

ANNOUNCEMENT

JFI Most Significant Paper Prize for Volume 9

I am pleased to announce that Allen Berger, J. David Cummins, Mary Weiss, and Hongmin Zi have been awarded the *JFI* Most Significant Paper Prize for their paper “Conglomeration vs. Strategic Focus: Evidence from the Insurance Industry,” published in Volume 9, Issue 4. The selection of this paper was based on voting by the associate editors and editors of the *JFI*. The prize carries with it a \$2500 cash award. The *JFI* congratulates the authors on their outstanding research.

Coming in close behind were the papers “Syndicated Loans,” by Donald Mullineaux and Steven Dennis, and “What Determines the Number of Bank Relationships? Cross-Country Evidence,” by David C. Smith and Steven Ongena. Although these papers did not win the prize, my congratulations to the authors on their excellent papers.

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