



## **2nd Annual Conference on Corporate Governance and Fraud Prevention**

**Hosted by  
George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia  
Saturday, May 30, 2009**

### **CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**Registration and Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.**

#### **Session I: 9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m. (Corporate Boards)**

1. On the Objective of Corporate Boards: Theory and Evidence. –Katherine Guthrie, Illoong Kwon, and Jan Sokolowsky. Presenter: Jan Sokolowsky (University of Michigan). Discussant: Sanjeev Bhojraj.
2. Delegated Monitoring and Bargaining Power: Implications of Retaining Former CEO's on the Board. –John Evans III, Nandu Nagarajan, and Jason Schloetzer. Presenter: Jason Schloetzer (Georgetown University). Discussant: Jian Zhou.
3. The Role of Non-Domestic Directors in U.S. Firms. – Naveen Daniel, John McConnell, and, Lalitha Naveen. Presenter: Lalitha Naveen (Temple University). Discussant: N. R. Prabhala.

#### **Session II: 10:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m. (Governance and Financial Reporting)**

1. Internal Control and Firm's Propensity to Achieve Earnings Targets. –Larry Brown, Arianna Pinello, and Hollis Skaife. Presenter: Larry Brown (Georgia State University). Discussant: Karen Kitching.
2. Economic Determinants and Consequences of Voluntary Disclosure of Internal Control Effectiveness: Evidence from Initial Public Offerings. –Sudipta Basu, Jagan Krishnan, and Jong Lee. Presenter: Jong Lee (Virginia Commonwealth University). Discussant: Bill Baber.
3. Transparency, Ownership and Financing Constraints in Private Firms –Ole-Kristian Hope, Wayne Thomas, and Dushyantkumar Vyas. Presenter: Dushyantkumar Vyas (University of Toronto). Discussant: Suning Zhang.

**Lunch: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**



**Session III: 1:45 p.m. -3:15 p.m. (Internal and External Governance)**

1. Bill Kinney: Talk on Corporate governance.
2. Associations between Internal and External Corporate Governance Characteristics and the Consequences of Regulating Governance Practices. –Bill Baber and Lihong Liang. Presenter: Lihong Liang (Syracuse University). Discussant: Ling Lei.
3. Internal Corporate Governance, CEO turnover and Earnings Management. –Sonali Hazarika, Jonathan Karpoff, and Rajarishi Nahata. Presenter: Rajarishi Nahata (Baruch College). Discussant: Long Chen.

**Session IV: 3:30 p.m. -5:00 p.m. (Accounting Quality)**

1. Predicting Material Accounting Misstatements. –Patricia Dechow, Weili Ge, Chad Larson, and Richard Sloan. Presenter: Chad Larson (Washington University - St. Louis). Discussant: Keith Jones.
2. The Role of Accounting Quality in Securities Class Action Lawsuits. –Stephanie Grimm  
Presenter: Stephanie Grimm (University of Minnesota). Discussant: Kumar Visvanathan.
3. Labor Unions and Accounting Conservatism. –David Farber, Hsin Hsieh, Boochun Jung, and Han Yi. Presenter: David Farber (University of Missouri). Discussant: Mikhail Pevzner & Partha Sengupta.