



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Mays Business School

2021 Lone Star Finance Conference Schedule

September 23 (Thursday)

Conference Reception (4:30pm-6:00pm)

Location: Parade Green Room at the [Cavalry Court](#)

Conference Dinner (6:00pm-8:00pm)

Location: The Stables at the [Cavalry Court](#)

September 24 (Friday)

Breakfast and Registration (8:00am - 8:45am)

Location: Cocanougher Center, Wehner Building

Welcome Remarks (8:45am-9:00am)

Session 1: (9:00am-10:20am) Room 190, Wehner Building

Session chair: Jonathan Halket

9:00am-9:40am: “[Financial Returns to Household Inventory Management](#)” Scott R. Baker (Northwestern), **Stephanie Johnson (Rice)**, Lorenz Kueng (USI Lugano)

Discussant: Andres Almazan (UT Austin)

9:40am-10:20am: “[Cooling Auction Fever: Underquoting Laws in the Housing Market](#)” **Antonio Gargano (Houston)**, Marco Giacoletti (USC)

Discussant: Bruce Carlin (Rice)

Coffee Break (10:20am-10:40am)

Session 2: (10:40am-12:00pm) Room 190, Wehner Building

Session chair: Xiao Cen

10:40am-11:20am: “[The Epidemiology of Financial Constraints](#)” **William Grieser (TCU)**, Ioannis Spyridopoulos (American), Morad Zekhnini (MSU)

Discussant: Shane Johnson (Texas A&M)

11:20am-12:00pm: “[The Effects of Technological Disruption on Suppliers and Customers: Evidence from Blockchain Laws](#)” Mark A. Chen (GSU), **Sophia Hu (Baylor)**, Joanna Wang (GSU), Qinxu Wu (Baylor)

Discussant: Praveen Kumar (Houston)

Lunch (12:00pm-1:30pm)

Location: Cocanougher Center, Wehner Building

Session 3: (1:30pm-2:50pm) Room 190, Wehner Building

Session chair: Boone Bowles

1:30pm-2:10pm: “[Disagreement about Innovations and Endogenous Growth](#)” Christian Heyerdahl-Larsen (Indiana), **Philipp Illeditsch (Texas A&M)**, Howard Kung (LBS)

Discussant: Harold Zhang (UT Dallas)

2:10pm-2:50pm: “[Unmasking Mutual Fund Derivative Use](#)” Ron Kaniel (Rochester), **Pingle Wang (UT Dallas)**

Discussant: Clemens Sialm (UT Austin)

Coffee Break (2:50pm-3:10pm)

Session 4: (3:10pm-4:30pm) Room 190, Wehner Building

Session chair: Tristan Fitzgerald

3:10pm-3:50pm: “Did Fintech Lenders Facilitate PPP Fraud?” John M. Griffin (UT Austin), **Samuel Kruger (UT Austin)**, Prateek Mahajan (UT Austin)

Discussant: Brian Wolfe (UTSA)

3:50pm-4:30pm: “[Competition, Reputation, and Venture Capital Investment](#)” Nuri Ersahin (MSU), **Ruidi Huang (SMU)**, Naveen Khanna (MSU)

Discussant: Vikram Nanda (UT Dallas)

Wrap up (4:30pm)



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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The Mays Business School of Texas A&M University is happy to host the 2021 edition of the Lone Star Finance Conference. We are currently planning for an in-person meeting with a conference dinner on the evening of Thursday, September 23rd and a full day of sessions on Friday, September 24th.

The conference program can be found [here](#).

REGISTRATION (DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 10TH)

To assist with the planning process, we kindly request everyone planning to attend to register by September 10th using the link below:

[Registration](#)

DETAILS

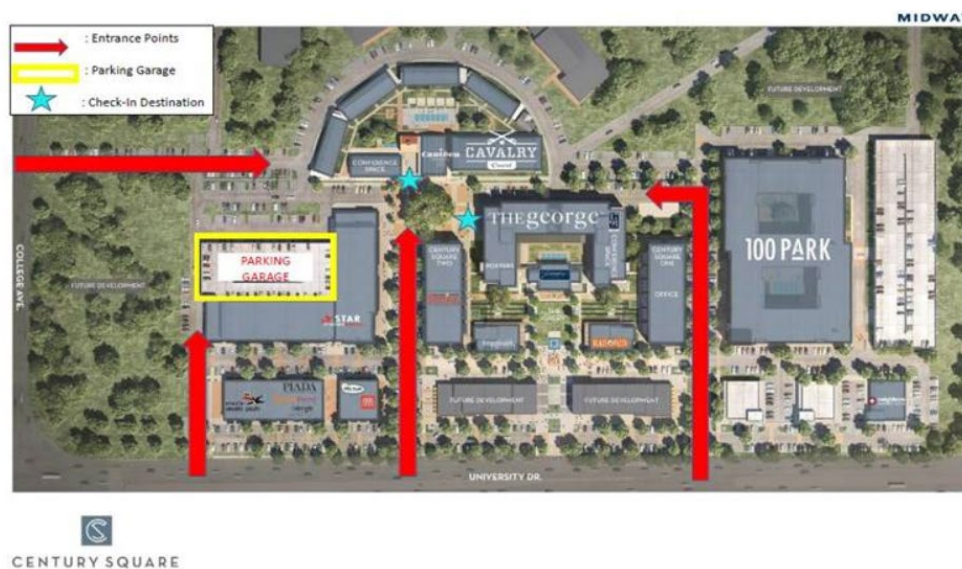
Conference: Friday, September 24th, 2021, Room 190, [Wehner Building](#)

Reception: 4.30 pm to 6 pm, Thursday, September 23rd, Green Parade Room at the [Cavalry Court](#).

Dinner: 6 pm to 8 pm, Thursday, September 23rd, The Stables at the [Cavalry Court](#).

Hotels nearby: We invite participants to make their own hotel arrangements. [The George](#) and

Cavalry Court hotels are great options for anyone looking for convenient access to the conference activities. They are both located in the Century Square complex, right next to each other and offer equally convenient access to the activities on Thursday (see below). The George has a vintage-retro décor in all rooms and suites, while the Cavalry Court offers a country-camping esthetic. The Century Square complex is a mere 7-min away from campus. Other hotels in the area: Embassy Suites, Hilton and Stella Hotel.



Campus parking: We have arranged for complimentary visitor parking on the conference date. Those interested should provide their license plate in the registration form. We will provide you with a one-time code that can be used on Lot 72a or Lot72b, which is directly next to the Wehner building.

Travel information: By car, College Station is about 1.5 hrs away from Austin and Houston, and about 3 hrs away from Dallas and San Antonio. For those interested in flying, College Station's Easterwood Airport (airport code: CLL). It has nonstop flights to Houston (IAH) and Dallas (DFW).

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