

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 Atanasov, University of Nebraska	Associate Professor	https://business.unl.edu/person/julian-atanasov/	<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 - InsuranceInvestments - 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 behaviorInvestments - Liquidity and short sellingInvestments - Other
Davidson Heath, University of Utah	Associate Professor	https://eccles.utah.edu/team/davidson-heath/	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Corporate Finance - OtherCorporate 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 - CorporateBehavioral 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 FinanceReal 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 distressCorporate Finance - Payout and cash policyCorporate 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 relationshipsCorporate Finance - Firm and project valuationCorporate 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 FinanceFinancial 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.pbcfsf.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

