

# **Call for Papers and Participation**

## ***Academy of Entrepreneurial Finance***

### **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, September 23-25, 2009**

#### **Chicago, Illinois**

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Since its first conference in 1989, The Academy of Entrepreneurial Finance, AEF, continues to offer a dedicated forum for exchange of research ideas related to the ever-growing field of entrepreneurial and small business finance. Given the central role of the small and medium enterprise, SME, in a free economy, the objective of the conference is to encourage research and inquiry in the very promising discipline. Although the focus of the annual event is on the financial, economic, behavioral, and accounting aspects of the small firm, papers in closely-related areas will also be considered for presentation. Naturally, research on applied business, finance, and economics is also encouraged.

AEF's key areas of interest include:

1. Corporate Finance Issues relevant to Small/Entrepreneurial Firms;
2. Behavioral Finance and Economics- related to all stages of Risk-taking, Startup, and Growth;
3. Business Valuation- and Evaluation;
4. Initial Public Offerings;
5. The Market for Formal and Informal Venture Capital;
6. Financial Institutions and Small Business Financing;
7. Innovations in Capital Markets for small and medium enterprises- SMEs;
8. Economics and Accounting of Small Business;
9. Models for Predicting Small Firm Success and/or Failure; and
10. Other related issues- including Globalization and Technological factors affecting Capital Access and Startup Process.

**Conference Proceedings and Distinguished Paper Award.** Abstracts of papers selected for presentation will be published in the **Conference Proceedings**; and the Best Paper will be published in a regular issue of AEF's official Journal- **The Journal of Entrepreneurial Finance- JEF**.

**Submission of Papers for Presentation.** Email: **1. a copy of your completed paper, or a detailed abstract, in PDF format where the cover page of your paper contains *only* the title (for anonymous review purposes), and 2. a cover letter containing your affiliation and contact information to: [submit@aodef.org](mailto:submit@aodef.org)**

**No later than March 15, 2009.**

**Special Sessions and Panels; Session Chairs and Discussants.** Persons interested in organizing a Special Session or Panel should submit a letter of interest, along with a short bio, by the set deadline, and as instructed in above.

#### **Terms and Conditions of Paper Acceptance**

If your paper is accepted for presentation at the AEF Annual Meeting, you agree to the followings:

1. The presenting author will be required to present the paper in a professional manner and as assigned.
2. The presenting author will be required to pre-register for the Conference within two weeks of the paper's acceptance by paying either a \$125.00 (US) registration deposit or the full Conference registration fee of \$249.00. In either case, the registration deposit is non-refundable. If the presenting author does not register as stated, the paper will be cancelled. (Letters of acceptance will be sent electronically by May 15, 2009.) *Payment can be made by credit card or other online methods; for simple instructions please see the Conference Registrations Form located under the 2009 Conference Info on our Web site [www.aodef.org](http://www.aodef.org)*
3. Each presenting author whose paper is accepted for presentation will be required to discuss another colleague's paper. Presenting authors will be sent a preliminary version of the program in mid-June 2009, and asked to identify papers which they would like to discuss at the Meeting. Requests to discuss specific papers will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. If a presenting author does not submit her/his choices for papers to discuss, the Program Chair will assign her/him a paper.