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## **EDUCATION**

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**University of North Carolina, Kenan-Flagler Business School** Chapel Hill, NC

2003 – 2008 Ph.D. in Accounting  
2001 – 2003 Master of Business Administration

**Ohio University, Russ College of Engineering** Athens, OH

1996 – 1998 Master of Science in Structural Engineering  
1992 – 1996 Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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**University of Michigan, Ross School of Business** Ann Arbor, MI

2017 – present Coopers & Lybrand, Norman E. Auerbach Assistant Professor of Accounting  
2014 – 2017 Assistant Professor of Accounting and Ernst & Young Faculty Fellow  
2012 – 2014 Assistant Professor of Accounting

**University of Chicago, Booth School of Business** Chicago, IL

2008 – 2012 Assistant Professor of Accounting and Neubauer Family Faculty Fellow

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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My research spans two areas. The first area focuses on understanding how high-frequency economic activities differentially affect and are affected by low-frequency accounting information using a mixed data sampling approach. I have applied this approach across a number of research topics including the role of aggregated earnings as a macroeconomic leading indicator, seemingly inefficient tax choices by shareholders, performance evaluation relative to aspirational peers, and real-time forecasts of firm-level accounting earnings. The second area examines the contracting and valuation roles of accounting information in debt markets.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Ball, Ryan T., Robert Bushman, and Florin Vasvari (2008). The Debt-Contracting Value of Accounting Information and Loan Syndicate Structure. *Journal of Accounting Research* 46(2): 247–287.

Ball, Ryan T. (2011). Discussion of Why Do EPS Forecast Error and Dispersion Not Vary with Scale? Implications for Analyst and Managerial Behavior. *Journal of Accounting Research* 49(2): 403–412.

Ball, Ryan T. (2013). Does Anticipated Information Impose a Cost on Risk-Averse Investors? A Test of the Hirshleifer Effect. *Journal of Accounting Research* 51(1): 31–66.

## **PUBLICATIONS (continued)**

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- Ball, Ryan T. and Peter Easton (2013). Dissecting Earnings Recognition Timeliness. *Journal of Accounting Research* 51(5): 1099–1132.
- Ball, Ryan T., Luzi Hail, and Florin Vasvari (2018). Equity Cross-Listings in the U.S. and the Price of Debt. *Review of Accounting Studies* 23(2): 385–421.
- Ball, Ryan T. and Eric Ghysels (2018). Automated Earnings Forecasts: Beat Analysts or Combine and Conquer? *Management Science* 64(10): 4936–4952.
- Ball, Ryan T., Lindsey Gallo, and Eric Ghysels (2019). Tilting the Evidence: The Role of Firm-Level Earnings Attributes in the Relation between Aggregated Earnings and Gross Domestic Product. Forthcoming in *Review of Accounting Studies*.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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- Ball, Ryan T., Jonathan Bonham and Thomas Hemmer (2019). Does It Pay to ‘Be Like Mike’? Aspirational Peer Firms and Relative Performance Evaluation. Solicited by *Review of Accounting Studies* with a current status of revise and resubmit.
- Ball, Ryan T. and Lindsey Gallo (2018). A Mixed Data Sampling Approach to Accounting Research. Submitted to *The Accounting Review*.
- Ball, Ryan T. and Christine Cuny (2018). Information Imprecision and Investors’ Sensitivity to Credit Rating Changes. Current status of revise and resubmit at *The Accounting Review*.
- Ball, Ryan T., Christian Hofmann and Andreas Loeffler (2019). The Role of Public Information in Capital Markets with Investor Anonymity. Preparing for submission to *The Accounting Review*.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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- Ball, Ryan T., Dennis Fixler and Lindsey Gallo. Firm-level Accounting Information and the Macroeconomy: A Review of Current Research and Future Opportunities.
- Ball, Ryan T. and Brian Miller. Does the Readability of Information Affect the Process of Information Acquisition? Evidence from an Intellectual Capital Market.

