CERF Fellow Report

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1. Personal Details

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2. Research Update

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<th>Social Networks, Risk Taking, and Firm Value: Evidence from Corporate Control Activities</th>
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Please tell us your CERF Funded Research Title and Abstract

(250 words max)

This project investigates the impact of social ties between the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and board members on corporate risk-taking in mergers and acquisitions (M&As) and on shareholder value. Using a measure of CEO-director connections in a large sample of U.S. firms from 2000 to 2011, we study whether boardroom connections lower firm acquisitiveness. We investigate if connected CEOs are likely to choose focus and value-creating acquisitions, and to pursue smaller M&A deals and pay in stock. We also study if CEO-board connections enhance firm value in M&As by analyzing announcement returns, premium paid, and deal completion time.
**Key Research findings to date:**

(250 words max)

Using a large sample of U.S. firms from 2000 to 2011, we document that boardroom connections lower firm acquisitiveness. In M&As, connected CEOs are less likely to choose focus and value-creating acquisitions and more likely to pursue smaller M&A deals and pay in stock. Boardroom connections do not enhance firm value in M&As. More connected boards are associated with lower announcement returns, higher premium paid, and shorter deal completion time. The network effect on firm acquisitiveness is stronger among firms with less analyst coverage and less institutional shareholding. Our results are robust to alternative explanations and various robustness checks.

### 3. Weblinks to your work

We would like to provide CERF Managers with weblinks to the research output of CERF Funded Projects and the following information:

- links to your research outputs
- publications generated during the CERF fellowship
- seminars, conference presentations, press releases and other academic activities
• links to your research outputs

Web Page:
http://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/research/faculty/nguyenb.html

SSRN Author Page:
http://ssrn.com/author=451382

• publications generated during the CERF fellowship

   - Finalist, Best Corporate Finance Paper Award, Financial Management Association 2010 Meeting, New York, USA.
   - Links:
     http://ssrn.com/abstract=1695366
     DOI: 10.1287/mnsc.2014.2011

   - Links:
     http://ssrn.com/abstract=800746

• seminars, conference presentations, press releases and other academic activities

http://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/fileadmin/user_upload/faculty_cvs/nguyenbd_cv.pdf
PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION IN ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

2015

European Finance Association Meetings EFA, 2015, discussant.


2014

Financial Management Association Meeting, October 2014, Nashville, USA, “Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice: What Are Good Directors Made of?” *


INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2015
Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, November 2015.

Waseda University, April 2015.

University of Birmingham Business School, March 2015

2014

PUBLICATIONS IN BUSINESS AND POPULAR PRESS, AND MEDIA MENTIONS

2015
Business Review Europe, May 26, 2015, “CEOs? Publish and be damned!”
http://www.businessrevieweurope.eu/leadership/489/CEOs-publish-and-be-damned

Institute of Directors, May 22, 2015, “Director: No such thing as bad press.”
http://www.director.co.uk/no-such-thing-as-bad-publicity-for-ceos-news-22-may-2015/

Financial Times, May 21, 2015, “Column inches aid share prices.”
http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/9ebe01e8-fb22-11e4-9aed-00144feab7de.html#axzz3afOVQiID

2014
The Times of India, Education Times, 22 September 2014, “Are CEOs underpaid?”
http://www.educationtimes.com/article/95/2014092220140919195720484c0b7bd45/Are-CEOs-underpaid.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Yahoo! News Spain, 15 September 2014, “How sudden death of CEO impacts company’s stock market”

The Economist, August 21, 2014, “Executive pay. The final reckoning. When bosses die in office, their true value is revealed.”
http://www.economist.com/node/21615591/print

Management Today, August 27, 2014, “42% of dead CEOs were paid too much: Want to know how valuable the boss is to the firm? Wait till (s)he dies…”
http://www.managementtoday.co.uk/news/1309688/study-even-dead-ceos-paid-much/
Financial Times, August 27, 2014, “Market reaction to a CEO’s death can reveal attitudes to pay.” [http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/b3a369dc-2e03-11e4-b330-00144feabdc0.html?siteedition=uk#axzz3CveGV3a8](http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/b3a369dc-2e03-11e4-b330-00144feabdc0.html?siteedition=uk#axzz3CveGV3a8)


4. Additional information

Is there any other information you would like to share with us about your work to date?

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