

ACG 7145 - Empirical Research in Financial Reporting Spring 2007

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Course Objectives

The primary objective of this course is to develop a broad understanding of empirical accounting research in financial reporting. The intent is to focus the student on both the classics to provide a background and current research with a focus on the types of questions and innovative methods accounting academics are currently pursuing and developing. A second objective is for students to complete a substantial research project that may lead to publishable work, qualifying research project, and/or a dissertation.

Professor Information

Professor Kohlbeck's area of expertise is financial accounting and reporting. He is currently teaching financial accounting courses at the University. Mark previously taught at The University of Texas at Austin and Southern Methodist University. His primary research interests concern banking and financial institutions in the areas of intangible assets, regulation, accounting choice, and accounting disclosures. Previously, Mark was an auditor and management consultant for Deloitte & Touche in Dallas and Milwaukee. His professional experience includes restructuring troubled financial institutions, mergers and acquisitions, and litigation support. Mark is also a member of Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma, the AICPA, and the AAA.

Required Text Books

Beaver, W. 1998. *Financial Reporting: An Accounting Revolution*. 3rd edition, Prentice Hall (ISBN 0-13-686171-7)

Campbell, J., A. Lo, and A. MacKinlay. 1997. *The Econometrics of Financial Markets*. 1st edition, Princeton University Press (ISBN 0-691-04301-9)

Watts, R. and J Zimmerman. 1986. *Positive Accounting Theory*, Prentice Hall (ISBN 0-13-737149-7)

Recommended Text Book

Kennedy, P. 2003. *A Guide to Econometrics*, 5th edition, The MIT Press (ISBN 1-4051-1502-5)

Course Format

The course will be conducted in a seminar format addressing various capital markets and financial reporting issues. For each topic, a set of primary and background readings are presented. Each student is expected to have read and understand the background readings prior to when the primary readings are discussed in class. Primary readings typically consist of three to four papers per session. ***It is imperative that the required papers are read thoroughly prior to class.*** All students will prepare a one-page critique of each paper that identifies the research question and discusses its strengths and weaknesses (see example provided in class). The critiques should be distributed via email by 6:00 pm the evening before class. In addition, one student will be designated as the discussion leader for each paper. The responsibilities of the discussion leader will include the following:

- Provide a summary of the paper to be distributed to the class (1 - 2 pages)
 - Identify the research question(s)
 - Discuss the motivation for the research
 - Discuss the main hypotheses and related theory
 - Present the primary research method
 - Summarize the main findings
 - Identify the paper's strengths and weaknesses
 - Sketch the research design
 - Summarize the research's contribution

- Lead the paper's discussion

Each student should also identify at least one research idea related to each paper and compile the research ideas in a journal (I will review the journal periodically).

Grading

The following summarizes how you will be evaluated for this course.

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| Participation | 30% |
| Referee Reports | 10% |
| Literature Review Project | 10% |
| Research Project | 30% |
| Final Exam | <u>20%</u> |
| Total | 100% |

Participation – All students are expected to be prepared for each class and actively **contribute**. Participation also includes fulfilling discussion leader responsibilities, preparing critiques, and participating in any of the School of Accounting’s research workshops.

Referee Reports – During the course of the semester, students are required to write two referee reports on anonymous working papers relevant to the course. The reports should be short and concise, focus on the “big” picture, and clearly convey an opinion on the research. The referee reports are due one week after the paper is distributed.

Literature Review – Each student will prepare a review of the applicable literature related to their research project. The student is responsible for synthesizing the applicable literature into a review of 10 – 15 pages. The literature review is due February 27, 2007.

Research Project – As discussed above, one objective of the course is to complete a research project. Your research topic should represent a new solo-authored project and involve archival research methodology. The final due date is firm – No Incompletes will be assigned.

Throughout the course of the semester, students will be required to meet the deadlines detailed below in completing the project.

| | <u>Due Date</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Research question (preliminary) | 1/9 |
| Research question (final) | 1/16 |
| Three paragraphs (preliminary drafts) | 1/23, 1/30, 2/6 |
| Presentation of research question | 2/20 |
| Preliminary paper and SAS code | 4/10 |
| Paper presentation | 4/24 |
| Final paper with response to reviewer | 5/1 |

Final Exam – A final exam will be administered during the University’s final exam period. The exam will be similar to questions that the students may encounter on a preliminary exam.

