RSM 3029H: Selected Topics in Financial Accounting Research
Time: Thursdays 1 pm to 4 pm
Location: Room 570

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Course Description: This seminar will focus on exposing Ph.D. students to empirical research in accounting on topics broadly related to valuation. This seminar is a requirement for all Ph.D. students in accounting and will also be useful for finance Ph.D. students with an interest in empirical corporate finance or empirical asset pricing.

Prerequisites: You have to be in the Ph.D. program to register. If you are a non-Ph.D. who wishes to register, you must have explicit permission from Prof Mohanram

Method of Instruction: We will discuss around 5 papers each day. Students are expected to read and analyze each of the papers assigned. Each student will have to hand in a report summarizing each of the papers individually as well as a summary of what they learned from the papers collectively. Each paper will have an assigned student as a discussion leader. Class participation is crucial as this seminar will also help prepare you to participate in research seminars.

Method of Evaluation: Students will be evaluated on the basis of
a) Eleven handed in paper summaries for sessions 1-11.
b) Student Presentation on Research Idea in session 12
c) Class Participation

Each of the sessions, with the exception of the last session, will require the submission of paper summaries

Availability of Assigned Research Papers: Papers will be made available as PDF files on the network drive. Students should download electronic copies for themselves as well as make paper copies if needed. I will not provide paper copies. The following papers are all available – additional paper may be added later.

Articles for PhD Seminar
Session 1: Research in valuation over the decades Jan 12th, 2017


Session 2: Accounting Based Valuation Jan 19th, 2017


Session 3: Fundamental Analysis Jan 26th, 2017


Session 4: Anomalies Feb 2nd, 2017


Session 5: Testing Anomalies  
Feb 9th, 2017


Session 6: Implied Cost of Capital  
Feb 16th, 2017


Inferring the Cost of Capital Using the Ohlson-Juettner Model Dan Gode, Partha Mohanram Review of Accounting Studies 8 (2003), 399-431


Session 7: Implied Cost of Capital II  
Feb 23rd, 2017


Session 8: Information Risk and Earnings Quality  
Mar 2nd, 2017


Session 9: Aggregate Earnings  Mar 9th, 2017


Session 10: Alternative Perspectives on Valuation  March 30th, 2015


Session 11: Guest Lectures with Profs Dushyant Vyas and Alex Edwards April 6th, 2017

Papers TBD

Session 12: Summary/Presentation of Research Ideas by Students  April 13th, 2017:

No papers