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Malcolm Baker, *Harvard University*
Lubomir Litov, *Washington University in St. Louis*
Jessica A. Wachter, *University of Pennsylvania*
Jeffrey Wurgler, *New York University*

“Can Mutual Fund Managers Pick Stocks?
Evidence from Their Trades Prior to Earnings Announcements”
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Please join us in congratulating Professors Baker, Litov, Wachter, and Wurgler for their accomplishments.

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