

John K. Paglia Bio

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Dr. John K. Paglia is senior associate dean for academic affairs and professor of finance at Pepperdine Graziadio Business School (PGBS). He is also an independent corporate director (board member) and audit committee chair for Simulations Plus Inc. (NASDAQ: SLP), and advisor to several startups. He previously served PGBS in a number of leadership roles over his near 20-year tenure at Pepperdine. Most recently, as inaugural executive director of the Dan and Coco Peate Institute for Entrepreneurship, he led pre-launch initiatives around entrepreneurial education, business incubation, and venture funding to ultimately help student entrepreneurs launch and accelerate their business ventures. He also served as associate dean for part-time (fully employed) programs, director of accreditation, chair of the accounting and finance department, and founding director of the Pepperdine Private Capital Markets Project.

A recognized expert on the topics of small business financing, business valuation, and financing and deal trends, Dr. Paglia has delivered over fifty presentations, including over a dozen keynote addresses, at key investment banking, private equity, accounting, small business, exit planning, and valuation events. He was also honored by the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts with the "Industry Titan" Award in 2016, the Alliance for Mergers & Acquisitions Advisors and Grant Thornton with a "Thought Leader of the Year Award" in 2012, and the Association for Corporate Growth with an "Excellence in M&A Award" in 2011. In 2016, he was also awarded with a consultancy contract with the Library of Congress Federal Research Division as a private equity and venture capital expert to conduct research on the economic impacts of the Small Business Administration's Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) private equity program. His research has been covered in The Wall Street Journal, CNBC, USA Today, Businessweek, TIME, Bloomberg, Reuters, Inc., Forbes, Entrepreneur, MSNBC, ABC News, Huffington Post, Crain's New York, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, Financial Times, and The New York Times, among many others.

His research has been published in a number of journals including *Journal of Banking and Finance*, *Journal of Entrepreneurial Finance*, *Journal of Accounting and Finance*, *Journal of Business Valuation and Economic Loss Analysis*, *Business Valuation Review*, *The Value Examiner*, *Journal of Wealth Management*, *The RMA Journal*, *Graziadio Business Review*, and cited in Congressional testimony and SBA reports.

Dr. Paglia holds a Ph.D. in finance, an MBA, a B.S. in finance, and is a Certified Public Accountant and Chartered Financial Analyst.