

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 Professor 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
	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
	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
	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

	Glenn Schepens, European Central Bank	Principal Economist, Financial Research Division	https://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/research/authors/profiles/glenn-schepens.en.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial Institutions and Markets - Central banks and monetary policy ▪ Financial Intermediation – Banks ▪ Financial Intermediation - Financial crises
	Merih Sevilir, ESMT Berlin	Professor of Finance at ESMT Berlin and Head, Department of Laws, Regulations and Factor Markets, IWH Halle Institute for Economic Research	https://esmt.berlin/person/merih-sevilir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Corporate Finance - Mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures ▪ Entrepreneurial Finance ▪ Venture Capital and Private Equity
	Alexander Wagner, University of Zurich Swiss Finance Institute (SFI)	Professor, Department of Finance, University of Zurich and Senior Chair of the Swiss Finance Institute (SFI)	https://www.df.uzh.ch/en/people/professor/wagner.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Biodiversity ▪ Corporate Finance - Taxes and regulation ▪ Law, Ethics and Finance
	Shaojun Zhang, The Ohio State University	Assistant Professor of Finance	https://fisher.osu.edu/people/zhang.7805	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate ▪ Sustainable Finance
	Xiaoyan Zhang, Tsinghua University	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	https://eng.pbcst.tsinghua.edu.cn/info/1084/2047.htm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Investments - Asset pricing models and tests ▪ Investments - Market efficiency and anomalies ▪ Investments - Mutual funds and institutional investors