

Boca Finance and Real Estate Conference Program
Schmidt Family Complex, Florida Atlantic University
Thu. Nov. 13 and Fri. Nov. 14, 2025

Day	Start End		Room	Session	Session Topic	Presenter	Title of Paper
	Time	Time					
Thu	8:00	8:30	Foyer		Continental Breakfast	Anita Pennathur	
Thu	8:30	9:00	SFC 107		Welcome	FAU CoB Dean Dan Gropper	
Thu	9:00	10:30	TBA	FIN 1	Banking		
Thu				FIN 1	Banking	Brian Silverstein	Hedging for Commercial Banks: Protecting Against Security Losses Runs and Failures
Thu				FIN 1	Banking	Edward Prescott	Organizational Form and Thrift Risk During the US Housing Boom and Bust
Thu				FIN 1	Banking	Morgan Rose	Charge-offs and Noninterest Expense in Community Development Financial Institutions
Thu				FIN 1	Banking	David Stillerman	Non-Profits Competition and Risk Segmentation in Consumer Lending Markets
Thu	9:00	10:30	TBA	RRE 1	Residential Real Estate		
Thu				RRE 1	Equity	Teng Huang	The Heterogeneous Effects of Financial Wealth on Housing Demand
Thu				RRE 1	Equity	John Duca	The Effect of Uncertainty on U.S. Residential Investment
Thu				RRE 1	Equity	Atanas Mihov	Fiscal Stimulus and Housing Booms: Evidence from the 2003 Tax Cuts
Thu	10:30	11:00	Foyer		Coffee Break		
Thu	11:00	12:30	TBA	FIN 2	Asset Pricing		
Thu				FIN 2	Asset Pricing	Xiaoyu Zhao	Hedge Fund Performance and US-China Tension
Thu				FIN 2	Asset Pricing	Biljana Gilevska	Correlated Investment Exposure of Commercial Banks: The Case of CMBS

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Thu				FIN 2	Asset Pricing	Passthrough Mutual Funds
Thu				FIN 2	Asset Pricing	Political Beta in Foreign Direct Investment
Thu	11:00	12:30	TBA	REE 2	Residential Real	
Thu				REE 2	Mortgage	Barriers to Reentry: Initial Borrowing Frictions Refinancing and Wealth
Thu				REE 2	Mortgage	Queuing Service Time and Price Dynamics in Residential Mortgage Lending
Thu	12:30	1:00	Foyer		Lunch	
Thu			SFC 107		Real Estate Industry Panel	
Thu	1:00	1:15			Randy I. Anderson, Ph.D.	Welcome and Introduction to the session University of South Florida
Thu	1:15	2:00			Scott Hughes	State of the Economy and Commercial Real Estate Trimont, Managing Director of Data Research
Thu	2:15	2:30	Foyer		Coffee Break	
Thu	2:30	2:45			Ryan Greenblatt	The Local Residential Market FAU, Adjunct Professor, Department of Finance
Thu	2:45	3:40			Stace Sirmans, Ph.D.	Agentic AI in Finance and Real Estate Auburn University
Thu	3:40	4:20			Ken Johnson, Ph.D.	Current State of the US Housing Market University of Mississippi
Thu	4:20	5:00			Josh Harris, Ph.D.	Triumph of the 30 Minute City EVP
Thu	5:30	7:00	Foyer		Reception	SFC Athletics Atrium