Course Schedule

| <u>Week</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Topic</u> |
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| 1 | 1/9 | Introduction, Discussion of Current Research, Discussion of Reviews / Responses (JAAF example), Developing Research Questions, Kinney Three Paragraphs, How to Read / Critique a Paper, Libby Boxes / Research Sketches |
| 2 | 1/16 | Valuation 1 |
| 3 | 1/23 | Valuation 2 |
| 4 | 1/30 | Earnings Information (Earnings Announcements) |
| 5 | 2/6 | Earnings Information (ERCs) |
| 6 | 2/13 | Non-Earnings Information I |
| 7 | 2/20 | Presentation of Research Question |
| 8 | 2/27 | Non-Earnings Information II |
| | 3/6 | Spring Break |

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| 9 | 3/13 | Market Anomalies and Market Efficiency (Drift) |
| 10 | 3/20 | Market Anomalies and Market Efficiency (Other) |
| 11 | 3/27 | Accounting Choice (Voluntary Disclosure) |
| 12 | 4/3 | Accounting Choice (Economic Consequences) |
| 13 | 4/10 | Accounting Choice (Accounting Quality) |
| 14 | 4/17 | Accounting Choice (Contracts / Compensation) |
| 15 | 4/24 | Presentations |
| | 5/1 | Final Exam |

See attached list of readings.

Policies

Honor Code. The Florida Atlantic University Honor Code governs all student activities throughout this course. A fundamental principle of academic, business, and community life is honesty. Violation of this ethical concept shall result in penalties ranging from a grade of 'F' in the course to dismissal from the University. In all penalties, a letter of fact shall be included in the student's file.

Professional Conduct. To foster a more professional learning environment and to develop habits that lead to success, all participants must engage in professional behavior, including:

1. Taking responsibility for individual actions.
2. Attending each class session, including arriving promptly and leaving at the designated time.
3. Being attentive and an active participant in group activities and class discussions.
4. Respecting diversity and treating everyone involved in the class in a civil manner.
5. Planning outside activities to avoid conflicts with the activities outlined in the syllabus.
6. Meeting all deadlines in the course for assignments, projects, etc.
7. Acknowledging the importance of clarity of expression in written and oral communication and understanding that the course grade will be affected by your ability to communicate.

ADA. Students may seek accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Students with disabilities needing academic accommodations should review the University's ADA Policy and work the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Students who require special accommodation due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with the OSD and follow all OSD procedures.

Turnitin®. Written components of any assignment or project may be submitted to Turnitin® to evaluate the originality of the work. Any students found to be submitting work that is not their own will be deemed in violation of the University's honor code discussed above.

Missed Exam. Make-up exam will be given for valid reasons (medical emergency, family emergency, university-scheduled events, religious observation, or class conflicts) consistent with University policy and the professor's discretion. If you do not have a valid reason for missing the exam, a zero grade may be assigned.

Incompletes. There are no incompletes for this course except in the case of extraordinary circumstances (for example, excessive absences due to severe illness). The professor determines when an incomplete is appropriate.

Electronic Communication. FAU email will be used in this course for content delivery, assignments, and other communications. Accordingly, **it is the student's responsibility** to check their FAU email account for announcements, etc.

Religious Holidays. It is the responsibility of the student to promptly notify the professor of any conflicts due to religious observance so that accommodations can be arranged.

Pictures. Photographs of each student may be taken / used in connection with the course.

