



LONE STAR FINANCE SYMPOSIUM

2019 Lone Star Finance Symposium at the University of Houston

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

Details

When: September 5-6, 2019

Where: Insperty Classroom and Business Building room 328-330, [Bauer College of Business](#), [University of Houston](#)

Maps: [Insperty Classroom & Business Building on Google maps](#), [Insperty Building floor maps](#)

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Nearest Hotel: We have reserved a block of rooms for Thursday and Friday at the [Marriott Marquis Houston \(1777 Walker St, Houston, TX 77010\)](#) for \$179/night through [this link](#). The link expires on Thursday, August 8. The hotel is on the [Discovery Green](#), about 15 minutes from UH, and features a Texas-shaped lazy river. Further, the conference dinner on Thursday night will be at a restaurant adjoined to the Marriott Marquis. For guests staying Friday night, the hotel is right next to the baseball park. There are many other hotels nearby if you want to shop around.

Thursday dinner: We have reservations at [Xochi](#), a local [favorite](#), for 6pm.

Friday activity: for those interested, the [Astros will be playing the Mariners at 7:10pm](#) at Minute Maid Park, a few minutes' walk from the hotel.

Public Transportation: The light rail – train 900- runs [directly from the hotel to campus](#).

Campus Parking: Guest parking is available for \$9 per day at the [East Garage](#), right across the street from the business school

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).

Program:

Thursday, September 5th

[Dinner \(6:00pm – 9:00pm\)](#)

Location: Xochi at the Marriott Marquis Hotel ([1777 Walker St., Houston TX 77010](#))

Friday, September 6th

[Breakfast \(8:00am – 8:45am\)](#)

Location: [Insperty Classroom and Business Building Room 328-330](#)

[Dean's welcoming remarks \(8:45am-9:00am\)](#)

Session #1 (9:00am-10:20am)

“Effects of Offering Speed and Liquidity on Pricing”

Tarik Umar (Rice), Emmanuel Yimfor (Rice), Rustam Zufarov (Rice)

Discussant: Praveen Kumar (UH)

“Til Death Do Us Part: The Relative Merits of Founder CEOs”

Tristan J. Fitzgerald (TAMU)

Discussant: Vikram Nanda (UT-Dallas)

Coffee Break (10:20am-10:40am)Session #2 (10:40am-12:00pm)

“The Earnings Announcement Premium as Uncertainty Aversion: Theory and Evidence”

David L. Dicks (Baylor), Brian Kim (Baylor)

Discussant: Bruce Carlin (Rice)

“Slowly Unfolding Disasters”

Mohammad Ghaderi (UH), Mete Kilic (USC), **Sang Byung Seo (UH)**

Discussant: Hagen Kim (TAMU)

Lunch (12:00pm-1:30pm)Session #3 (1:30pm-2:50pm)

“Discrimination in the Auto Loan Market”

Alexander W. Butler (Rice), **Erik J. Mayer (SMU)**, James P. Weston (Rice)

Discussant: John Griffin (UT-Austin)

“Do Municipal Bond Dealers Give their Customers Best Execution or Opportunistic Pricing?”

John M. Griffin (UT-Austin), Nicholas Hirschey (LBS), **Samuel Kruger (UT-Austin)**

Discussant: Stacey Jacobsen (SMU)

Coffee Break (2:50pm-3:10pm)Session #4 (3:10pm-4:30pm)

“What Explains Regional Externalities in Firm Behavior?”

William Grieser (TCU), James LeSage (TSU), Morad Zekhnini (Tulane)

Discussant: Cesare Fracassi (UT-Austin)

“Market Power and Consumer Welfare: Evidence from Home Rental Markets”

Steven Chong Xiao (UT-Dallas), Serena Wenjing Xiao (UT-Dallas)

Discussant: Vijay Yerramilli (UH)

Happy hour

Location: Calhoun's Rooftop (4701 Calhoun Rd, Houston, TX 77004)