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Fri	7:45	8:15	Foyer		Continental Breakfast			
Fri	8:15	9:00	SFC 107		Keynote Speaker			
Fri	9:00	10:30	TBA	FIN 3	Startups			
Fri				FIN 3	Startups	Thomas Boulton	Broken IPOs	
Fri				FIN 3	Startups	Tristan Fitzgerald	How do venture capitalists (actually) make decisions? Internal evidence from a private startup accelerator	
Fri				FIN 3	Startups	Guilherme Junqueira	Tax Incentives and Venture Capital Risk-Taking	
Fri				FIN 3	Startups	Alina Munteanu	Uneven Effects of SEC Accredited Investor Reform	
Fri	9:00	10:30	TBA	REE 3	Residential Real Estate			
Fri				RRE 3	Equity	Florent Rouxelin	Built to Predict: How AI Is Revolutionizing Real Estate	
Fri				REE 3	Equity	Da Li	Eviction Regulations and Private Equity Investments in Multifamily	
Fri				REE 3	Other	Nonna Sorokina	Your Next-Door Neighbor, Nuclear Reactor: Real Estate and Societal Readiness	
Fri	9:00	10:30	TBA	CRE 1	Commercial Real Estate			
Fri				CRE 1	Equity	Premal Vora	Real estate or corporate equity? A reckoning	
Fri				CRE 1	Equity	David Glancy	Determinants of Pandemic-era CRE Distress: Implications for the Banking Sector	
Fri	10:30	11:00	Foyer		Coffee Break			
Fri	11:00	12:30	TBA	FIN 4	Fintech			
Fri				FIN 4	Fintech	Rob Stein	'If it quacks like a duck': on the index-like effect of Robinhood's '100 Most Popular' stocks list	
Fri				FIN 4	Finech	Spencer Stone	Left-digit bias in the FinTech era	

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Fri				FIN 4	Fintech	Yuchen Lin	Financial Inclusivity vs Flight to Quality on Peer-to-Peer Lending Platforms	
Fri	11:00	12:30	TBA	FIN 5	Equity			
Fri				FIN 5	Equity	Zirui Wang	Asymmetric Information and Asset Sales versus Mergers and Acquisitions	
Fri				FIN 5	Equity	Jiawei Yu	The Impact of Return-to-Office Mandates on Equity Analysts	
Fri				FIN 5	Asset Pricing	David Feldman	Idiosyncratic Volatility	
Fri	12:30	1:00	Foyer		Lunch			
				CRE 2	Commercial Real Estate			
Fri				CRE 2	Mortgage	Akos Horvath	Risk Perception and Loan Underwriting in Securitized Commercial Mortgages	
Fri				CRE 2	Mortgage	Samuel Hughes	Negative Leverage Cap Rates and the Cost of Debt in Apartments	
Fri				CRE 2	Mortgage	Atlas Wu	Smaller Banks Smarter Lending? Evidence from the Commercial Real Estate Market	
Fri				CRE 2	Mortgage	Masim Suleymanov	Changes in Personal Bankruptcy Protection Laws: the Impact to Home Mortgage Lending	
Fri	1:00	2:30	TBA	FIN 6	Corporate Governance			
Fri				FIN 6	Directors	Shahram Amini	Capital Allocation Under Overboarded Directors	
Fri				FIN 6	Directors	Wesley Deng	Beyond the glass ceiling: Do bamboo ceilings exist?	
Fri				FIN 6	Directors	Md Ali Nari Abyaneh	Mandatory retirement policy for independent directors: Implications for the CEO	

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Fri	2:30	3:30	SFC 107		Panel Fannie and Freddie: The Past, Present, and Future		
						Kim Betancourt	Former VP for multifamily research at Fannie Mae
						Doug Duncan	Former SVP for Economic and Strategic Research at Fannie Mae
						Robert Dunsky	Former Principal Financial Economist at the Federal Housing Finance Agency
						Michael LaCourt-Little	Professor of Finance Emeritus California State Fullerton
Fri	3:00	3:30	Foyer		Coffee Break		
Fri	3:30	5:00	TBA	FIN 7	Corporate Governance		
Fri				FIN 7	Other	Dong Chen	Board Gender Diversity and CEO Pay Ratio
Fri				FIN 7	Other	Tian Qiu	Do Firms Voluntarily Respond to Local Social Issues? Evidence from Shocks to the Female
Fri				FIN 7	Other	Vishal Baloria	Can local media encourage empire building? Evidence from business journals
Fri				FIN 7	Other	Hasan Bhuyan	Corporate Disclosure Readability
Fri	3:30	5:00	TBA	FIN 8	Bonds		
Fri				FIN 8	Bonds	Uliana Filatova	Interlocking Connections Between Investment Banks and Corporate Leadership: Implications for Bond Pricing
Fri				FIN 8	Bonds	Kandarp Srinivasan	When Banks Herd: The Common Funding of Sovereign Debt and Its Effect on Bond Yields
Fri				FIN 8	Bonds	Tarik Umar	Prone to Contagion
Fri	5:30	7:00	Foyer		Reception	SFC Atrium	