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## **Journal of Business Finance and Accounting**

### **CAPITAL MARKETS CONFERENCE**

**23-25 May 2007**

**University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill**

**Chapel Hill, USA**

The 15<sup>th</sup> *JBFA* Capital Markets Conference will be hosted by Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. This will be the first time that the Conference has been held in the USA.

The conference will focus on the interrelated areas of accounting and corporate finance. In addition to conventional original research contributions, the editors also wish to encourage the submission of methodological contributions that focus on evaluating the current state of research methods in these areas as a scientific discipline.

Original research contributions could address a wide variety of research questions including, but not restricted to, the following areas:

- Asset pricing: theory and evidence
- Determinants and consequences of earnings quality and earnings management
- Economic theories of accounting and accounting-based valuation models
- Investment analysis, portfolio management, and portfolio performance evaluation
- Corporate financial communication beyond financial statements
- Corporate financial decision-making (e.g. capital structure and investment appraisal)
- Corporate governance, ownership, and control, theory and evidence

Methodological contributions could address themes including, but not restricted to, the following areas:

- The implications of recent developments in econometrics
- The relation between theory and empirical research
- Is empirical work theoretically well motivated?
- Which theories should be materially revised in the light of evidence?
- What research methods and or data are needed for models involving asymmetric information?
- Are broad-brush cross-country comparisons reliable and/or worthwhile?
- Are real options models really useful?

Original papers to be considered for the conference should be submitted no later than 15th December 2006, and preferably earlier. Submissions to the conference will be treated as submissions to the *Journal of Business Finance and Accounting*, and should not be under review with any other journal. All papers will be refereed and decisions on accepted papers will be notified to authors by the 14 March 2007. Subject to satisfactory revision, accepted conference papers will be published in a Special Issue of *JBFA* in 2008. Two nights accommodation will be provided by *JBFA* for one author of each selected paper (and more than one author subject to room availability). Conference participants will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

Competition for places at the conference is normally high. In the interest of a balanced conference program, some papers may be accepted, subject to revision, for later publication in *JBFA*, but not for presentation at the conference.

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