

LONE STAR SYMPOSIUM

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This year's Lone Star Finance Symposium will be hosted by the University of Houston's Finance Department

Details

When: Friday, September 9, 2011

Where: Room 118, Melcher Hall, [Bauer College of Business](#), [University of Houston](#)

Maps: [Campus map \(PDF, 5MB\)](#) (Melcher Hall is Building 528, in the bottom left of the E6 square)
[Melcher Hall on Google maps](#), [Melcher Hall floor maps](#)

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Nearest Hotel: [Hilton University of Houston](#), [4800 Calhoun Road](#), Houston, TX 77204-3902, Tel: 1-832-531-6300

You can book at room at a reduced rate (\$118 plus tax) by calling (866) 327-1161.

Parking: Parking Garage at the ["Welcome Center"](#) (Building 553 on the [campus map](#), straddling the D5-6 squares) ([Parking garage entrance on Google maps](#))

Enter from Calhoun Rd, drive up to Level 2, pass through the gate, find a free parking space. Walk a few hundred feet North to Melcher Hall. Find us in Room 118. We'll give you a validated ticket, so you won't have to pay for parking.

Travel information: Houston has two major airports. [Hobby \(HOU\)](#) is nearer to UH; it is served mainly by [Southwest Airlines](#). [Intercontinental \(IAH\)](#) is served by the main carriers.

Internet access while at UH: use the ["UHWireless"](#) SSID (no password needed).

Paper presenters have 30 minutes for their presentations. Discussants have 10 minutes.

Program:**Friday, Sept. 9, 2011**

8:30am-9:15am: Light breakfast, in the lobby of Melcher Hall (outside room 118)

9:15am-9:30am: Welcome (Melcher Hall 118)

9:30am-10:35am: Paper 1

Title: ["On Pricing Credit Default Swaps with Observable Covariates"](#)
Authors: Hitesh Doshi, Jan Ericsson, Kris Jacobs and Stuart Turnbull.
Presenter: Hitesh Doshi, University of Houston
Discussant: Hwagyun Kim, Texas A&M University

10:35am-10:50am: Break

10:50am-11:55am: Paper two

Title: "The Real effect of Short Sales"
Authors: Gustavo Grullon, Sebastien Michenaud and James Weston.
Presenter: Sebastien Michenaud, Rice University
Discussant: Nadia Vozlyublennaia, Texas Tech University

11:55am-1:30pm: Lunch, in the lobby of Melcher Hall (outside room 118)

1:30pm-2:35pm: Paper three

Title: ["How Do Private Placements enhance Firm Value?"](#)
Authors: Indraneel Chakraborty and Nickolay Gantchev.
Presenter: Indraneel Chakraborty, Southern Methodist University
Discussant: Antonio Macias, Texas Christian University

2:35pm-2:50pm: Break

2:50pm-3:55pm: Paper four

Title: ["A Glimpse behind a Closed Door: The Investment Value of Buy-side Research and its effects on Fund Trades and Performance"](#)
Authors: Michael Rebello and Kelsey Wei.
Presenter: Kelsey Wei, University of Texas at Dallas
Discussant: Tom George, University of Houston

3:55pm-4:10pm: Break

4:10pm-5:15pm: Paper five

Title: ["Dividend Policy, Production and Stock Returns: A Dividend-Based Explanation of Asset Pricing Anomalies"](#)

Authors: Hwagyun Kim and Chanwoo Nam.

Presenter: Hwagyun Kim, Texas A&M University

Discussant: Praveen Kumar, University of Houston

Evening: Dinner at [District 7 Grill](#), 1508 Hutchins St., Houston, TX 77003 ([Google Map](#); [Directions from UH](#))

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