



# M.Sc. FINANCE

## News and Information

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### Welcome to:



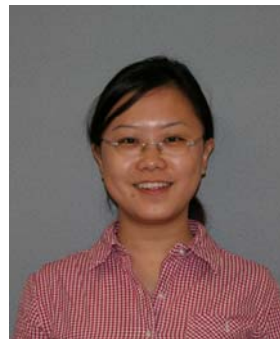
**Haiyun (Cassie) Fan**

Cassie joined our program in September 2006. She received her undergraduate degree from Fudan University in P.R. China



**Xiang (Lucy) Li**

Lucy joined our program in September 2006. She transferred from the Master of Arts program in Economics at the University of Saskatchewan. Lucy received her undergraduate degree from Renmin University in P.R. China.



**Yifang (Charlotte) Wan**

Charlotte joined our program in September 2006. She received her undergraduate degree from Fudan University in P.R. China



**Juan (Apple) Wang**

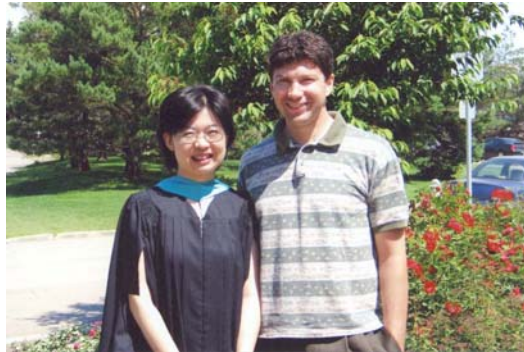
Apple joined our program in September 2006. She received her undergraduate degree from Beijing Normal University in P.R. China

### Upcoming Events:

- ✳ **October 20<sup>th</sup>:** Linda Tang will defend her thesis titled “A Simultaneous Approach to Analyzing the Relation Between Board Structure, Corporate Governance Mechanisms and Performance of Japanese Firms (1989 – 2001)” in room 189 Co. at 10:00 a.m. Co-Supervisors: Dr. Prem Mathew and Dr. Semih Yildirim; Internal Committee member: Dr. George Tannous
- ✳ **October 27<sup>th</sup>:** Luke Schmidt will defend his thesis titled “Credibility of Corporate Announcements and Market Reaction: Evidence from Canadian Share Repurchase Programs” in room 189 Co. at 1:00 p.m. Co-Supervisors: Dr. Dev Mishra and Dr. Marie Racine
- ✳ **November 17<sup>th</sup>:** Workshop with the finance faculty to introduce students to faculty research areas and potential thesis topics. The workshop will be held in 189 Co. from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

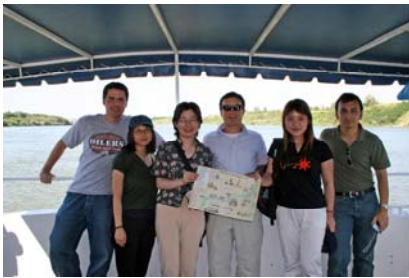
## Recent Events:

- ✳ **June 12<sup>th</sup>:** Zhaochun (Fiona) Yang successfully defended her thesis titled “The Accuracy of Financial Analysts and Market Response” in room 189 Co. Supervisor: Craig Wilson



Zhaochun (Fiona) Yang and Craig Wilson

- ✳ **June 27<sup>th</sup>: Shearwater Boat River Tour and Year End M.Sc. Bar-b-que at Kinsman Park –** Faculty members, students and their families joined together to celebrate the end of another successful academic year. The evening started off with a river tour on The Saskatoon Princess which travels under four of Saskatoon's seven bridges, past the downtown core with its elegant landscaped parks, natural areas, and some of the city's most opulent residences. The South Saskatchewan River is recognized as one of the finest and best-kept in the world. After the River cruise everyone met at Kinsmen Park for a bar-b-que where fun was had by all. Thank you to Brenda, Dawn, and Violet for their team work. A special thank you goes out to Marie and Emil for a wonderful meal.



Srdan Komlenovic, Joanne Leung, Fiona Yang, Luke Schmidt, Jenny Li and Walid Reza aboard the Saskatoon Princess



Nola Buhr, Waseem Tannous and George Tannous taking in the sights.



Craig Wilson and Mehran Hojati enjoying a relaxing cruise.