Tentative Reading List

| Week | Primary Readings | Background Readings |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Advance Reading | <p>Beaver. 1998. <i>Financial reporting: an accounting revolutions</i>, 3rd edition, Prentice Hall.</p> <p>Watts and Zimmerman. 1986. <i>Positive accounting theory</i>, 1st edition, Prentice Hall.</p> <p>Kothari, S. 2001. Capital Markets Research in Accounting. <i>Journal of Accounting & Economics</i> (September) 31: 105-232.</p> | NA |
| 1 | <p>Beaver, W. 2002. Perspectives on recent capital markets research. <i>The Accounting Review</i> 77 (April): 453-474.</p> <p>Lev, B. 1989. On the usefulness of earnings and earnings research: lessons and directions from two decades of empirical research. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> 27 (Supplement): 153-201.</p> | Campbell, Lo, and Mackinlay. 1997 – Chapters 1 and 5. |
| 2 | <p>Collins, D. E. Maydew and I. Weiss. 1997. Changes in the value-relevance of earnings and book values over the past forty years, <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> 24 (December): 39-67.</p> <p>Collins, D., M. Pincus, and H. Xie. 1999. Equity valuation and negative earnings: the role of book value of equity. <i>The Accounting Review</i> 74 (January): 29-61.</p> <p>Lev, B. and P. Zarowin. 1999. The boundaries of financial reporting and how to extend them. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> 37 (Supplement): 353-387.</p> | <p>Campbell, Lo, and Mackinlay. 1997 – Chapter 7</p> <p>Barth, M., W. Beaver, and W. Landsman. 2001. The relevance of the value-relevance literature for financial accounting standard: another view setting. <i>Journal of Accounting & Economics</i> (September) 31: 77 - 104.</p> <p>Beaver, W., C. Eger, S. Ryan, and M. Wolfson. 1989. Financial Reporting, Supplemental Disclosures, and Bank Share Prices. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> 27 (Autumn): 157-178.</p> <p>Easton, P. 1985. Accounting earnings and security valuation: empirical evidence of the fundamental links. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> 23 (Supplement): 54-77.</p> <p>Holthausen, R. and R. Watts. 2001. The relevance of the value-relevance literature for financial accounting standard setting. <i>Journal of Accounting & Economics</i> (September) 31: 3 - 76.</p> <p>Kothari, S. P. and J. Zimmerman. 1995. Price and Return Models, <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i>, (September), 155-192.</p> |

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| 3 | <p>Dechow, P., A. Hutton, and R. Sloan. 1999. An empirical assessment of the residual income valuation model. <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> 26 (January): 1-34.</p> <p>Lo, K. and T. Lys. 2000. The Ohlson model: contribution to valuation theory, limitations, and empirical applications. <i>Journal of Accounting, Auditing, & Finance</i> 15 (Summer): 337-367.</p> <p>Penman, S., and T. Sougiannis. 1998. A comparison of dividends, cash flows, and earnings approaches to equity valuation, <i>Contemporary Accounting Research</i> 15 (Fall): 343-383.</p> | <p>Feltham, J. and J. Ohlson. 1995. Valuation and Clean Surplus Accounting for Operating and Financial Activities, <i>Contemporary Accounting Research</i>, (Spring), 689-731.</p> <p>Ohlson, J. 1995. Earnings, Book Value and Dividends in Security Valuation, <i>Contemporary Accounting Research</i> (Spring), 661-687.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Barron, O., D. Harris, and M. Stanford. 2005. Evidence that Investors Trade on Private Event-Period Information around Earnings Announcements, <i>The Accounting Review</i> 80 (April), 403-421.</p> <p>Easton, P. and M. Zmijewski. 1989. Cross-Sectional Variation in the Stock Market Response to the Announcement of Accounting Earnings, <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i>, (July), 117-141.</p> <p>Francis, J., K. Schipper, and L. Vincent. 2002. Expanded disclosures and the increased usefulness of earnings announcements. <i>The Accounting Review</i> 77 (July): 515-546.</p> | <p>Campbell, Lo, and Mackinlay. 1997 – Chapter 4</p> <p>Ball, R. and P. Brown. 1968. An Empirical Evaluation of Accounting Income Numbers, <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i>, (Autumn), 159-178.</p> <p>Atiase, R. 1985. Predisclosure information, firm capitalization and security price behavior around earnings announcements. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> (Spring), 21-36.</p> <p>Bamber, L. 1987. Unexpected Earnings, Firm Size, and Trading Volume around Quarterly Earnings Announcements, <i>The Accounting Review</i>, (July), 510-532.</p> <p>Beaver, W. 1968. The Information Content of Annual Earnings Announcements, <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i>, (Supplement), 67-92.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Ali, A. and P. Zarowin. 1992. Permanent versus transitory components of annual earnings and estimation error in earnings response coefficients. <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> (June/September), 249 – 264.</p> <p>Easton, P. and T. Harris. 1991. Earnings as an Explanatory Variable for Returns, <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i>, 19 -36.</p> <p>Freeman, R. and S. Tse. 1992. A Nonlinear Model of Security Price Responses to Accounting Earnings. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i>, 185-209.</p> | <p>Collins, D. and S. Kothari. 1989. An Analysis of the Intertemporal and Cross-Sectional Determinants of Earnings Response Coefficients, <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i>, (July), 143-181.</p> <p>Freeman, R. 1987. The association between accounting earnings and security returns for large and small firms. <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> (July), 195 – 228.</p> <p>Kormendi, R. and R. Lipe. 1987. Earnings Innovations, Earnings Persistence, and Stock Returns. <i>Journal of Business</i> (July), 323-346.</p> |

