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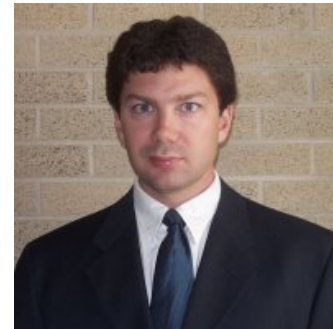
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Welcome to:



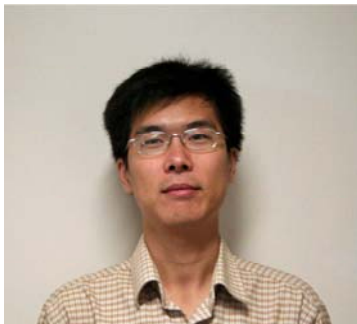
Dr. Ganesh Vaidyanathan

Ganesh Vaidyanathan is an Associate Professor and the Head of the Department of Accounting. He was recently appointed as the Acting Head of the Department of Finance and Management Science for the 2007/2008 academic year.



Dr. Craig Wilson

Craig Wilson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Finance and Management Science. He has been appointed as the Acting Director of the M.Sc. in Finance program for the 2007/2008 academic year.



Dr. Zhenyu Wu

Dr. Wu joined our faculty on January 1, 2007. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Calgary and is teaching Comm 203 and Comm 368.



Heidi Esau

Heidi joined the M.Sc. Finance program in September 2007. She received her undergraduate degree in Finance & International Business from the University of Manitoba.



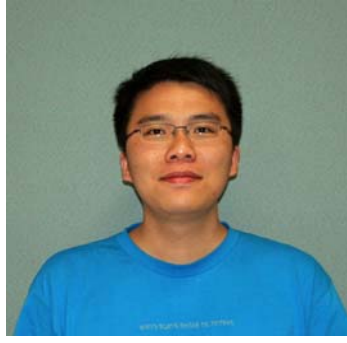
Yuting (Jolene) Fu

Jolene joined the M.Sc. Finance program in September 2007. She received her undergraduate degree in Management from Wuhan University in the P.R. China.



Weiwei Jiang

Weiwei joined the M.Sc. Finance program in September 2007. She received her undergraduate degree in Finance from the University of Saskatchewan.



Mo Zhou

Mo joined the M.Sc. Finance program in September 2007. He received his undergraduate degree in Electronics from Peking University in the P.R. China.



Xing (Cindy) Zhou

Cindy joined the M.Sc. Finance program in September 2007. She received her undergraduate degree in Economics from Northwest University in the P.R. of China and her MA in Economics from Lakehead University.

Upcoming Events:

- * **October 30th:** Joanne Leung’s thesis proposal defence will be held in room 189 ESB at 1:00 pm. Her thesis title is “Voluntary Compliance and Implied Cost of Equity: Evidence from Canada.”
- * **October 25th:** Greystone Managed Investments will be hosting an information session in the Fireplace Room at the Faculty Club from 4:00 until 6:30 p.m. Faculty members and students are invited to stop in and find out more about this dynamic company and network with the top finance students at the Edwards School of Business.
- * **January 23, 2008: ESB Networking Event (booths will be set up throughout the Edwards School of Business)** – Graduate and undergraduate students are invited to meet and network with representative from approximately 40 different companies and businesses.

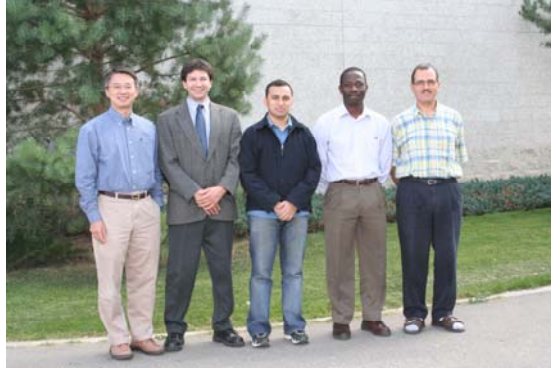
Recent Events:

- * **March 23rd:** **Year End Wrap-Up Gathering at EEBurritos, B102 Avenue P South** – Faculty members, students and their families joined together to celebrate the end of another successful academic year. The evening included dining on great Mexican food and Latin dance lessons.



From Left to Right: Syed Walid Reza, Juan ‘Apple’ Wang, Yifang ‘Charlotte’ Wan, Emmarie Racine Hallin, Zhen ‘Jenny’ Li, Xiang ‘Lucy’ Li, Joanne Leung, Haiyun ‘Cassie’ Fan and Srdan Komlenovic

- * **July 24th:** The University of Saskatchewan (U of S) has launched a new identity for its business students and faculty with the renaming of its College of Commerce to the *N. Murray Edwards School of Business*. For more information regarding this announcement please see the following website: <http://www.edwards.usask.ca/esb/default.asp>.
- * **August 15th:** Syed Walid Reza defended his thesis titled: "Does Corporate Ownership Impact the Probability of Informed Trading?" Supervisor: Dr. Craig Wilson; Internal Committee members: Dr. Zhao Sun and Dr. George Tannous; External Examiner: Dr. Ebenezer Asem from the University of Lethbridge.



