



## President's Message

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I am pleased to announce that Professor San Wook Huh at University at Buffalo has been selected as the president-elect, who will join Professor Yoon K Choi at University of Central Florida, our next president, to serve Kafa beginning this November. Also, please join me to welcome our new executive officers and board members:

Secretary General:	Jung C. Park, U of South Florida
Treasurer:	H. Young Baek, Nova Southeastern U.
Executive Board member:	Hyuna Park, Brooklyn College – CUNY
Executive Board member:	Ji-woong Chung, Korea University.
Executive Board member:	Jongsub Lee, University of Florida

Thanks to the generous donation from Late Dr. Bong-Soo Lee's family, 2017 marks the inauguration year for the Dr. Lee Memorial Scholarship. On behalf of Kafa, I would like to extend my sincere thanks once more to Dr. Lee's family. For the purpose of managing the fund and selecting the first recipient of the scholarship, I appointed the Dr. Lee Memorial Scholarship Committee consisting of Professors Ha-Chin Yi (Chair), Young Baek, Young Sang Kim, and Jung Chul Park. The committee's enormous time and efforts to launch this scholarship is greatly appreciated.

With the continued financial support from Financial News (FN) and Shinhan Bank (SHB), we continue to recognize Kafa members' outstanding scholarly achievements through various awards including FN-Kafa Eminent Scholar Award, SHB-Kafa Young Scholar Award, FN-Kafa Top-Journal Paper Award, FN-Kafa Doctoral Student Dissertation Award, and SHB-Kafa Best Paper Award. On behalf of Kafa, I congratulate all award recipients. I would like to thank Professors Jun-Koo Kang at Nanyang Technology University, Saeyoung Chang at UNLV, and Yoon Ki Choi at University of Central Florida for serving with me the Kafa Award Selection Committee.

Kafa continues to offer two Korean and Asian sessions at this year's FMA meetings. I appreciate Professors Yoon Ki Choi and Joong-Hyuk Kim who organized the two special sessions. The attendance in these sessions by Kafa members is essential for us to continue to keep the special Kafa sessions in the future FMA meetings. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated. The details of the sessions can be found in this newsletter. The annual business and dinner meetings

are scheduled on Friday (October 13th) as usual. I thank Korea Institute of Finance (KIF) and Korea Capital Market Institute (KCMI) for sponsoring the KAFA dinner meeting.

This December, selected KAFA members will participate in the annual conference on Asia-Pacific Financial Markets (APFM) Conference and the joint symposium with the KCMI in Seoul. I appreciate KAFA members' continued interest and support for these collaborations with Korean partners.

It's been my honor to serve as the KAFA president. I now realize all the hard work that our previous presidents have done in the past for KAFA. I would like to thank Professors Jin-Mo Kim and Ha-Chin Yi for their tireless work as the secretary general and treasurer, respectively. It was a great honor to work with them. Now that Professor Yoon Ki Choi will take over as the new President along with newly elected officers, I know that KAFA will be in good hands.

I look forward to seeing you all in Boston.

With Warmest Regards,

Soku Byoun  
2017 KAFA President  
Baylor University

## **I. Recent KAFAs Activities**

### **1.1. The Joint Conference with Allied Korea Finance Associations (KFAs)**

On May 26-27, 2017, the following KAFAs members presented their papers at the 2017 Joint Korea Finance Conference in Cheon-An, Korea:

- **Shin, Yoon**, Ratings vs. Guarantees: Issuer Choices and their Impact on Bond Yields
- **Kim, Suk-Joong**, The real impact of ratings-based capital rules on the finance-growth nexus
- **Kim, Young**, How do co-opted directors influence corporate risk-taking?
- **Chang, Kiyong**, Is doing good good to your credit rating? A trust-based hypothesis and global evidence
- **Kim, Yong Cheol**, A network approach to optimal portfolio: Application to the Korean stock market
- **Paek, Miyoum**, Market timing and selectivity in feedback trading: Retail vs. institutional funds

### **1.2. The Joint Conference with the Korea Institute of Finance (KIF)**

The annual joint conference was held on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 at the Korea Federation of Banks building in Seoul under the title of the Financial Markets and Monetary Policies. KAEA and two KAFAs members presented papers. The following KAFAs members presented their work:

- **Kee H. Chung**, Market Volatility and Stock Returns: The Role of Liquidity Providers
- **Jaewon Choi**, Mutual Fund Flows and Fluctuations in Credit and Business Cycles

## **II. 2017 Financial News and Shinhan Bank Awards Recipients**

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the annual awards for 2016-2017. Congratulations to all award winners. All recipients must attend the annual meeting to receive the awards.