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| 6 | <p>Barth, M. 1991. Relative Measurement Errors among Alternative Pension Asset and Liability Measures, <i>The Accounting Review</i>, (July), 433-463.</p> <p>Barth, M., and G. Clinch. 1998. Revalued financial, tangible, and intangible assets: associations with share prices and non-market-based value estimates. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> 36 (Supplement): 199-233.</p> <p>Dechow, P. 1994. Accounting Earnings and Cash Flows as Measures of Firm Performance: The Role of Accounting Accruals, <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i>, (July), 3-42.</p> <p>Lev, B. and T. Sougiannis. 1996. The Capitalization, Amortization, and Value-Relevance of R&D, <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i>, 107-138.</p> | <p>Barth, M. 2000. Valuation-based Accounting Research: Implications for Financial Reporting and Opportunities for Future Research. <i>Accounting and Finance</i> 40: 7-31.</p> <p>Barth, M., W. Beaver and W. Landsman. 2001. The Relevance of the Value Relevance Literature for Financial Accounting Standard Setting: Another View, <i>Journal of Accounting & Economics</i>, (September), 31: 77-104.</p> |
| 7 | 3 paragraph presentations | NA |
| 8 | <p>Amir, E. and B. Lev. 1996. Value-Relevance of Nonfinancial Information: The Wireless Communications Industry, <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i>, (August-December), 3-30.</p> <p>Ittner, C. and D. Larker. 1998. Are Non-financial Measures Leading Indicators of Financial Performance? An Analysis of Customer Satisfaction. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> 36: 1-35.</p> <p>Jennings, R., P. Simko and R. Thompson. 1996. Does LIFO Inventory Accounting Improve the Income Statement at the Expense of the Balance Sheet? <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i>, (Spring), 85-109.</p> <p>Ahmed, A., E. Kilic, and G. Lobo. 2006. Does Recognition versus Disclosure Matter? Evidence from Value-relevance of Banks' Recognized and Dislosed Derivative Financial Instruments. <i>The Accounting Review</i> 81 (May), 567-588.</p> | <p>Ittner, C. and D. Larker. 2001. Assessing Empirical Research in Managerial Accounting: A Value-based Management Perspective. <i>Journal of Accounting & Economics</i> (December) 32: 349-410.</p> |

