



Yale SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
Program on Financial Stability

EliScholar – A Digital Platform for Scholarly Publishing at Yale

YPFS Resource Library

4-3-2011

Guaranteed to Fail: Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Debacle of Mortgage Finance

Viral V. Acharya

Matthew Richardson

Stijn van Nieuwerburgh

Lawrence J. White

<https://elischolar.library.yale.edu/ypfs-documents/9971>

This resource is brought to you for free and open access by the Yale Program on Financial Stability and [EliScholar](#), a digital platform for scholarly publishing provided by Yale University Library. For more information, please contact ypfs@yale.edu.

4/3/2011

Guaranteed to Fail: Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Debacle of Mortgage Finance

Viral V. Acharya, Matthew Richardson, Stijn van Nieuwerburgh, and Lawrence J. White

Summary

Guaranteed to Fail explains how poorly designed government guarantees for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac led to the debacle of mortgage finance in the United States, weighs different reform proposals, and provides sensible, practical recommendations. Despite repeated calls for tougher action, Washington has expanded the scope of its guarantees to Fannie and Freddie, fueling more and more housing and mortgages all across the economy — and putting all of us at risk. This book unravels the dizzyingly immense, highly interconnected businesses of Fannie and Freddie. It proposes a unique model of reform that emphasizes public-private partnership, one that can serve as a blueprint for better organizing and managing government-sponsored enterprises like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. In doing so, Guaranteed to Fail strikes a cautionary note about excessive government intervention in markets.

To view this book in its entirety please use the link provided below.

[View Full Article](#)

Recommended Citation

Sachs, Jeffrey. 2009. "The Geithner-Summers Plan is Even Worse Than We Thought." *Huffington Post*. May 7, 2009. https://www.huffpost.com/entry/the-geithner-summers-plan_b_183499.