The grill is hot and Mehran Hojati hard at work cooking up a feast.



Fun in the park.



Left to Right: Srdan Komlenovic, Jenny Li, Luke Schmidt, Fiona Yang, Joanne Leung, Walid Reza and Nafisa Ahmed (Walid's wife)



Students, faculty and family members enjoying a beautiful summer evening.



All Aboard: Fiona Yang, Walid Reza, Nafisa Ahmed, Jenny Li, Joanne Leung and Srdan Komlenovic



Marie Racine, Craig Wilson and George Tannous take a train ride with some of the kids.

- ✳ **September 8<sup>th</sup>:** Luke Schmidt's thesis proposal defense: "Credibility of Corporate Announcements and Market Reaction: Evidence from Canadian Share Repurchase Programs" (189 Co. from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
- ✳ **September 8<sup>th</sup>:** **M.Sc. Welcome Gathering (189 Co. from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m.)** – Dean Grant Isaac, Associate Dean Nola Buhr, Assistant Dean Alison Renny, faculty members from the Department of Finance & Management Science along with representatives from the Economics Department and the College of Graduate Studies and Research were invited to join us for a party to welcome our new and returning M.Sc. students. Dr. Racine addressed the students and presented each of them with a gift. Dr. Buhr welcomed the students on behalf of the College.



**From Left to Right:** Juan 'Apple' Wang, Xiang 'Lucy' Li, Haiyun 'Cassie' Fan, Yifang 'Charlotte' Wan, Srdan Komlenovic, Joanne Leung, Luke Schmidt, Syed Walid Reza, Zhen 'Jenny' Li, Dr. M. Racine (Director)  
**Missing:** Mark Norton, Michael Shumlich and Linda Tang

- ✳ **September 29<sup>th</sup>:** CGSR Workshop on Academic Integrity (from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.) – This workshop was designed to assist students and faculty members understand the issues and the practices of academic integrity. For other useful resources please see the following websites:

[https://library.usask.ca/usered/lihonesty\\_intro](https://library.usask.ca/usered/lihonesty_intro)

<http://library.acadiau.ca/tutorials/plagiarism/>

## Congratulations:



**Luke Schmidt**  
Successfully completed  
CFA Level II



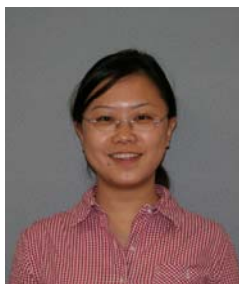
**Srdan Komlenovic**  
UGS Scholarship<sup>1</sup>



**Syed Walid Reza**  
UGS Scholarship<sup>1</sup>



**Haiyun (Cassie) Fan**  
GTF<sup>2</sup>



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- (1) **University Graduate Scholarship:** University of Saskatchewan Master's scholarships are highly competitive and are currently valued at \$15,000 per year and renewable for up to 2 years subject to maintaining acceptable academic standing. These scholarships may be offered in a university wide competition (Non-Devolved Scholarship Program) or through the department (Devolved Scholarship Program).
- (2) **Graduate Teaching Fellowship:** University of Saskatchewan Teaching Fellowships are valued at \$15,000 per year for up to 48 months at the Master's level. Students are required to work 12 hours per week for the September to April period.

## Other News:

- \* In the New Year graduates of the M.Sc. in Finance program will have access to a Graduate Career Centre to help them find their first job. Watch for further details.
- \* Incoming students took an intensive math refresher course in September. Thank you to Max Chaban (new tenure track appointment in Economics) who voluntarily coordinated the course with assistance from Agriculture Economics. In return Walid Reza and Srdan Komlenovic, under their UGS scholarships, offered lab sessions in EVIEWS for the graduate econometrics course (ECON 808). This advanced econometrics course is now required of our students and the econ graduate students.
- \* Look for our new brochure and updated webpage.
- \* We've added a photo gallery to our website. Please visit the following website to view some of our recent activities. <http://www.commerce.usask.ca/programs/mscfinance/photogallery.asp>

\* The M.Sc. in Finance bulletin board is located across from room 71 Co. Currently on display is the “Academic Hood for the M.Sc. in Finance.”

### **Message to our Alumni:**

We would like to know what you have been up to. Please send us a current photo and a brief write-up so we can include it in future bulletins.

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