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| 9 | <p>Bernard, V. and J. Thomas. 1990. Evidence that Stock Prices Do Not Fully Reflect the Implications of Current Earnings or Future Earnings. <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> (December), 305-340.</p> <p>Ball, R., and E. Bartov. 1996. How naive is the stock market's use of earnings information? <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> 21: 319-337.</p> <p>Bartov, E., S. Radhakrishnan, and I. Krinsky. 2000. Investor sophistication and patterns in stock returns after earnings announcements. <i>The Accounting Review</i> 75 (January): 43-63.</p> | <p>Campbell, Lo, and Mackinlay. 1997 – Chapters 2 and 6.</p> <p>Bernard, V. and L. Thomas. 1989. Post-Earnings-Announcement Drift Delayed Price Response or Risk Premium, <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i>, (Supplement), 1-36.</p> <p>Foster, G., C. Olsen and T. Shevlin. 1984. Earnings Releases, Anomalies and the Behavior of Security Returns, <i>The Accounting Review</i>, 574-603.</p> |
| 10 | <p>Abarbanell, J. and B. Bushee. 1998. Abnormal returns to a fundamental analysis strategy, <i>The Accounting Review</i>, (January): 19-45.</p> <p>Collins, D., and P. Hribar. 2000. Earnings-based and accrual-based market anomalies: one effect or two? <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> 29 (February): 101-123.</p> <p>Lev, B. and R. Thiagarajan. 1993. Fundamental Information Analysis, <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i>, 190-215.</p> | <p>DeBondt, W. and R. Thaler. 1987. Further Evidence of Investor Overreaction and Stock Market Seasonality, <i>Journal of Finance</i>, (July), 557-581.</p> <p>Ou, J. and S. Penman. 1989. Financial Statement Analysis and the Prediction of Stock Returns, <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i>, (November), 295-330.</p> <p>Sloan, R. 1996. Do stock prices fully reflect information in accruals and cash flows about future earnings? <i>The Accounting Review</i> 71, 289 – 315.</p> |
| 11 | <p>Botosan, C. 1997. Disclosure Level and the Cost of Equity Capital. <i>The Accounting Review</i> 72: 323-350.</p> <p>Lundholm, R. and L. Myers. 2002. Bringing the future forward: the effect of voluntary disclosure on the returns-earnings relation. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> 40 (June): 809-840.</p> <p>Miller, G. 2002. Earnings performance and discretionary disclosure. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> 40 (March): 173-204.</p> <p>Skinner, D. 1994. Why Firms Voluntarily Disclose Bad News. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> (Spring): 38-60.</p> | <p>Healy, P. And K. Palepu. 2001. Information Asymmetry, Corporate Disclosure, and the Capital Markets: A Review of the Empirical Disclosure Literature. <i>Journal of Accounting & Economics</i> (September) 31: 405-456.</p> <p>Penman S. 1980. An Empirical Investigation of the Voluntary Disclosure of Corporate Earnings Forecasts. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> (Spring), 132-160.</p> <p>Verrechia, R. 1983. Discretionary disclosure. <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> 5, 179 – 194.</p> |

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| <p>12</p> | <p>Beatty, A., S. Chamberlain, and J. Magliolo. 1995. Managing financial reports of commercial banks: the influence of taxes, regulatory capital, and earnings. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> 33, 231 – 261.</p> <p>Warfield, T., J. Wild, and K. Wild. 1995. Managerial ownership, accounting choices, and informativeness of earnings. <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> 20: 61-92.</p> | <p>Lev, B. 1979. The impact of accounting regulation on the stock market: the case of oil and gas companies. <i>The Accounting Review</i> (July): 485-503.</p> <p>Fields, T., T. Lys, and L. Vincent. 2001. Empirical research on accounting choice. <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> (September), 255 – 308.</p> |
| <p>13</p> | <p>Dechow, P, R. Sloan, and A. Sweeney. 1995. Detecting earnings management, <i>The Accounting Review</i> (April), 193 – 255.</p> <p>Defond, M. and J. Jiambalvo. 1994. Debt covenant violation and manipulation of accruals. <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> 17, 145 – 176.</p> <p>Durtschi, C., and P. Easton. 2005. Earnings Management? The Shapes of Frequency Distributions of Earnings Metrics are not Evidence Ipsa Facto. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> 43 (September), 557-592.</p> <p>Ecker, F., J. Francis, I. Kim, P Olsson, and K Schipper. 2006. A Returns-based Representation of Earnings Quality, <i>The Accounting Review</i> 81 (July), 749-780.</p> | <p>Jones, J. 1991. Earnings management during import relief investigations. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> 29, 193 – 228.</p> <p>Subramanyam, K. 1996. The pricing of discretionary accruals. <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> 22, 249 – 281.</p> <p>Burgstahler, D. and I. Dichev. 1997. Earnings management to avoid earnings decreases and losses. <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> (December), 99 – 126.</p> |
| <p>14</p> | <p>Core, J., R. Holthausen, and D. Larcker. 1999. Corporate governance, chief executive officer compensation, and firm performance. <i>Journal of Financial Economics</i> 51(3), 371-406.</p> <p>Dechow, P. A. Hutton, and R. Sloan. 1996. Economic consequences of accounting for stock-based compensation. <i>Journal of Accounting Research</i> (Supplement), 1 – 20.</p> <p>Holthausen, R., D. Larcker, and R. Sloan. 1995. Annual bonus schemes and the manipulation of earnings. <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> 19, 29 – 74.</p> <p>Cheng, Q., and T. Warfield. 2005. Equity Incentives and Earnings Management. <i>The Accounting Review</i> 80 (April), 441-476.</p> | <p>Watts, R. and J. Zimmerman. 1991. “Positive Accounting Theory: A Ten Year Perspective.” <i>The Accounting Review</i> (January): 131-156.</p> <p>Healy, P. 1985. The effect of bonus schemes on accounting decisions. <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> (April), 85 – 107.</p> <p>Holthausen, R. 1981. Evidence on the effect of bond covenants and management compensation contracts on the choice of accounting techniques. <i>Journal of Accounting and Economics</i> (March), 73 – 109.</p> |
| <p>15</p> | <p>Presentations</p> | <p>NA</p> |

