

2026 FMA Annual Meeting Track Chairs



Kenneth Ahern, University of Southern California	Associate Professor of Finance and Business Economics and Research Associate, NBER	https://faculty.marshall.usc.edu/Kenneth-Ahern/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Corporate Governance - General ▪ Diversity, Equity and Inclusion ▪ Politics and Finance 	
	Julian Atanassov, University of Nebraska	Associate Professor	https://business.unl.edu/person/julian-atanassov/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Corporate Finance - Capital structure and the cost of capital ▪ Corporate Governance - Boards of directors ▪ Labor and Finance
	Jack Bao, University of Delaware	Associate Professor of Finance	https://lerner.udel.edu/faculty-staff-directory/jack-bao/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Investments - Fixed income ▪ Investments - Market microstructure ▪ Investments - Options and derivatives
	Sudheer Chava, Georgia Tech	Alton M. Costley Chair and Professor; Director, Master of Science in Quantitative & Computational Finance (QCF) and Director, Financial Services Innovation Lab	https://www.scheller.gatech.edu/directory/faculty/chava/index.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial Institutions and Markets - Money and capital markets ▪ Financial Intermediation - Non-bank intermediaries
	Will Cong, Nanyang Technological University	President's Chair Professor in Finance, Computing and Data Science and Associate Dean, Nanyang Business School	https://www.linwilliamcong.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Artificial intelligence ▪ Digital Assets ▪ Fintech
	Alan Crane, Rice University	Associate Professor of Finance and Advisor to the Dean on Curriculum Innovation	https://business.rice.edu/person/alan-crane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Corporate Governance - Compensation and CEO turnover ▪ Corporate Governance - Institutional investors
	Winston (Wei) Dou, University of Pennsylvania	Associate Professor of Finance	https://fnce.wharton.upenn.edu/profile/wdou/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ International Finance ▪ Investments - Macro-finance ▪ Investments - Portfolio management and evaluation



Ruoran (Janet) Gao, Georgetown University	Lapeyre Family Provost's Distinguished Associate Professor	https://gufaculty360.georgetown.edu/s/contact/0031Q00002bh6vrQA/A/janet-gao	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Intermediation - Insurance Investments - Risk management
Umit Gurun, University of Texas at Dallas	Stan Liebowitz ProfessorProfessor, Accounting	https://jindal.utdallas.edu/faculty/umit-gurun/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investments - Analyst behavior Investments - Liquidity and short selling Investments - Other
Davidson Heath, University of Utah	Associate Professor	https://eccles.utah.edu/team/davidson-heath/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Finance - Other Corporate Governance - Stakeholders
Byoung-Hyoun Hwang, Nanyang Technological University	Head, Division of Banking and Finance; Provost's Chair in Finance and Professor, College of Business (Nanyang Business School) - Division of Banking & Finance	https://dr.ntu.edu.sg/entities/person/Byoung-Hyoun-Hwang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavioral Finance - Corporate Behavioral Finance - Investments
Zesong (Zack) Liu, University of Houston	Associate Professor	https://www.bauer.uh.edu/directory/profile.asp?firstname=Zesong&lastname=Liu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methodology in Finance Real Estate Finance / Mortgage Markets
William Mann, Emory University	Associate Professor of Finance	https://goizueta.emory.edu/faculty/profiles/william-mann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Finance - Customer-supplier relationships Corporate Finance - Firm and project valuation Corporate Finance - Investment, intangibles and innovation
Maria-Teresa Marchica, Alliance Manchester Business School	Professor of Finance	https://research.manchester.ac.uk/en/persons/maria.marchica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Finance - Bankruptcy and financial distress Corporate Finance - Payout and cash policy Corporate Finance - Securities issuance
Michaela Pagel, Washington University	Associate Professor of Finance	https://olin.washu.edu/faculty/michaela-pagel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumer Finance / Household Finance Financial Education





<p>Glenn Schepens, European Central Bank</p>	<p>Principal Economist, Financial Research Division</p>	<p>https://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/research/authors/profiles/glenn-schepens.en.html</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial Institutions and Markets - Central banks and monetary policy ▪ Financial Intermediation – Banks ▪ Financial Intermediation - Financial crises 	
	<p>Merih Sevilir, ESMT Berlin</p>	<p>Professor of Finance at ESMT Berlin and Head, Department of Laws, Regulations and Factor Markets, IWH Halle Institute for Economic Research</p>	<p>ESMT: https://esmt.berlin/person/merih-sevilir IWH: https://www.iwh-halle.de/ueber-das-iwh/team/detail/merih-sevilir</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Corporate Finance - Mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures ▪ Entrepreneurial Finance ▪ Venture Capital and Private Equity
	<p>Alexander Wagner, University of Zurich Swiss Finance Institute (SFI)</p>	<p>Professor, Department of Finance, University of Zurich and Senior Chair of the Swiss Finance Institute (SFI)</p>	<p>https://www.df.uzh.ch/en/people/professor/wagner.html</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Biodiversity ▪ Corporate Finance - Taxes and regulation ▪ Law, Ethics and Finance
	<p>Shaojun Zhang, The Ohio State University/University of British Columbia</p>	<p>Associate Professor of Finance</p>	<p>https://sites.google.com/view/zhangshaojun</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate ▪ Sustainable Finance
	<p>Xiaoyan Zhang, Tsinghua University</p>	<p>Associate Dean; Xinyuan Chair Professor of Finance; Deputy Director of Tsinghua Fintech Research Institute; Director of Research Center for Real Estate and Fintech and Director of Wealth Management Research Center</p>	<p>https://eng.pbcfsf.tsinghua.edu.cn/info/1084/2047.htm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Investments - Asset pricing models and tests ▪ Investments - Market efficiency and anomalies ▪ Investments - Mutual funds and institutional investors