



2014 Accounting Research Conference

May 2 & 3, 2014

Thursday, May 1, 2014

7:00 p.m. Dinner
 Spat's Café and Speakeasy Restaurant
 142 East College Avenue
 State College, PA 16801

Friday – May 2, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
Ballroom DE at The Nittany Lion Inn

1:15 – 1:30 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Alumni Lounge at The Nittany Lion Inn

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Douglas Skinner, Univ. of Chicago
Audit Pricing and the Emergence of the Big 4: Evidence from Australia

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Greg Miller, Univ. of Michigan
Do Investors Benefit from Selective Access to Management?

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Break

4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Baruch Lev, New York Univ.
On Guidance and Volatility

6:30 p.m. Reception/Dinner
*The Hintz Family Alumni Center
 Robb Hall*

The Molly Trolley will be available to transport participants from the Nittany Lion Inn to the Hintz Family Alumni Center. The Trolley will leave promptly at 6:30 p.m. from the Nittany Lion Inn.

The Molly Trolley will also be available to transport participants back to the Nittany Lion Inn following dinner.

Saturday – May 3, 2014

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.** **Continental Breakfast**
Outside of the Alumni Lounge at The Nittany Lion Inn
- 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.** **Dane Christensen, Penn State Univ.**
From K Street to Wall Street: Politically Connected Analysts and Stock Recommendations
- 9:45 – 10:00 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.** **Catherine Schrand, Univ. of Pennsylvania**
Do Managers Tacitly Collude to Withhold Industry-Wide Bad News?
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:30 – 12:45 p.m.** **Nemit Shroff, MIT**
Financial Statement Audits as Costly Signals: Evidence from Corporate Investment Decisions
- 12:45 p.m.** **Lunch**
Boxed lunches will be delivered outside the Alumni Lounge
- 2:00 p.m.** **Afternoon Activity**