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Washington, D.C. – The Community Banking Research Conference planning committee has named three graduate students as the 2025 Community Banking Research Conference Emerging Scholars.

The scholars are:

- Gene Kang from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley,
- Anthony Waikel from the University of Georgia, and
- Ruinan Liu from McMaster University.

The Community Banking Research Conference, co-sponsored by CSBS, the Federal Reserve System, and the FDIC, is held at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis in the fall. Each year, the planning committee selects three Ph.D. students who are considering or working on a dissertation on a banking-related topic for the Emerging Scholars Program.

CSBS sponsors the recipients' attendance at the conference as honorees. While there, the scholars have the opportunity to share their research and to interact with researchers, community bankers, and state and federal bank supervisors.

For more on the Community Banking Research Conference, visit communitybanking.org.

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