The first biennial UW Summer Finance conference was held August 1 – 3, 2012 on the University of Washington Campus. The conference agenda was as follows:

Wednesday, August 1st
6pm    Opening Reception at Hotel Deca

Thursday, August 2nd
8:30am – 2:40 pm Presentations and keynote address

Session 1    Eli Fich, Chair

Lalitha Naveen, Fox School, Temple University
“Board Advising”

Discussant: Diane Denis

Dirk Jenter, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University
“CEO Preferences and Acquisitions”

Discussant: Ralph Walkling

Santosh Anagol, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Group Discussion

Session 2    Berk Sensoy, Chair

Michael Roberts, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
“Do Peer Firms Affect Corporate Financial Policy?”

Discussant: Gordon Phillips
Johan Sulaeman, Cox School of Business, Southern Methodist University
“Do Exposure and Disclosure Affect Ownership Structure and Stock Returns?”
Discussant: Bruce Carlin

Lunch
Keynote address by Ken Singleton

Session 3
Kai Li, Chair

Mark Seasholes, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
“Dual-Listed Shares and Trading”
Discussant: Andrew Ellul

Sandy Klasa, Eller College of Management, The University of Arizona
“Private Information Arrival, Trading Activity, and Price Formation: Evidence from Nonpublic Merger Negotiations”
Discussant: Denis Sosyura

Dinner Cruise
6:00 – 9:30pm

Friday, August 3rd
8:15am – 1:30pm
Presentations and farewell lunch

Session 4
Jefferson Duarte, Chair

Philip Bond, Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota
“Government Intervention and Information Aggregation by Prices”
Discussant: William Fuchs

Jay Shanken, Goizueta Business School, Emory University
“Cross-Sectional Asset Pricing with Individual Stocks”
Discussant: Joe Chen

Jeff Pontiff, Carroll School of Management, Boston College
“Does Academic Research Destroy Stock Return Predictability?”
Group Discussion

Session 5
Kathryn Dewenter, Chair
Alex Edmans, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
“The Effect of Liquidity on Governance”
Discussant: Andrew Winton

Camelia Kuhnen, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University
“Asymmetric Learning from Financial Information”
Discussant: Andrew Hertzberg

Jess Cornaggia, Kelley School of Business, Indiana University
“Credit Ratings across Asset Classes: A ≡ A”

Group Discussion

Lunch  Farewell and conference close