4th 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 (50th 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