Academy of Behavioral Finance & Economics

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August 12-14, 2026

Jamaica Bay Inn, Santa Monica, California, USA

Platform: In-Person and Virtual Formats

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL ATTENDEES:

I. LOCATION FOR ALL IN-PERSON *AND/OR* VIRTUAL SESSIONS for All Three Days of the Conference is the *"Waterfront Meetings Room" in the Marina Del Rey Meetings & Conferences" Area.* This is the *URL for our Meetings Room/Hall:* https://www.jamaicabayinn.com/meetings-weddings-in-los-angeles/ Also, on Day 1 of the Conference, we will have a Table with an Attendee somewhere visible inside the Hotel and near the Hotel's Check In Office.

II. NOTE ON DATES & TIMES FOR VIRTUAL PRESENTERS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES: All Dates & Times for all In-Person and Virtual Sessions in this Program are California Times (Pacific Time or PST); which is Eight Hours *behind* the Greenwich (London) Time. So, to find out the Dates and Times for the Sessions and/or Presentations of Your Interest, you may use the following URL as the reference for your local time calculations: https://greenwichmeantime.com/time/to/usa-london/#google_vignette

III. As you see from the Program Schedule that follows, Both the Wednesday and Thursday Sessions are a mix of mainly In-Person; with a few Virtual Presentations.

INFORMATION FOR *VIRTUAL PRESENTERS/ATTENDEES* AT THE AOBF-2026 ANNUAL MEETING.

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<u>Wednesday; August 12, 2026: *Day 1*</u>

(Aside from the Friday Virtual Sessions, Both the Wed and Thu Sessions are *a mix of mainly In-Person with a few Virtual Presentations*)

<u>Schedule for Day 1</u>

Working Class CEOs and Corporate Labor Policies, Policy Uncertainty, Why Choice Matters

Session Chair:
Henrik Cronqvist
Chapman University

<u>8:30-9:45: AM</u>

Policy Uncertainty as a Catalyst: Global Evidence on Industrial Robotics Adoption
Yuqing (Sarah) Xiao
University of California Irvine

If I Could Do It, So Can They: Working Class CEOs and Corporate Labor Policies
Henrik Cronqvist
Chapman University

The Effect of Early Investment Decisions on Future Investment Strategies: Why Choice Matters
Paula T. Roberts
Belmont University

DISCUSSANTS: Presenter of 1st Paper to discuss the 3rd Paper. Presenter of the 2nd Paper to discuss the 1st Paper. Presenter of 3rd Paper discusses the 2nd Paper; and so on for Papers with more than Four Presenters.
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<u>10:00-11:25</u>

Risk and Valuation Within the Macro Economy Context

Session Chair:
Christos Giannikos,
City University of New York, New York

- How Far Does Risk Travel? The Social and Spatial Propagation of Systemic Risk; Huilin Zhang, City University of New York, Christos Giannikos, Baruch College, New York

- AI Sentiment; Huiming (Minna) Zhang; University of Oklahoma

- Shielding Creditors From Corporate Risk Of Financial Distress; Ly Nguyen, Rice University

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11:40-12:40 PM- **Lunch Time**

12:40-12:55 A Short Break Before The Next Session

12:55-1:55 PM

Keynote Speech.
Why Finance, Economics, Accounting, and ALL other Social Sciences Disciplines Need to *Significantly* Incorporate and Utilize Artificial Intelligence into their Teaching *and Especially Research Works?* Implication for University Faculty and Researchers, Businesses, Government Decision Makers, Policy Makers especially those in Central Banking, Economic Development, and Even their Political Systems

Russell R. Yazdipour,
Academy of Behavioral Finance & Economics

1:55 -2:10 A Short Break

2:10-4:00 PM;

Sentiment Effects, Risk Attribution, and Cultural Beliefs

The Macro Alibi: Subjective Risk Attribution in Analyst Scenarios
Chen Wang Kangying Zhou, University of Notre Dame
Kangying Zhou, Texas A&M University

Financial Access Without Borrowing: Cultural Beliefs and Participation in Formal Debt Markets in Ghana
Esther Afoley Laryea, Ashesi University, Ghana

Shifting Writing Styles and Sentiment Effects
Huiming (Minna) Zhang, University of Oklahoma, Norman OK

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4:00-4:15 Break

4:15-5:15 PM
The Anti-ESG Movement and Analyst Responses to ESG Information: The Emergence of ESG Clienteles
Jing-Chi (George) Chen, University of West Georgia
Devin Shanthikumar, University of California Irvine
Sijing Wei, Creighton University
Jiarui (Iris) Zhang, California State University-Long Beach

5:20-5:30
Unveiling the Intricacies of Behavioral Finance: A Critical Analysis
Hassan M. Shirvani, Ph.D.
University of St. Thomas-Houston
Sidika Gulfem Bayram, Ph.D.
University of St. Thomas-Houston

5:35-6:00
Mirror, Mirror on the Server: ChatGPT Reveals Who's Most Likely to Commit Financial Crimes;
Serkan Karadas, University of Illinois Springfield.

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END of Day 1 Activities

Thursday; August 13, 2026: *Day 2*

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Schedule for Day 2

Thursday; August 13, 2026: *Day 2*

(In-Person and Virtual)

7:30-8:30 AM: Continental Breakfast; Hotel's Café

8:30 to 9:45 AM (75 minutes):

The Promising Future of Real-Life Behavioral Finance & Economics By Way of Artificial Intelligence Tools and Decision Support Techniques for forecasting Outcomes, Testing new and old theories with *real* (not historical or derived data), and Policy Making; Economic/Political at the Maco Level

Panelists:
Russell R. Yazdipour, Academy of Behavioral Finance & Economics
Ali Fatemi, Depaul University and AOBF,
Onur Viga, Istanbul Esenyurt University, Turkey
Doris Zhou, University of Oklahoma

9:45-10:00 Break

10:00-11:30
Group Brain-Storming Session: Research-Wise, Is the *Traditional* EMH-Based Finance Dead? An Open Brain-Storming Session.
End of the In-Person Program