Dr. Zhao Sun (Committee Member), Dr. Craig Wilson (Supervisor), Syed Walid Reza, Dr. Ebenezer Asum (External Examiner) and Dr. George Tannous (Committee Member)

- * **September 7th:** Mark Roger Norton defended his thesis titled: "Market Reaction to Announcements of Dividend Increases: Is it Weakening with Time?" Co-Supervisors: Dr. George Tannous and Dr. Zhao Sun; Internal Committee member: Dr. Abdullah Mamun; External Examiner: Dr. Suresh Kalagnanam from the Department of Accounting at the University of Saskatchewan.
- * **September 11th:** **M.Sc. in Finance Welcome Gathering (189 ESB from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m.)** – Dean Grant Isaac, Associate Dean Nola Buhr, Assistant Dean Alison Renny, faculty members from the Department of Finance & Management Science along with representative 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. Craig Wilson addressed the students and presented each of the first year students with a gift. Dr. Buhr welcomed the students on behalf of the Edwards School of Business and Dr. Tom Wishart spoke on behalf of the College of Graduate Studies and Research.



From Left to Right: Yuting 'Jolene' Fu, Xing 'Cindy' Zhou, Mo Zhou, Heidi Esau, Zhen 'Jenny' Li, Juan 'Apple' Wang, Haiyun 'Cassie' Fan, Yifang 'Charlotte' Wan, Xiang 'Lucy' Li, Joanne Leung, Srdan Komlenovic, Dr. Nola Buhr (Associate Dean)
Missing: Weiwei Jiang, Mark Norton, Michael Shumlich

- * **September 19th: Campus Career Expo (booths were set up in the PAC Centre)** – Students from all disciplines were invited to network with potential employers.
- * **September 28th: CGSR Workshop on Academic Integrity (from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.)** – This workshop was designed to assist students and faculty members in understanding the issues and practices of academic integrity. For other useful resources please see the following websites:

https://library.usask.ca/usered/lihonesty_intro

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

Congratulations:



Haiyun (Cassie) Fan
UGS Scholarship¹



Yuting (Jolene) Fu
UGS Scholarship¹



Xiang (Lucy) Li
UGS Scholarship¹



Zhen (Jenny) Li
UGS Scholarship¹



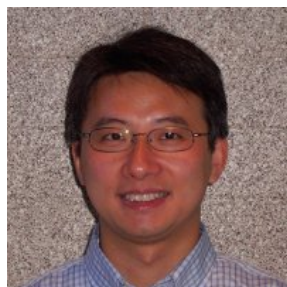
Yifang (Charlotte) Wan
UGS Scholarship¹



Juan (Apple) Wang
UGS Scholarship¹

- (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).

- * Congratulations go out to the following individuals who have either recently become a CFA Charterholder or passed Level III of the CFA exam.



Dr. Zhao Sun
CFA Charter Holder - 2006
Associate Professor in the Department
of Finance and Management Science



Zhaochun (Fiona) Yang
Passed CFA Level III - 2007
Graduated from the M.Sc. Finance
program in 2006.



Luke Schmidt
Passed CFA Level III - 2007
Graduated from the M.Sc. Finance
program in 2006.

Other News:

- * This year the M.Sc. in Finance program at the Edwards School of Business is providing free tutoring sessions for students who are registered in Comm 104 and Comm 203.
- * Incoming students took an intensive math refresher course in September. Thank you to Dr. Max Chaban and the Department of Economics for coordinating this course.
- * We will be adding a new link to our M.Sc. website. As of November 1, 2007 you will be able to access the current and past bulletins on the following website.
<http://www.edwards.usask.ca/programs/mscfinance/bulletins.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.”

Alumni News:

Alumni Updates:



Priscilla Neeliah-Chinniah
M.Sc. Finance – 2004

Originally from Quatre Bornes, Mauritius, Priscilla obtained her B.Sc. in Finance from the University of Mauritius. She entered the M.Sc. in Finance program at the University of Saskatchewan in September 2002. Priscilla moved to Montréal, PQ after graduating from the M.Sc. in Finance Program in 2004, and is now working as a business analyst at FinRad, a company that develops financial solutions for various major companies in Montreal from institutional investors to corporations and provincial government. Priscilla feels that the invaluable knowledge and skills that she acquired during the M.Sc. in Finance program truly helps her in everyday work of analyzing clients’ financial needs, business processes and industry, recommending best business practices, implementing financial solutions, and assessing the value of treasury products, derivatives, foreign exchange products and securities. She feels that being enrolled in the program has really been an enriching experience not only for the quality of the courses but also because of the helpful people involved. Priscilla is sure that future students who go through the M.Sc. in Finance program will also find it a valuable experience.



Scott Barron
M.Sc. Finance - 2002

Originally from Saskatoon, Scott began his undergraduate program at the U of S in 1996, majoring in Finance. In 2000 he entered the M.Sc. Finance program at the U of S where he focused his research on the performance and characteristics of high dividend yielding stocks. His research was presented at the ASAC Conference in Quebec City in 2004. Upon graduation from the M.Sc. program in 2002, Scott began his career with TD Commercial Banking in Saskatoon where he was responsible for managing a debt portfolio of mid-market companies. From 2004 to present, Scott has been working at TD Securities, in Calgary, where he has focused on mergers, acquisitions and corporate financings in the oil & gas sector. During this time he has been involved in over \$40 billion of M&A transactions and more than \$5 billion of lead equity financings.

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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