## **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

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University of Alabama, Culverhouse College of Business	Feb 2019
University of Iowa, Tippie College of Business	Dec 2018
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Presidential Session (×2)	Nov 2018
University of Washington, Foster School of Business	Nov 2018
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Kenan-Flagler Business School	Oct 2018
Michigan State University, Eli Broad College of Business	Aug 2018
2018 CARE Conference, Washington, D.C.	May 2018
Kapnick Spring Conference, University of Michigan	Apr 2018
University of Toronto, Rotman School of Management	Apr 2018
2018 FARS Midyear Meeting (×2), Austin, Texas	Jan 2018
Hawai’i Accounting Research Conference (×2), University of Hawai’i	Jan 2018

## **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

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Rice University, Jones Graduate School of Business	Oct 2017
University of California Berkeley, Haas School of Business	Apr 2017
University of Chicago, Booth School of Business	Apr 2017
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Business School	Apr 2017
Chinese University of Hong Kong, Business School	Apr 2017
Hosmer-Hall Research Seminar, University of Michigan	Mar 2016
University of Utah, Eccles School of Business	Oct 2015
University of Chicago, Booth School of Business	Oct 2015
Victor L. Bernard Memorial Conference, University of Michigan	May 2015
Washington University in St. Louis, Olin Business School	Mar 2015
Temple University, Fox School of Business	Mar 2015
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Kenan-Flagler Business School	Nov 2014
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, School of Management	Oct 2014
Humboldt University Berlin, School of Business and Economics	Oct 2014
2014 FARS Midyear Meeting, Houston, Texas	Jan 2014
24 <sup>th</sup> Annual FEA Conference, Chapel Hill, North Carolina	Nov 2013
The Ohio State University, Fisher College of Business	Mar 2013
2012 FARS Midyear Meeting, Chicago, Illinois	Jan 2012
Illinois Institute of Technology, Stuart School of Business	Dec 2011
Tel Aviv University, Coller School of Management	Nov 2011
University of Michigan, Ross School of Business	Nov 2011
University of Miami, Business School	Nov 2011
Florida International University, College of Business	Nov 2011
New York University Summer Camp, Stern School of Business	May 2011
INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France	Dec 2010
London Business School, United Kingdom	Dec 2010
University of Chicago, Booth School of Business	Nov 2010
UNC/Duke Fall Camp, Duke University	Oct 2010
University of Notre Dame, Mendoza College of Business	Oct 2010
AAA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California	Aug 2010
University of Minnesota Empirical Conference, Carlson School of Management	Apr 2010
20 <sup>th</sup> Annual FEA Conference, Rutgers University	Nov 2009
Columbia University, Columbia Business School	Jan 2009
Harvard University, Harvard Business School	Jan 2009
University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School	Mar 2008
Stanford University, Graduate School of Business	Mar 2008
University of Texas at Austin, McCombs School of Business	Mar 2008
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sloan School of Management	Mar 2008
Purdue University, Krannert School of Management	Feb 2008
University of Chicago, Booth School of Business	Feb 2008
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Kenan-Flagler Business School	Dec 2007
17 <sup>th</sup> Annual FEA Conference, Georgia State University	Oct 2006
AAA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California	Aug 2005
AFAANZ Doctoral Colloquium, Melbourne, Australia	Jun 2005

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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Co-organized the 2018 CARE conference on “Firm-Level Information and the Macroeconomy” held on May 18–19, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

Ad hoc reviewer for *The Accounting Review*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, *European Accounting Review*, *Journal of Accounting & Economics*, *Journal of Accounting Research*, *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Financial Econometrics*, *Management Science*, and *Review of Accounting Studies*.

## **DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

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Christina Synn, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2016

Robert Davidson, Georgetown University, 2011

Jonathan Milian, Florida International University, 2011

Jeff Ng, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2010

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **University of Michigan, Ross School of Business**

2012 – present Corporate Financial Reporting (MBA elective)

2013 – present Accounting for M&A Taxation and Risk Management (ad hoc MBA seminar)

2017 – present NFL Business Academy (Executive Education)

### **University of Chicago, Booth School of Business**

2008 – 2012 Accounting for M&A and Corporate Restructuring Activities (MBA elective)

### **University of North Carolina, Kenan-Flagler Business School**

Summer 2005 Introduction to Financial Accounting (undergraduate)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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University of Michigan Golden Apple Teaching Award, 2016

Neary Teaching Excellence Award, Ross MBA Program, 2014, 2016, 2018

Coopers and Lybrand, Norman E. Auerbach Fellowship, 2017–present

Ernst & Young Faculty Fellowship, 2014–2017

PCL Faculty Scholarship, University of Chicago, 2010–2012

Neubauer Family Faculty Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2008–2012

AAA and AFAANZ Doctoral Consortium Fellow, 2005

Deloitte & Touche Doctoral Fellowship, 2005

Stocker Fellowship, Russ College of Engineering, Ohio University, 1996–1998

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

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### **Burgess & Niple LTD, Architecture Services**

1999 – 2001 Structural Engineer III

Cleveland, OH

### **Baker Concrete Technologies**

1998 – 1999 Project Engineer

Columbus, OH