Biography for Karl V. Lins

Dr. Karl V. Lins is the Spencer Fox Eccles Chair in Banking and Professor of Finance at the David Eccles School of Business at the University of Utah. Karl researches primarily in the areas of international corporate governance and capital markets, and presents his research at academic and practitioner conferences worldwide. Karl has published his papers in the Journal of Finance, the Journal of Financial Economics, the Review of Financial Studies, the Journal of Accounting Research, the Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Financial Management, the Journal of Corporate Finance, and the Review of Asset Pricing Studies. His research on family firm performance around the world during the financial crisis was awarded the Best Paper prize at the European Financial Association annual meeting in 2012. His research on lack of transparency and active portfolio management in emerging markets was given the 2014 Best Paper Award by the Review of Asset Pricing Studies.

Karl earned a B.S. in Petroleum Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1985, an MBA from the Anderson School at UCLA in 1989, and a Ph.D. in Finance from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2000 where he was named the school's Outstanding Doctoral Student. He has done executive teaching for London Business School, INSEAD, Duisenberg School of Finance, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Southern Methodist University, the University of Utah, the OneMBA global program at EGADE in Monterrey, Mexico, IBM Business Services in Mexico City, and AvalonBay Real Estate Investment Trust in Washington D.C. His teaching has been honored with the Brady Superior Teaching Award and the ASUU Student's Choice Teaching Award at the University of Utah, the Best Teacher Award at the Duisenberg School of Finance in Amsterdam, as well as a Ph.D. teaching award at the University of North Carolina.

Prior to starting his academic career, Karl worked as an engineer for Conoco Inc. and after his MBA worked in corporate treasury, financial analyst, and international sales positions for Boise Cascade Corporation. Karl’s corporate experience at Boise Cascade includes managing an international syndicate of banks and completing international bond offerings while in the treasury department and opening up distribution in Mexico for business and printing paper during the early 1990s and continuing through the Mexican peso crisis of 1994.