### **2.1. The Financial News-KAFAs Eminent Scholar Award**

*Selection Criteria: The FN-KAFAs Eminent Scholar Award is given to a KAFAs member who has achieved outstanding scholarly accomplishment and research contribution in leading journals in finance and related fields.*

**Winner: Professor Kee H. Chung**, University of Buffalo

### **2.2. The Shinhan Bank-KAFAs Young Scholar Award**

*Selection Criteria: The SHB-KAFAs Young Scholar Award is given to a KAFAs member who has demonstrated exemplary scholarly performance through publications in leading journals in finance and related fields. Those KAFAs members who earned his or her Ph.D. degree within seven years prior to the award date would be considered for the award.*

**Winner: Professor Hugh Hoikwang Kim**, University of South Carolina

### **2.3. Winner of the 10<sup>th</sup> Financial News & KAFA Top-Journal Paper Award**

**Jun-Koo Kang**, Nanyang Technological University and **Hyun-Seung Na**, Korea University, "Are institutional investors with multiple blockholdings effective monitors?," Journal of Financial Economics, forthcoming, co-authored with Juan Luo.

### **2.4. Dr. Bong-Soo Lee Memorial Scholarship**

**Hwanki Brian Kim**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

### **2.5. Winner of the 11<sup>th</sup> Financial News & KAFA Doctoral Student Dissertation Awards:**

**Jaeyoon Lee**, University of Chicago, "Credit Access and Household Well-being: Evidence from Payday Lending."

### **2.6. Winner of the 11<sup>th</sup> Shinhan Bank & KAFA Best Paper Award:**

**Jaewon Choi**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, "Reaching for Yield by Corporate Bond Mutual Fund," Review of Financial Studies, forthcoming.

### **2.7. Shinhan Bank & KAFA Scholarship for Ph.D. students**

Congratulations! The following PhD students who are presenting papers at the FMA conference are selected for the Shinhan Bank scholarship:

**Hojong Shin** (Michigan State University)  
**Sangwon Lee** (University of Houston)  
**Giho Jeong** (KAIST)

## **III. KAFA NEWS**

### **3.1. KAFA New Officers**

- New President-Elect: **Prof. San Wook Huh**, University of Buffalo
- Secretary General: **Prof. Jung C. Park**, U of South Florida
- Treasurer: **Prof. H. Young Baek**, Nova Southeastern U.
- Executive Board member: **Prof. Hyuna Park**, Brooklyn College – CUNY
- Executive Board member: **Prof. Ji-woong Chung**, Korea University.
- Executive Board member: **Prof. Jongsub Lee**, University of Florida

### **3.2. Two KAFA-FMA special sessions at the 2017 FMA annual meeting in Boston**

We appreciate Professors Yoon K Choi and Joong Hyuk Kim to organize two special sessions in 2017 FMA meetings. **ALL KAFA members are strongly encouraged to attend two KAFA-FMA sessions and annual business and dinner meetings on Friday.**

#### **➤ Korea Panel Session**

**Friday, 13 October, 8:30 am - 10:00 am (Botolph, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, right beside Starbucks)**

##### **Moderator**

**Professor Soku Byoun**, Baylor University

##### **Presentations**

**Professor Dong-Soon Kim**, Chung-Ang University, Korea

Are there the size effect and age effect in Korean equity funds?

- Focusing on the issue of neglected funds –

**Professor Joon H. Hwang**, Korea University

Mandatory Price Support of the Underwriter: Evidence from the putback option

**Professor Min Jung Kang**, at University of Michigan at Flint,

Predicting North Korean Aggressions using Foreign Short Sales and Media Tone

#### **➤ Asia Panel Session**

**Friday, 13 October, 10:15 am - 11:45 am (Botolph, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, right beside Starbucks)**

##### **Moderator**

**Professor Yoon K Choi**, University of Central Florida

##### **Presentations**

**Professor Ajai Singh, Suntrust**, University of Central Florida

Trading Restrictions and Supply Effects (Evidence from Japan)

