

Jan Barton

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Biography

Jan has been a professor at Emory University since 1998 and a visitor professor at Aalto University Executive Education in Finland since 2013. He specializes in financial reporting and analysis.

His current research uses cognitive neuroscience to understand how people process and use financial information in making economic decisions. Previously, he researched factors driving firms' financial reporting choices and the effects of those choices on the quality and credibility of the information reported. His research is published in *The Accounting Review*, *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, and *Contemporary Accounting Research*, and has been mentioned in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, and *Financial Times*. He has served on the editorial boards and as referee for several accounting journals. He has presented his research at business schools around the world, including Wharton, Duke, Michigan, Northwestern, Cornell, London Business School, London School of Economics, INSEAD, and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. His study on earnings management constraints won a 2005 Best Paper Award from the American Accounting Association's Financial Reporting Section.

Jan teaches undergraduate and MBA courses in corporate, entrepreneurial, and nonprofit financial reporting, analysis, and valuation. He coordinated Emory's PhD program in accounting, and taught PhD seminars in capital markets and empirical research methods. He has led study-abroad trips to places like India, Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, and Vietnam. He received Emory's MBA Teaching Excellence Award several times and was listed as outstanding faculty member in *BusinessWeek's* guide to best business schools. Jan serves on the Goizueta Business School's Education Committee, which oversees School's degree programs.

Before going into academics, Jan was a senior tax consultant with PwC. He was born and grew up in Caracas, Venezuela.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Financial Reporting and Disclosure, Financial Statement Analysis, Equity Valuation, Design Thinking, Nonprofit Accounting, Neuroscience of financial decision making

Affiliations

Accounting Review, International Journal of Accounting, Contemporary Accounting Research, Review of Accounting Studies, Springdale Park Elementary School Local School Council, BusinessWeek market advisory board

Education

University of Alabama
PhD Accounting

Villanova University School of Law
MTax International Taxation

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
BSEcon Accounting, Finance, Marketing

Accomplishments

Best Paper

2005

American Accounting Association's Financial Accounting and Reporting Section

Outstanding Faculty

2001

BusinessWeek's Guide to the Best Business Schools, 7th edition

MBA Teaching Excellence Award

2003, 2000, and 1999

Emory University

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