

# THE FOURTH WASHINGTON AREA FINANCE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

December 3, 1999

## MORNING SESSIONS (10:30am – 12:30pm )

### **Session One: Banking Risk**

**Chair: David Nickerson, American University**

Gerald A. Hanweck -- George Mason University

“A Methodology for Using Market Information to Assess Banking Company Risk”

*Discussant: Tom Lutton, OCC*

Paola Bongini – Universita degli Studi di Macerata, Stijin Claessens – The World Bank, Giovanni Ferri – The World Bank

“The Political Economy of Financial Institution Distress: Evidence from East Asia”

*Discussant: David Nickerson, American University*

Marshall Reinsdorf -- FDIC

“An Investigation of Unexpected Bank Failures from 1980 to 1993”

*Discussant: Robert Losey, American University*

### **Session Two: Issues Related to Debt Financing**

**Chair: H. Kent Baker, American University**

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“How Bond Issuers and Investors View Credit Rating Agencies”

*Discussant: Lynn Doran, Georgetown University*

Jonathon Sokobin -- SEC

“Why Issue 144A Debt?”

*Discussant: Michael Gibson, Federal Reserve Board*

Andrea Heuson – University of Miami, Frank E. Nothaft – Freddie Mac

“The Response of Mortgage Yields to Macroeconomic Announcements”

*Discussant: Erik Benrud, University of Baltimore*

### **Session Three: Financial Institutions and Issues Related to Equity Financing**

**Chair: Reza Saidi, Catholic University**

Bharat A. Jain – Towson University, Omesh Kini – Georgia State University

“Determinants of Post-Issue Performance of IPO's”

*Discussant: To Be Announced*

Raj Varma – University of Delaware

“The Role of Institutional Investors in Equity Financing and Corporate Monitoring”

*Discussant: Pat McGurin, Institutional Shareholder Services*

P. A. V. B. Swamy – OCC, Thomas J. Lutton -- OCC

“Economic Consequences of Financial Services Industry Consolidation”

*Discussant: To Be Announced*

12:30 – 2:00 (with lunch in Meeting Room B):

**Keynote Speaker: Susan Phillips, Dean at George Washington University**

**AFTERNOON SESSIONS (2:00pm – 4:00pm )**

**Session Four: Regulatory Issues**

**Chair: David Malmquist, Office of Thrift Supervision**

David Greely -- FDIC

“Profit Maximization in Insured Banking”

*Discussant: Robert Avery, Federal Reserve Board*

Premal P. Vora – Penn State Great Valley

“Evidence of the Theory of Regulation Based on Electricity Deregulation in Pennsylvania”

*Discussant: Malcolm Harris, U.S. Postal Service*

Carlos Ramirez – George Mason University

“Did Banks Security Affiliates Add Value? Evidence from the Commercial Banking Industry During the 1920s”

*Discussant: To Be Announced*

**Session Five: Asset Allocation, Financial Innovation, and Loss Realization**

**Chair: Steven Seelig, FDIC**

Isabelle Bajeux-Besnainou – George Washington University, James V. Jordon – National Economic Research Associates, Roland Portait – CNAM and ESSEC

“Dynamic Asset Allocation for Stocks, Bonds, and Cash”

*Discussant: Don Chance, Virginia Tech*

Peter H. Huang – University of Pennsylvania Law School

“A Normative Analysis of Financial Innovation and Engineering”

*Discussant: Steven Seelig, FDIC*

Peter Locke – U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Steven C. Mann – Texas Christian University

“Do Professional Traders Exhibit Loss Realization Aversion?”

*Discussant: Gerald A. Hanweck, George Mason University*

**Session Six: International/ Corporate**

**Chair: Peter Elmer, FDIC**

Martin Lally – Victoria University at Wellington, Steve Swidler – OCC

“The Effect of an Asset’s Market Weight on Its Beta”

*Discussant: John O’Keefe, FDIC*

Ian Domowitz – Pennsylvania State University, Jack Glen – International Finance Corporation, Ananth Madhavan – University of Southern California

“International Equity Trading Costs: A Cross-Sectional and Time-Series Analysis”

*Discussant: Peter Elmer, FDIC*

Gordon M. Bondar – The Johns Hopkins University, M. H. Franco Wong – University of California at Berkeley

“Estimating Exchange Rate Exposures: Some ‘Weighty’ Issues”

*Discussant: Daniel Nuxoll, FDIC*