University of Baltimore

Luncheon
12:00pm-2:00pm
Hannon Hall, Room 108

Speaker: Dr. Larry Harris, The Chief Economist of SEC

Topic: “Regulatory Challenges at the Securities & Exchange Commission”

Afternoon Sessions

Session 4: Market Micro-Structure and Investor Behavior

2:00pm-4:00pm, University Center West Building, Room 308

Chair: Amy Edwards, SEC

Do Professional Traders Exhibit Myopic Loss Aversion? An Experimental Analysis

Michael S. Haigh University of Maryland
John A. List University of Maryland

Discussant: Hui Guo, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Can Changing Information Costs and Investor Preferences Explain Analysts' "Herd" Behavior?

Erik Benrud University of Baltimore

Discussant: Charles Dale, SEC

Order Preferecing and Market Quality on NASDAQ Before and After Decimalization

Kee H. Chung State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo
Chairat Chuwonganant Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne
D. Timothy McCormick The NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., Rockville, Md

Discussant: Chul Park, CFTC

Has Decimalization Hurt Institutional Investors? An Investigation into Trading Costs and Order Routing Practices of Buy-Side Institutions

Sugato Chakravart Purdue University
Venkatesh Panchapagesan Washington University & Nasdaq
Robert A. Wood University of Memphis

Discussant: Amy Edwards, SEC

Session 5: Market Efficiency

2:00pm-4:00pm, University Center West Building, Room 309

Chair: Allan Eberhart, Georgetown University

Transparency and International Investor Behavior

R. Gaston Gelos IMF

Shang-Jin Wei IMF

Discussant: Jamshed Uppal, CUA

The Effect of Pre-Formation Price on Momentum Profits

Robert Savickas George Washington University

Zhan Onayev George Washington University

Discussant: Bruce Gouldley

Market Myopia, Market Mania, or Market Efficiency? An Examination of Stock and Bond Price Reactions to R&D Increases and Subsequent Performance

Allan C. Eberhart Georgetown University

William F. Maxwell University of Arizona

Akhtar R. Siddique Georgetown University

Discussant: Jay Coughenour, SEC

The Chance of Ruin, The Momentum, and Stochastic Dominance of Risk-Based Strategies

Robert Savickas George Washington University

Discussant: Gergana Jostova, GWU

Session 6: Banking & Debt

2:00pm-4:00pm, University Center West Building, Room 313

Chair: Khaled Amira, CUA

Predictability in Emerging Sovereign Debt Markets

Gergana Jostova George Washington University

Discussant: Senay Agca, GWU

Mortgage Models, Interest Rate Risk, and the Consumer: A Four Country Comparison

Soula Proxenos

L. G. Taff

Discussant: TBA

An Analysis of the Likelihood of the Credit Event in OFHEO's Risk Based Capital Rule

Michael Fratantoni Fannie Mae

Discussant: Gary Fissel, FDIC

Global Debt Market Growth, Security Structure and Bond pricing

Khaled Amira Catholic University of America

William Handorf George Washington University

Discussant: Michael Fratantoni, Fannie Mae

Reception

4:00pm-5:00pm, University Center West Building, Room 310

Parking: You may park in the lower level of our Law School parking garage.

Directions to CUA:

The Catholic University of America's University Center West is located in the CUA Campus. We are close to Metro Red Line at Brookland-CUA station. We will arrange for free parking. For the general direction to the university please go to http://tour.cua.edu/map_overhead.cfm or see below and for the University Center Building go to <http://admissions.cua.edu/visit/map.cfm>. The CUA address is 620 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington DC.

From the West - Route 66 to CUA

Route 66 from Virginia empties onto Constitution Avenue. Continue east on Constitution Avenue past 2nd Street, N.W., and turn left at Louisiana Avenue. At the fifth light, turn left on North Capitol Street. Drive approximately 2.1 miles and turn right on Michigan Avenue. Turn left at the entrance to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

From the South - I-95 from Richmond to CUA

When I-95 intersects the Capital Beltway (Routes 495 and 95), get on Route 395. Follow Route 395 North across the Potomac River until it ends at New York Avenue, where you must turn right. Bear right on M Street. Watch for a sign directing you to North Capitol Street where you will turn left. Drive for approximately 1.4 miles and turn right onto Michigan Avenue. Turn right at the entrance to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

From the East

Take Route 50 West and exit on South Dakota Avenue. Drive approximately 1.3 miles. Turn left on Monroe Street. Stay on Monroe until it merges with Michigan Avenue. Turn right at the entrance to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

From the North - Route 270

Follow 270 South to Washington, D.C., to 495 East. Take Exit 25 (Route 1 South). At approximately 3.5 miles make a right at the light onto Route 410 East-West Highway. At the first light turn left onto Queens Chapel Road/Michigan Avenue. The University is approximately three miles. Turn right at the entrance to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

From the North - I-95 to 495

At 495 follow signs for 495 West. The road will immediately split. Follow 495/Route 1 College Park. Continue following signs for Route 1 and at the exit make a right onto Route 1 South. After approximately 3.5 miles make a right at the light onto Route 410 East-West Highway. At the first light turn left onto Queens Chapel Road/Michigan Avenue. The University is approximately three miles. Turn right at the entrance to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

From Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

Taxi: Fare from the airport to CUA is approximately \$15. CUA's street address is 620 Michigan Avenue, N.E.

Metrorail (subway): Take the Metrorail Blue or Yellow Lines.

By Blue Line (Addison Road), transfer to the Red Line at Metro Center and continue to the Brookland-CUA station. By the Yellow Line (Gallery Place), transfer to the Red Line (Glenmont) at Gallery Place. Bear left when you exit the Brookland-CUA station.

From the Baltimore Washington and Dulles International Airports

The Washington Flyer bus shuttle departs BWI and Dulles every half hour between 5:20 a.m. and 11 p.m. for downtown Washington, D.C., making stops at major hotels and the Farragut Square or McPherson Square Metrorail stations on the Blue and Orange Lines. Fare is \$25 one way, \$50 round trip. Discounts available for three or more passengers.

From Amtrak at Union Station

Taxi: Cab fare from the Union Station to CUA is approximately \$7. CUA's street address is 620 Michigan Avenue, N.E.

Metrorail (subway): Take the Metrorail Red Line (Wheaton or Silver Spring) two stops to the Brookland-CUA station. Bear left when you exit the station.

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