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EDUCATION

• University of Missouri

Ph.D. in Finance (Chair: Kuntara Pukthuanthong [↗](#))

May 2022 (Expected)

- Raymond and Susan Chen Trulaske College of Business International Ph.D. Scholarship (2020-2021)
- Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant Award (2019-2020)
- Trulaske College of Business Ph.D. Scholarship (2018-Current)
- Trulaske College of Business Strategic Priority Scholarship (2018-Current)

• University of Alabama

Ph.D. in Finance

2017-2018 (Transferred)

• University of Georgia

M.Sc. in Statistics & B.Sc. in Mathematics

May 2015

- Regent Out-of-state Tuition Waiver (2014,2015)

WORKING PAPERS

1. [↗](#) Machine Learning Classification and Portfolio Allocation: An Examination of Market Efficiency, Bai and Pukthuanthong (2020)

Presentations:AFA 2021 Ph.D. Poster Session (Scheduled)

We design a novel empirical framework to examine market efficiency through out-of-sample (OOS) predictability. We frame the classic empirical asset pricing problem as a machine learning classification problem. We construct classification models to predict return states. The prediction based portfolios beat the market in time series and cross-sections with significant economic gains. We directly measure prediction accuracies. For each model, we introduce a novel application of binomial test to test the accuracy of 3.34 million return state predictions. Our models can generate information about the relation between future returns and historical information. The establishment of predictability questions the correctness of prices.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

• Undergraduate Course Instructor

Real Estate Appraisal, University of Missouri

Spring 2021, Fall 2020

• Graduate Research Assistant

John Howe and Kuntara Pukthuanthong, University of Missouri

Summer, 2020

• Graduate Research Assistant

Frederick Bereskin, John Howe and Jialu Shen, University of Missouri

Spring 2020, Fall 2019

• Discussion Class Instructor

Survey of Business Finance, 3 Sections/Semester, University of Missouri

Spring 2019, Fall 2018

• Graduate Teaching Assistant

Intermediate Financial Management, University of Alabama

Spring 2018, Fall 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

• Data Scientist

Assurant

2015-2017

• Assistant Client Manager Intern

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China

Summer 2013

• Business Development Intern

Bank of East Asia (Hong Kong)

Summer 2010

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

- **Global Association of Risk Professionals**
Certified Financial Risk Manager (FRM®) 

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. Bai, Dang, Park and Lee, 2018, A rolling analysis on the prediction of value at risk with multivariate GARCH and Copula, *Communicatons for Statistical Applications and Methods* 25:605-618¹.

¹This is an applied statistics paper based on Yang's master's degree thesis.