**Schedule of Events**

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<td><strong>Thursday, November 19th</strong></td>
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<td>12:00 - 1:00 pm</td>
<td>Lunch buffet at the Charles F. Knight Executive Center</td>
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| 1:00 - 1:15 pm | **Welcome & Introduction** Mahendra Gupta  
Dean, Olin Business School, Washington University in St. Louis         |
| 1:15 - 2:30 pm | "Capital Structure, Cost of Capital, and Voluntary Disclosures"  
Ronald A. Dye  
Chair and Leonard Spacek Professor of Accounting, Information & Management  
Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University              |
| 2:45 - 4:00 pm | "Target Firm-Specific Information and Expected Synergies in M&A"  
Ron Shalev  
Assistant Professor of Accounting  
Washington University in St. Louis - Olin Business School          |
| 4:15 - 5:30 pm | "To Know or Not to Know: Stock Market Implications of Firms With Superior Knowledge Management"  
Mark DeFond  
Joseph A. DeBell Professor of Business Administration & Professor of Accounting  
University of Southern California - Marshall School of Business     |
| (6:00 pm)     | Cocktails and Dinner will be served at Bristol Seafood Grille  
11801 Olive Blvd., St. Louis MO 63141-6717, 314-567-0272            |
| (Two shuttle buses will be available at the front entrance of the Knight Center at 6:00 pm to transport our guests to the restaurant and back to the Knight Center.) |                                                                                                                        |
| **Friday, November 20th** |                                                                                                                        |
| 8:00 - 8:15 am | Continental breakfast; Simon Hall, room 106                                                                          |
| 8:15 - 9:30 am | "Disclosure Tone and Shareholder Litigation"  
Jonathan Rogers  
University of Chicago - Booth School of Business                   |
| 9:40 - 10:55 am | "Information Asymmetry Around Earnings Announcements During the Financial Crisis"  
Gauri Bhat  
Washington University - Olin School of Business                    |
| 11:05 - 12:20 pm | "Discretionary Disclosure in Financial Reporting: An Examination Comparing Internal Firm Data to Externally Reported Segment Data"  
Philip Berger  
University of Chicago - Booth School of Business                   |
| 12:30 - 1:30 pm | Buffet lunch at the Knight Center main dining hall                                                                   |