Thursday – May 18, 2017

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  Lunch  
*The Business Building Atrium*

1:15 – 1:30 p.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks  
*112 Forest Resources Building*

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.  Mozaffar Khan, University of Minnesota  
*Cross-firm Return Predictability and Accounting Quality*  
*Faculty moderator: Henock Louis*

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.  Break

3:00 – 4:15 p.m.  Doron Nissim, Columbia University  
*Synthetic Credit Ratings and the Inefficiency of Agency Ratings*  
*Faculty moderator: Jeremiah Green*

4:15 – 4:30 p.m.  Break

4:30 – 5:45 p.m.  Jed Neilson, Penn State University  
*Responding to Regulatory Uncertainty: Evidence from Basel III*  
*Faculty moderator: Hal White*

6:30 p.m.  Reception/Dinner  
*The Hintz Family Alumni Center*  
*Robb Hall*  
*Shuttle service back to the Nittany Lion Inn at the conclusion of the dinner is available by calling 814-865-8500.*
Friday – May 19, 2017

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
   Forest Resources Building Atrium

8:30 – 9:45 a.m. Jacob Thomas, Yale
   The long-run average cost puzzle
   Faculty moderator: Biqin Xie

9:45 – 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 – 11:15 a.m. Ed deHaan, University of Washington
   Why do some investors disregard earnings news? Awareness costs versus processing costs
   Faculty moderator: Hong Qu

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Break

11:30 – 12:45 p.m. Regina Wittenberg Moerman, University of Southern California
   Making Sense of Soft Information: Interpretation Bias and Ex-post Lending Outcomes
   Faculty moderator: Dan Givoly

12:45 p.m. Lunch
   Boxed lunches will be available in the Business Building Atrium