

Call for Papers and Participation *Academy of Entrepreneurial Finance*

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UCLA Anderson School of Management

Los Angeles, CA

Keynote Speaker:

Nobel Laureate in Economics Dr. Vernon Smith

Objectives and Scope. 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.

Journal Publication and Conference Proceedings. A few carefully selected and further reviewed papers presented at the conference will be published in AEF's official Journal- ***The Journal of Entrepreneurial Finance- JEF***; and abstracts of papers selected for presentation will be published in the ***Conference Proceedings***.

Submission of Papers for Presentation.

Please prepare: 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), and 2) a cover letter containing your affiliation and contact information. Email both documents to staff@aofef.org . Program decisions will be made by the Program Committee, in conjunction with Dr. R. Yazdipour, Executive Director, Academy of Entrepreneurial Finance.

Submission Deadline is May 15, 2011.

Notifications of results will be emailed to all respondents by May 31st.

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 Annual Meeting, you agree to the followings:

1. The presenting author(s) will be required to present the paper in a professional manner and as assigned.
2. The presenting author(s) will be required to pre-register for the Conference within two weeks of the paper's acceptance by paying in full the due Conference Registration Fee of \$249.00. Only half of the paid registration fee (\$125.00) is refundable if cancellation is made within one month after the issuance of the Acceptance Letter. *Otherwise, no refund will be issued.* (There is a \$50.00 discount for doctoral students if payment made as instructed.) Payment must be made via our secure and fully Online Registration and Payment System. To register and pay the due fees, please click on the "2011 Annual Conference" link our Web site www.aofef.org and select "Registraion.Conference.2011".
3. If the presenting author(s) does not register as stated above, the paper will be cancelled and the space will be released to the authors with accepted papers on the Waiting List. Letters of acceptance will be sent electronically by May 31st.
4. 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, 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(s) will assign her/him a paper.