

Dr. Iman Sadeghi v. Dr. Hao Li

Truth Challenge

Part Deux

Background

I, Dr. Iman **Sadeghi**, filed a verified complaint¹ on June 11, 2018 in the Superior Court of California against **Pinscreen** Inc. and its Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Hao **Li**, who is an assistant professor at University of Southern California.

I allege that Li perpetrated **Fraud and Deceit, Data Fabrication, and Academic Misconduct** supported by conclusive evidence:

<http://sadeghi.com/dr-iman-sadeghi-v-pinscreen-inc-et-al>

Li responded in the LA Times² on June 20, 2018 that “All the allegations are 100% False.”

I challenged Li³ on July 9, 2018 to confirm his position on a small subset of community relevant allegations under penalty of perjury:

<http://sadeghi.com/dr-iman-sadeghi-v-pinscreen-inc-et-al/#truthchallenge>

Li responded on his social media^{4,5} on July 19, 2018 and alleged that:

[July 19, 2018] Li: “ ... that individual has taken aggressive actions to defame us publicly with false accusations, and has **fabricated communications** and other evidences to portray us negatively to our peers, and to other members of our community. It should be clear from the manner of those communications that those accusations would be **uncharacteristic of Pinscreen**, our team, and the reputation we've built with the community.”

¹ <http://sadeghi.com/Dr-Iman-Sadeghi-v-Pinscreen-Inc-et-al.pdf>

² <http://www.latimes.com/business/technology/la-fi-pinscreen-lawsuit-20180620-story.html>

³ <http://sadeghi.com/Dr-Iman-Sadeghi-v-Dr-Hao-Li-Truth-Challenge.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/li.hao/posts/10155807188858753>

⁵ <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6425942503987511297>


Hao Li
July 19 at 10:00 PM · 🌐

At Pinscreen we value our reputation in the community, and hold ourselves to high standards to maintain it. About a year ago, Pinscreen was forced to terminate an employee for significant violations of our ethical standards, and our code of conduct.

Subsequently, that individual has taken aggressive actions to defame us publicly with false accusations, and has fabricated communications and other evidences to portray us negatively to our peers, and to other members of our community. It should be clear from the manner of those communications that those accusations would be uncharacteristic of Pinscreen, our team, and the reputation we've built with the community.

We hope that you will ignore these malicious efforts, while the matter is resolved through the proper legal channels. As always, if you have any questions in this matter, please contact us directly.

Thanks for supporting Pinscreen in our mission to bring YOU into immersive mixed reality experiences!



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Erin Knuth Are you saying that the allegations are all false? They seem pretty real. <http://sadeghi.com/Dr-Iman-Sadeghi-v-Pinscreen-Inc-et-al.pdf>

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I challenge Li to identify a **single communication** within the complaint that he alleges to be **fabricated**.

All communications and evidence presented in the complaint are authentic and verifiable by third parties (e.g. through a subpoena to Skype and/or Facebook) including the following statements which cast light on **Li's character** when it comes to academics and business partners:

E1: Li's private conversation with Sadeghi, on Facebook, on February 4, 2017, regarding one of the Computer Science professors at USC:

- [February 4, 2017] Li: “[a USC professor and an Academy Scientific and Technical (Sci-Tech) Award winner] is super jealous of what we do here”
- [February 4, 2017] Li: “**Just a bunch of academic losers** [sic] 😊”

because his current phd advisor would block him from graduating if he joins pinscreen

is super jealous about what we do here

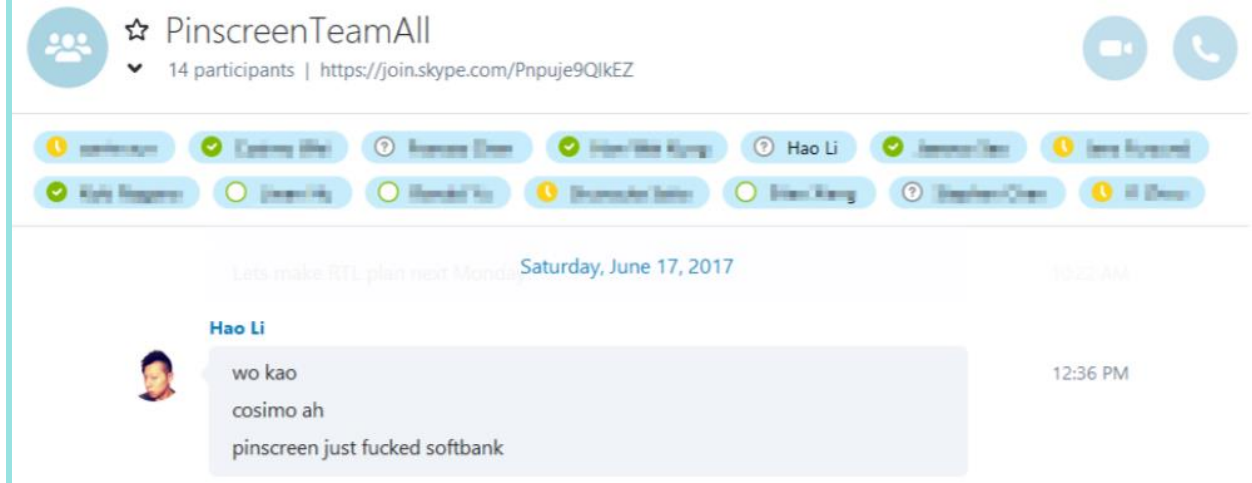
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Good to know about the VR politics!

just a bunch of academic losers 😊

E37. Li disrespected Softbank Venture Korea on a group message, on “PinscreenTeamAll” thread, on Skype, shared with Sadeghi and 14 other participants, on June 17, 2017, the day the investment agreement between Pinscreen and Softbank was finalized, when he stated:

- [June 17, 2017] Li: **“Pinscreen just fucked Softbank”**

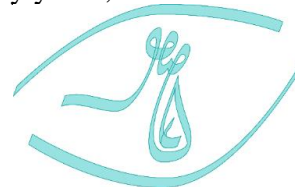


I appeal to my coauthors, collaborators, and colleagues; my fellow scientists, academics, researchers, and engineers; Computer Science, Computer Graphics, and SIGGRAPH communities; friends, family, and individuals who value [#science](#), [#integrity](#), and the [#truth](#) to invite Li to accept the challenge⁶. [#truthchallenge](#)

Looking forward to connecting at [#SIGGRAPH2018](#).

Dated: August 12, 2018

Very truly yours,



By:
Dr. Iman Sadeghi

⁶ <http://sadeghi.com/Dr-Iman-Sadeghi-v-Dr-Hao-Li-Truth-Challenge-Part-Deux.pdf>