Other Articles of Interest

Model Specification and Econometric Issues

- Barth, M. and S. Kallapur. 1996. The Effects of Cross-Sectional Scale Differences on Regression Results in Empirical Accounting Research, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, (Fall), 527-567.
- Bernard, V. 1987. Cross-Sectional Dependence and Problems in Market-Based Accounting Research, *Journal of Accounting Research*, (Spring), 1-48.
- Christie, A. 1987. On Cross-Sectional Analysis in Accounting Research, *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, (December), 231-258.
- Ohlson, J. and P. Shroff. 1992. Changes versus Levels in Earnings as Explanatory Variables for Returns, *Journal of Accounting Research*, (210-226).
- Acharya, S. 1993. Value of Latent Information: Alternative Event Study Methods, *Journal of Finance*, (March), 363-385.
- Brown, S. and J. Warner. 1980. Measuring Security Price Performance, *Journal of Financial Economics*, (September), 205-257.
- Brown, S. and J. Warner. 1985. Using Daily Stock Returns: The Case of Event Studies, *Journal of Financial Economics*, (March), 3-32.
- Cheng, C., W. Hopwood, and J. McKeown. 1992. Non-Linearity and Specification Problems in Unexpected Earnings Response Regression Model, *The Accounting Review*, (July), 579-598.

Literature Reviews

- Beaver, W. 1996. Directions in Accounting Research: NEAR and FAR, *Accounting Horizons*, 113-124.
- Bernard, V. 1989. Capital Markets Research in Accounting During the 1980's: A Critical Review, *The State of Accounting Research as We Enter the 1990's* (University of Illinois), 172-120.
- Lev, B. 1989. On the Usefulness of Earnings and Earnings Research: Lessons and Directions from Two Decades of Empirical Research, *Journal of Accounting Research* (Supplement), 153-201.
- Lev, B. and J. Ohlson 1982. Market-Based Empirical Research in Accounting: A Review, Interpretation and Extension, *Journal of Accounting Research* (Supplement), 161-234.
- Schipper, K. 1995. Academic Accounting Research and the Standard Setting Process, *Accounting Horizons* (December), 61-73
- Foster, G. 1980. Accounting Policy Decisions and Capital Market Research, *Journal of Accounting Research* (March): 29-62.
- Beaver, W. and J.S. Demski. 1974. The Nature of Financial Accounting Objectives: A Summary and Synthesis. *Studies of Financial Accounting Objectives: Supplement to Vol. 12 of the Journal of Accounting Research*.
- Gonedes, N. J. and N. Dopuch. 1974. Capital Market Equilibrium Information-Production and Selecting Accounting Techniques: Theoretical Framework and Review of Empirical Work. *Studies of Financial Accounting Objectives, Supplement to Vol. 12 of the Journal of Accounting Research*.