Gary Winnick and Martin Granoff Chair at Columbia Business School Awarded to Daniel Paravisini

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Los Angeles, CA (PRWeb) December 10, 2010 – The Trustees of Columbia University have announced the appointment of Dr. Daniel Paravisini as the Gary Winnick and Martin Granoff Associate Professor of Business.

Dr. Paravisini earned a Ph.D. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2005. He had previously received an MBA from the Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración in Caracas, Venezuela in 1997 and a BS cum laude in mechanical engineering from the Universidad Simón Bolívar in 1994. He joined Columbia Business School in 2005 as an assistant professor and has served as an associate professor since 2009.

Gary Winnick, Founder and Chairman of Pacific Capital Group, said: “Professor Paravisini is a wonderful choice. He is widely respected by his peers for his research on the relationship of reputation and credit. He is also one of the most extraordinary and popular teachers on the Columbia University campus, having taught corporate finance to student acclaim at Columbia Business School since 2006.”

In 2010, Dr. Paravisini received the Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching a Core Course and the Charles River Associates Award for Best Paper on Corporate Finance. Dr. Paravisini’s breakthrough research work on economic shocks has won serious attention in financial and banking circles and been featured during lectures at prestigious university venues and the Federal Reserve Banks of Philadelphia, New York, and San Francisco. His articles appear regularly in the premier publications in his field.

Glenn Hubbard, Dean of Columbia Business School, said: “Our deepest thanks for the Winnick Family Foundation support of this professorship. Professor Paravisini’s exceptional accomplishments in research, writing and teaching, as well as his tremendous reputation in his field, are a credit to the School of Business and Columbia University.”

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Foundation naming grants include:

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- Winnick International Conference Center at the Simon Wiesenthal Center / Jerusalem
- Winnick Children’s Zoo in Los Angeles
- Winnick Faculty Scholar at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University
- Winnick Hall at the Skirball Cultural Center
- Arnold & Blanche Winnick Popular Library and Karen Winnick Children’s Gallery at the Los Angeles Central Library
- Winnick Hillel House at Syracuse University
- Winnick Board Room at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City
- Winnick Winners Mentoring Program for the Los Angeles Unified School District
- Winnick Fellows at UCLA School of Medicine
- Winnick Gallery at Yeshiva University Museum, Center for Jewish History

Karen and Gary Winnick and the Foundation have endowed university and high school literacy and scholarship programs at Brown University, at Mrs. Winnick's alma mater Syracuse University, and at Gary Winnick's alma mater, Long Island University.

They have also funded the transformation of the on-campus C.W. Post mansion administrative center - renamed Winnick House - as well as the main cafeteria which is now named in honor of Mr. Winnick's late father.

In California, the Foundation has supported educational programs at the California Science Center, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, KOREH L.A., the Los Angeles Zoo, L.A.'s Best Afterschool Program, the Wonder of Reading, the Fulfillment Fund and Noah's Ark at the Skirball Center.

Among the many other Foundation grantees are the Special Olympics, The Center for Jewish History, Children's Scholarship Fund, Partnership for Better Schools, Teach for America, The Gettysburg Foundation, The National Parks Foundation, Best Friends Animal Society, The Los Angeles Police Foundation, Shoah Foundation, and the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University.

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