

**4<sup>th</sup> Northeastern University Finance Conference**  
**May 18 – 19, 2018, Boston, MA**

**Location:** **50 Dodge Hall**  
**D'Amore-McKim School of Business**  
**Northeastern University**  
**360 Huntington Avenue**  
**Boston, MA – 02115**

**Friday, May 18, 2018** **50 Dodge Hall**

**12:00 to 12:45 pm**      ***Lunch and pick up conference materials***

**12:45 to 1:00 pm**      ***Opening Remarks: Raj Echambadi, Dean, D'Amore-McKim School of Business***  
***Announcements: Jayant Kale***

**1:00 to 2:30 pm** **Session 1**      ***Chair: Linlin Ma***

***"Persistent Blessings of Luck"***

***Presenter: Yizhou Xiao (Chinese University of Hong Kong)***

***Discussant: Lucy White (Boston University)***

***"FinTechs and the Market for Financial Analysis"***

***Presenter: Jillian Grennan (Duke University)***

***Discussant: Gerard Hoberg (University of Southern California)***

**2:30 to 3:00 pm** ***Break***

**3:00 to 4:30 pm** **Session 2**      ***Chair: Kuncheng (KC) Zheng***

***"Reciprocal Lending Relationships in Shadow Banking"***

***Presenter: Yi Li (Federal Reserve Board)***

***Discussant: Amiyatosh Purnanandam (University of Michigan)***

***"Real Option Exercise: Empirical Evidence"***

***Presenter: Jerome P. Taillard (Babson College)***

***Discussant: Evgeny Lyandres (Boston University)***

**6:00 to 9:00 pm**      **Conference Reception (50<sup>th</sup> floor, Prudential Building)**

**Saturday, May 19**

**8:15 to 9:00 am**

***Breakfast***

**9:00 to 10:30 am**

**Session 3**      ***Chair: Felipe Cortes***

***“The Limits of Limited Liability: Evidence from Industrial Pollution”***

***Presenter: Ian Appel (Boston College)***

***Discussant: Charles Hadlock (Michigan State University)***

***“Going Mobile, Investor Behavior, and Financial Fragility”***

***Presenter: Xiao Cen (Columbia University)***

***Discussant: Daniel Bergstresser (Brandeis University)***

**10:30 to 11:00 am**

***Break***

**11:00 to 11:45 am**

**Session 4**      ***Chair: John Bai***

***“Naughty Firms, Noisy Disclosure: The Effects of Cartel Enforcement on Corporate Disclosure”***

***Presenter: Alminas Zaldokas (HKUST)***

***Discussant: Vikram Nanda (UT Dallas)***

**11:45 to 12:45 pm**

***Lunch***

**12:45 to 2:15 pm**

**Session 5**      ***Chair: Kandarp Srinivasan***

***“The Origins and Real Effects of the Gender Gap: Evidence from CEOs’ Formative Years”***

***Presenter: Mike Simutin (University of Toronto)***

***Discussant: Simi Kedia (Rutgers University)***

***“Option Skills”***

***Presenter: Jian Hua (Baruch College)***

***Discussant: Slava Fos (Boston College)***

**2:15 to 2:45 pm**

***Break***

**2:45 to 3:30 pm**

**Session 6**      ***Chair: Anya Mkrtchyan***

***“The Impact of Right-to-Work Laws on Worker Wages: Evidence from Collective Bargaining Agreements”***

***Presenter: Andras Danis (Georgia Tech)***

***Discussant: Debarshi Nandy (Brandeis University)***

**3:30 pm**

**Concluding Remarks: Rajesh Aggarwal**