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Basic Information



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1. Brief Introduction

Professor Li received his PhD degree in Finance from W.P. Carey School of Business, Arizona State University, and two masters degrees (MBA: international business/MIS; MS: Computer Science) from University of Missouri at Kansas City.

His work experience includes various analyst and management positions in an international bank, a personal credit company, a small pharmaceutical consulting firm, and a fortune 500 health care corporation.

2. Research Interests

Professor Li's research interests reside in empirical corporate finance, particularly corporate governance, executive compensation, and corporate social responsibility. He has two goals. One is to better understand the subtle but important effects of various governance mechanisms and contract designs on managers and firms within the standard agency framework. The other is to identify and estimate the role of managerial attributes and non-standard preferences in determining organization structure, policy, and performance.

3. Notable Contributions

An emerging practice in executive compensation incentive is to link a portion of a manager's compensation to CSR-related initiatives. Prof Frank Li and coauthors conducted the first research in the literature on CSR-contingent executive compensation and thereafter created the new strand of research that attracts more and more researchers and practitioners/readers.

Based on Prof Li's outstanding research and service, he has received numerous awards:

- Ivey Research Awards
- Ivey CPA Centre Research Fund
- SSHRC Insight Grant
- SSHRC Explore & Exchange Grant
- Editorial board of International Journal of Financial Studies 2019-present

- Outstanding Reviewer Award 2019, Journal of Risk and Financial Management
- The Best Paper Award, Global Finance Association Annual Conference, Fresno, CA 2016
- The Best Paper Award, World Business Institute Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada 2016
- Best Doctoral Student Paper Award, Academy Of Behavioral Finance Annual Meeting 2011, UCLA
- Associate Editor of Journal of Accounting, Finance and Economics (JAFE)
- Block Grant Fellow, ASU, 2009-2012

4. Principal Publications/Works

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

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 17. Li, Z.F., Lin, S., Sun, S., Tucker, A. 2018. Risk-Adjusted Inside Debt. **Global Finance Journal** 35: 12-42.
 18. Kopecky, K., Li, Z.F., Sugrue, T.F., Tucker, A. 2018. Revisiting M&M with Taxes: An Alternative Equilibrating Process. **International Journal of Financial Studies** 6(1): 10.

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20. Li, Z.F., Li, T., Minor, D. 2016. A Test of Agency Theory: CEO Power, Firm Value, and Corporate Social Responsibility. **International Journal of Managerial Finance** 12(5): 611-628.
21. Li, Z.F. Endogeneity in CEO power: A survey and experiment. **Investment Analysts Journal** 45 (3): 149-162.

Published Cases

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- 2021 A Note on Financial Ratios: A Beginner's Guide
- 2021 Identifying Industries through Financial Statement Analysis: Pakistan 2017
- 2020 Green Trend: The Road to an Overseas Red-Chip IPO
- 2019 The \$85.4 Billion Merger of AT&T and Time Warner: Valuation Analysis
- 2019 Ford Motor Company: Basic Financial Ratios
- 2018 Under Armour Under Pressure: Ratio Analysis
- 2017 Tesla: The Solarcity Acquisition
- 2016 5 Fortune: One of Many Chinese Restaurants
- 2016 FINSAS Financial Research: Financial Data & SAS Programming

Media Coverage

Interviewed with Financial Post, 2020.

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2. "Telecom giants choose different ways of being transparent over federal subsidy." <https://financialpost.com/investing/telecom-giants-choose-different-ways-of-being-transparent-over-federal-subsidy>
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6. Interviewed with Globe and Mail, 2016. "The future of food: Fish feed the plants, plants clean the water, we eat both" by Andrew Seale.
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9. Managerial Attributes, Incentives, and Performance (with Jeff Coles): Featured in the Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation
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Further Reading

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