**Professor Jimmy Hilliard**, Auburn University

A Test of Chinese Market Efficiency: Put-Call Parity and the Impact of Soft Interventions

**Professor Woojin Kim**, Seoul National University

New Equity Issues in Emerging Economy: Investment Financing or Recapitalization

## IV. KAFA Board and Annual Business meeting/dinner

### 4.1. KAFA Executive Board Meeting

**When:** 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 13, 2017

**Where:** Columbus (1<sup>st</sup> floor), Boston Marriott Copley Hotel

### KAFA Officers and Executive Board 2017

<input type="checkbox"/> President	Soku Byoun, Baylor University
<input type="checkbox"/> President-Elect	Yook K Choi, University of Central Florida
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President	Joong Hyuk Kim, Korea University
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary General	Jin-Mo Kim, Rutgers University
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary General KAFA Korea	Noolee Kim, Hanyang University
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	Ha-Chin Yi, Texas State University
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Board	
	H. Young Baek (2017), Nova Southeastern University
	Jung Chul Park (2017), University of South Florida
	Hyuna Park (2017), Brooklyn College - CUNY
	Sam Y. Chung (2019), Long Island University
	Young Sang Kim (2019), Northern Kentucky University
	Won Yong Kim (2019), Augsburg College
Advisory Board	All previous presidents

### 4.2. Annual Business Meeting

**Where:** Botolph, Boston Marriott Copley Hotel

**When:** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Friday, October 13, 2017

### 4.3. KAFA Annual Dinner Meeting:

**Where:** Buk Kyung Korean Restaurant  
9A Union Square, Somerville, MA  
Phone: 617-623-7220

**When:** 7:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, October 13, 2017

**Transportation:** Bus (about 20 min. drive from the conference hotel)

- Note that the same restaurant has two different locations. We will go to the one in Union Square.

## V. Member News

### 5.1. Publications

Following is a list of recent publications by KAFA members. Only those provided to the KAFA office by the authors are listed here.

**Jaewon Choi**, Mathias Kronlund “Reaching for Yield by Corporate Bond Mutual Fund,” Review of Financial Studies, forthcoming.

**Jun-Koo Kang, Hyun-Seung Na**, Juan Luo "Are institutional investors with multiple blockholdings effective monitors?," Journal of Financial Economics, forthcoming.

**Jong-Min Oh** "Absorptive Capacity, Technology Spillovers, and the Cross-Section of Stock Returns." Journal of Banking and Finance, forthcoming.

Fred Bereskin, Seong K. Byoun, Micah S. Officer, **Jong-Min Oh** "The effect of cultural similarity on mergers and acquisitions: Evidence from corporate social responsibility." Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, forthcoming.

Croci Ettore, Christos Pantzalis, **Jung Chul Park**, and Dimitris Petmezas, 2017, “The Role of Corporate Political Strategies in M&As,” Journal of Corporate Finance, Vol. 43, 260-287.

Tom Aabo, Christos Pantzalis, and **Jung Chul Park**, 2017, “Idiosyncratic Volatility: An Indicator of Noise Trading?” Journal of Banking and Finance, Vol. 75, 136-151.

## VI. Other Announcements

- KAFA website ([www.k-afa.org](http://www.k-afa.org)) is updated including KAFA news, membership, and members' activities. Also, please give your suggestions on managing the website.
- We need more active participation of currently inactive finance professors and/or Ph.D. students for KAFA involvement. We strongly encourage you to introduce KAFA to your colleagues for their new membership.
- Please pay your annual membership dues, or preferably, be a life- time member by paying one time due of \$300.

# THE KOREA-AMERICA FINANCE ASSOCIATION (KAFA)

## Renewal/Application for 2017-2018 Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

### Education:

Undergraduate \_\_\_\_\_  
School Degree Year

Graduate \_\_\_\_\_  
School Degree Year

Graduate \_\_\_\_\_  
School Degree Year

### Current Position:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

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E-mail Address:

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fields of Specialization in Finance:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Dues:

( ) \$30; Regular and Guest Member ( ) \$20; Associate Member Ph.D Student

( ) \$300 Lifetime Member

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### RECEIPT OF KAFA MEMBERSHIP DUES

I have paid KAFA annual membership dues for the year of 2017 - 2018 on \_\_\_\_\_:

( ) \$30; Regular and Guest Member ( ) \$20; Associate Member

( ) \$300; Lifetime Member