



IAAER Paper Development Workshop 27-28 June 2017

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2017 SAAA AAFA IAAER International Accounting Conference**
The Quest For Relevance In A Changing World

**Drakensberg, South Africa
Champagne Sports Resort**

Call for Proposals

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IAAER will host a Paper Development Workshop in Drakensberg, South Africa from 27 to 28 June 2017 in conjunction with the SAAA AAFA IAAER International Accounting Conference. The objective of the Workshop is to build research and teaching skills capacity of African accounting academics (including financial accounting, auditing and management accounting). The workshop, among other things, provides participants with feedback on their research before submission to a high quality peer reviewed journal. Representatives of the IAAER Paper Development Workshop Faculty (well-respected and successful researchers from across the globe) will provide written feedback on all submitted proposals, will select the research projects to be presented during the workshop and will attend the workshop to provide additional feedback and guidance to the participants. In addition, the Workshop offers participants the opportunity to network with these international faculty.

Authors provisionally selected to present their proposals at the workshop will receive written feedback from the workshop faculty to assist them in revising and improving their proposals. Authors will then resubmit their revised proposals accompanied by a reply explaining how they have addressed, or will address, each of the reviewers' comments and recommendations. Following a second review of both the revised proposal and the reply to reviewers, a final decision regarding the proposal's acceptance will be announced no later than **30 April 2017**.

This process is designed to provide feedback and support over an extended period, not just at the workshop itself. Workshop presenters will receive three rounds of comments from experienced researchers, two rounds of written reviews before the workshop in writing and both oral and written feedback during the conference itself.

Other African accounting scholars not presenting at the workshop (excluding the supervisors of students presenting at the workshop) are welcome to attend the workshop. Non-presenting participants must register their interest to dstreet1@udayton.edu in advance.

African accounting researchers holding a relevant masters degree or PhD degree are invited to submit research proposals (i.e., paper ideas or early drafts) for possible inclusion in the workshop. Preference will be given to those holding or pursuing the PhD. Up to 30 proposals will be selected for discussion in two tracks (i.e. approximately 15 per track). The first track (afternoon of the 27th) will feature the work of ‘senior’ African accounting academics while the second track (afternoon of the 28th) will feature the work of ‘early career’ academics. For each of the tracks, selected proposals will be allocated to breakout sessions based on the focus of the research proposal. In each of the breakout sessions, workshop faculty will provide guidance on how to increase the quality of the research project and hence its publication potential. Written feedback will also be provided to assist participants in identifying ways to improve their proposals.

Participants in both tracks will attend panel sessions on the morning of the 28th where internationally recognized scholars (workshop faculty/mentors) will provide concrete ideas and techniques that workshop participants can use to develop research skills, including the task of issue identification and the specifics of research design choices. The panel sessions will be followed by a networking lunch.

The workshop includes a networking reception for participants and workshop faculty on the 27th.

Proposals should be submitted to dstreet1@udayton.edu on or before **1 March 2017**. Early submission is encouraged. Research proposals should not exceed ten pages (excluding references). All submissions should be double-spaced, should use 12-point Times New Roman font, and should be in English. Each submission should include a brief (one page or less) bio of the author(s) including the author’s current employer (university) and all degrees held. Only those submissions fully adhering to the preceding guidelines will be considered for inclusion in the workshop.

All workshop participants must attend their assigned ‘track’ sessions (27 June afternoon for seasoned/senior faculty or 28 June afternoon for early career researchers), the 27 June reception, 28 June lunch and the 28 June morning plenary sessions. Please make your hotel and travel arrangements with these times in mind.

There is no fee for attending the workshop. However, spaces are limited. Applicants for the ‘early career’ track may apply for a travel grant equivalent of up to \$US 250. Grants are limited and will be awarded on a competitive basis based on the quality of the revised proposal and response to reviewer(s). A request for funding is to be included with the proposal submission.

For further information, please email Professor Donna Street, at <mailto:dstreet1@udayton.edu>. The organizing committee is co-chaired by Professors Elmar Venter University of Pretoria and Donna Street University of Dayton.

KEY DATES

Deadline for submission: **1 March 2017**

Selection decisions advised: **30 April 2017**

Deadline to accept invitation to participate in the workshop: **15 May 2017**

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