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Education

- Washington University in St. Louis, Ph.D. in Finance, 1995 - 2000.
- Fudan University, B.S. in Physics, 1983 - 1987.

Experience

- Professor, City University of Hong Kong, July 2019 -
- Associate Professor, City University of Hong Kong, July 2014 - June 2019
- Assistant Professor, City University of Hong Kong, August 2008 - June 2014
- Assistant Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong, August 2001 - August 2008
- Programme Leaders (CityUHK)
  - Bachelor of Science in Computational Finance and Financial Technology, College of Business, August 2015 -
  - Master of Science in Finance, Department of Economics and Finance, September 2025 - August 2026
  - Master of Science in Financial Engineering, Department of Economics and Finance, September 2014 - August 2025

Awards

- Charles River Associates Awards for the Best Paper on Corporate Finance (WFA 2014)
- Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) Risk Management Award (EFMA 2014)

Publications

1. Tao Li and Mark Loewenstein, Does Speculation in Financial Markets Have Real Effects? *Review of Economic Studies*, 2026, forthcoming.
2. Shan Chen and Tao Li, A Unified Duration-based Explanation of the Value, Profitability, and Investment Anomalies, *Journal of Empirical Finance*, 84 (2025), 101645.

3. Shan Chen, Xujun Liu, and Tao Li, Does the investment-profitability correlation affect the factor premiums? Evidence from China, *Pacific-Basin Finance Journal*, 79 (2023), 102012.

4. Tao Li, Comments on "Dynamic noisy rational expectations equilibrium with insider information: Welfare and regulation," by Jerome Detemple, Marcel Rindisbacher and Scott Robertson, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, 141 (2022), 104376.

5. Swee-Sum Lam, Tao Li, and Weina Zhang, Unveil the Economic Impact of Policy Reversals: The China Experience, *China Finance Review International*, 10 (2020), 16-36.

6. Kerry Back, Pierre Collin-Dufresne, Vyacheslav Fos, Tao Li, Alexander Ljungqvist, Activism, Strategic Trading, and Liquidity, *Econometrica*, 86 (2018), 1431-1463.

7. Kerry Back, Kevin Crotty, and Tao Li, Identifying Information Asymmetry in Securities Markets, *Review of Financial Studies*, 31 (2018), 2277-2325.

8. Tao Li and Yuqing Zhou, Optimal Contracts in Portfolio Delegation, *Mathematics and Financial Economics*, 10 (2016), 365-403.

9. Tao Li, Investors' Heterogeneity and Implied Volatility Smiles, *Management Science*, 59 (2013), 2392-2412.

10. Haitao Li, Tao Li, and Cindy Yu, No-Arbitrage Taylor Rules with Switching Regimes, *Management Science*, 59 (2013), 2278-2294.

11. Tao Li and Mark Muzere, Heterogeneity and Volatility Puzzles in International Finance, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, 45 (2010), 1485-1516.

12. Heber Farnsworth and Tao Li, The Dynamics of Credit Spreads and Ratings Migrations, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, 42 (2007), 595-620.

13. Tao Li, Heterogeneous Beliefs, Asset Prices, and Volatility in a Pure Exchange Economy, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, 31 (2007), 1697-1727.

14. Ning Gong and Tao Li, Role of Index Bonds in an Optimal Dynamic Asset Allocation Problem with Real Subsistence Consumption, *Applied Mathematics and Computation*, 174 (2006), 710-731.

Working Papers (available at http://ssrn.com/author=425996)

1. Tao Li, Di Wu, and Lihai Yang, Does an Option-based Discount Rate Predict Stock Returns?, 2024, under revision.

    - Presented at CICF 2023.

2. Jeongmin Lee, Tao Li, and Mark Loewenstein, Asset Pricing with Heterogeneous Preferences and External Habits, 2025, under revision.
    - Presented at ESEM 2023.
3. Tao Li and Jianfeng Xu, Habits and the Term Structure of Risk Premia, 2020, under revision.
    - Presented at AFBC 2019.
4. Haitao Li, Tao Li, and Cindy Yu, Optimal Monetary Policy and Term Structure in A Continuous-Time DSGE Model, 2019, under revision
    - Presented at Econometric Society Australasian Meeting 2013, TWIFMP 2017, CICF 2017.
5. Haitao Li, Tao Li, and Xuewei Yang, The Commonality of Sovereign Credit Risk: A Rating-Based Approach, 2019, under revision.
    - Presented (with various titles) at AFA 2017, WFA 2016, ASSA 2014 (Econometric Society), EFMA 2014, CICF 2014.
    - Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) Risk Management Award (EFMA 2014).
6. Kerry Back, Tao Li, and Alexander Ljungqvist, Liquidity and Governance, 2013, NBER w19669.
    - Presented at WFA 2014.
    - Charles River Associates Awards for the Best Paper on Corporate Finance (WFA 2014).
7. Tao Li, Insider Trading with Uncertain Informed Trading, 2012.
    - Presented at WFA 2012, WFC 2012, and CICF 2012.
8. Tao Li, Margin Requirements and Stock Price Volatility when Agents' Beliefs Are Heterogeneous, 2009.

Research Grants

1. "A New Measure of Crisis Risk and Its Pricing in the Time Series and Cross-section of Stock Returns," with Woody Wu, GRF 2023-2025 (initially as CI then PI since September 2024).
2. "The Commonality of Corporate Credit Risk: A Rating-Based Approach," GRF, 2020-2022.

3. "Heterogeneity and Correlation-Volatility of Commodities and Stock: Theory and Estimation," GRF, 2019-2021.

4. "On Duration-Based Explanation of the Profitability and Investment Anomalies: An Empirical Investigation," GRF, 2018-2020.

5. "Habits and Term Structure of Risk Premia," GRF, 2016-2018.

6. "Habits and Uncovered Interest Rate Parity Puzzle: Theory and Estimation," GRF, 2013-15.

7. "Modeling Sovereign Credit Risk with Credit Ratings," with Haitao Li, GRF, 2012-14.

8. "Monetary Policy and Term Structure of Interest Rate in A Continuous-Time DSGE Model: Theory and Estimation," with Haitao Li and Cindy Yu, GRF, 2011-13.

Referee

Journal of Finance, *Review of Financial Studies*, *Management Science*, *Review of Finance*, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, *Finance and Stochastics*, *Journal of Economic Dynamic and Control*, *Mathematics and Financial Economics*, *Financial Review*, *International Review of Finance*, *Pacific-Basin Finance Journal*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Journal of Futures Markets*, *Journal of Financial Research*, *Economics Bulletin*, *China Finance Review International*, *Review of Derivatives Research*, *Journal of Risk*, *Review of Quantitative Finance and Accounting*