

2015 Corporate Finance Conference Program

Friday, May 15, 2015

12:00-1:00pm: Conference Registration, Buffet Lunch- 2nd Floor Pfahl Hall

1:00-2:30pm: **Session 1**

Chair: Michael Weisbach

"Passive Investors, Not Passive Owners," by Ian Appel, **Todd Gormley** and Donald Keim.

Discussant: David Denis, University of Pittsburgh

"The Role of Proxy Advisory Firms: Evidence from a Regression-Discontinuity Design," by **Nadya Malenko** and Yao Shen.

Discussant: Gregor Matvos, University of Chicago

2:30-2:45pm: Break

2:45-4:15pm: **Session 2**

Chair: Berk Sensoy

"Is Family More Important in Bad Times?" by Spyridon Lagaras and **Margarita Tsoutsoura**.

Discussant: Rüediger Fahlenbrach, EPFL Lausanne

"Dynamic Debt Maturity," by **Zhiguo He** and Konstantin Milbradt.

Discussant: Vojislav Maksimovic, University of Maryland

4:15-4:30pm: Break

4:30-5:30pm: Keynote Speaker, Stewart Myers, with introductory remarks by Isil

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5:30-6:15pm: Reception- 1st Floor Pfahl Hall

6:15-8:00pm: Dinner- 2nd Floor Pfahl Hall

Saturday, May 16, 2015

8:00-8:30am: Continental Breakfast- 140 Pfahl Hall

8:30-10:00am: **Session 3**

Chair: Karen Wruck

"Why do Firms Hold Cash? Evidence from Demographic Demand Shifts," by **Igor Cunha** and Joshua Pollet.

Discussant: Xavier Giroud, MIT

"Who Benefits from Bond Market Modernization?" by David Musto and Jillian Popadak.

Discussant: Kathleen Hanley, University of Maryland

10:00-10:15am: Break

10:15-11:45am: Session 4

Chair: Michael Weisbach

"Financing Through Asset Sales," by **Alex Edmans** and William Mann.

Discussant: Kose John, New York University

"Extending Industry Specialization, Intangibles, and Cross-Border Acquisitions," by Laurent Fresard, Ulrich Hege and **Gordon Phillips**.

Discussant: Serdar Dinc, Rutgers University

11:45am: Buffet Lunch, - 140 Pfahl Hall

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