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- Cooper, R.*, Hamilton, B. Who Shows Whom the Money? The Effects of Social and Human Capital on Negotiating Agent Performance.
- Zeng, X.*, Chib, S. Bayesian Strategy for Improved Forecasts of the Equity Premium.



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