

# School of Business Faculty Biography

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## **Expertise / Activities:**

Accounting, Management, Economist, Online Design & Development, Seminars/Conferences Coordination

## **Educational Background (school, degrees, certifications):**

2004 Ph. D. (Economics- Accounting Emphasis), TILAK MAHARASHTRA UNIVERSITY  
2001 M.PHIL (Financial Economics ) , TILAK MAHARASHTRA UNIVERSITY  
2000 M.B.A (Accounting and Management), SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY  
1998 M.A. ( Economics), TILAK MAHARASHTRA UNIVERSITY  
1998 M.D.B.A ( Management), SPICER ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY  
1996 B.B.A. ( Accounting, Management & Computer Science) , SPICER ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

## **Research Interests:**

A Critical Study on the Impact of Working Capital Management on Profitability of the selected Public Limited Companies in Alabama State, US  
Merger and Acquisition as a survival option for corporate liquidation  
The impact of leverage on firm investment  
Gaining a competitive edge through acquisitions

## **Biosketch:**

Dr. Raghavalu Ramella serves as the Professor of Accounting, Economics & Management and Director of MBA Program. in the School of Business at the Oakwood University.

Dr. Ramella holds a Bachelor's in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting, Computer Science and Management and an MDBA in Management from Spicer Adventist University (formerly Spicer Memorial College), India, an MBA in Accounting and Management from Southern Adventist University, Tennessee, USA, an MA and M. Phil in Financial Economics and a Ph.D. in Economics with Accounting Emphasis from Tilak Maharashtra University, Pune, India.

Prior to teaching at the Oakwood University, Dr. Ramella served as the Professor of Accounting, Financial Economics & Management, Coordinator of MBA Program, Chair and Dean in the School of Business & Entrepreneurship at the University of the Southern Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies between the years 2006 – 2019.

Dr. Ramella also served as an assistant professor of Accounting and senior accountant at Spicer Adventist University, India, between 1999-2006. He joined the School of Business, Oakwood University as the Professor of Accounting, Economics & Management and Director of MBA Program in the year 2019.