

B40.4101 Seminar on Stern Finance Faculty Research

“Getting started in forming a dissertation proposal.”

Time and place: Spring 2010, Wednesday 3:00-4:20, Room 5-90

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Course objectives: Expose second-year PhD students to important research done – in the past or in the present – by Stern finance faculty members. This will introduce the students to the faculty and help them develop dissertation topics.

A note from Joel Hasbrouck, coordinator of the finance PhD program:

This is a new seminar based on presentations of faculty members. These are not "faculty seminars" (i.e., presentation of current research to a critical and informed peer audience). They are supposed to be overview presentations (i.e., "the area I'm working in, the interesting problems, the current state of research, and my take on it all").

All second and third-years who haven't passed their dissertation proposal (and I think that this includes every one of you) should register for this course.

Homework: Each student has to write a report on papers of three different presenters of his/her choice. This means writing three reports by each student. The length of each report: about five pages. The report will review the paper(s) presented by the faculty member, possibly critique it, discuss its link to other important research in that area and – most importantly – include ideas for further research. The report will be read and graded by the presenters whose papers were selected. Students need to coordinate their work with the relevant presenters because each presenter will limit the number of reports that he/she is willing to read.

List of presenters:

Week #	Date	Name
1	1-27	Viral Acharya
2	2-3	Anthony Lynch
3	2-10	Menachem Brenner
4	2-17	Stephen Figlewski
5	2-24	Marti Subrahmanyam
6	3-3	Jennifer Carpenter
7	3-10	Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh
8	3-24	Xavier Gabaix
9	3-31	Holger Mueller
10	4-7	Robert Whitelaw
11	4-14	David Yermack (10:30-11:50, room 5-85)
12	4-21	Alexander Ljungqvist
13	4-28	Ashwini Agrawal
14	5-5	Yakov Amihud