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Is Niroomand Out as Editor of the *JCRGB*?

Many reports here at USMNEWS.NET have focused on former CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand's [editorship](#) of the *Journal of Current Research in Global Business*, a [journal of dubious quality](#) that is part of the [Association for Global Business](#). Niroomand, a professor of economics in USM's CoB, also holds the prestigious title of "[Amigo](#)" in the AGB.



Farhang Niroomand

New documentation found by USMNEWS.NET reporters indicates that Niroomand is now out as editor of the *JCRGB*, and that he has been replaced by Luka Powanga, an official in the graduate business school (School of Management) at Regis University.

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MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION AND STYLE GUIDE

1. At least one author **MUST** pre-register for the conference by October 10, 2008. Registrations past this deadline may result in the paper not being published in the *JCRGB*. At least one author must present the paper in person. Send your registration payment in U.S. funds to: **AGB, P. O. Box 651166, Potomac Falls, Sterling Virginia, 20165, USA.**
2. Manuscripts should be prepared in *Microsoft Word* and must be **single-spaced**.
3. The first page should have a spacing of 1.5" from the top edge, a 0.9" margin on the sides, and a 1.1" margin on the bottom page. All other pages should have a 0.9" margin at the top and sides, and 1.1" margin on the bottom. Documents are to be fully justified so that right and left margins are both straight down the page.
4. The title of the paper should be in bold capital letters, 14-point font. The name(s) of the authors should be in *Times New Roman* 12-point font, upper and lower case. There should be a 0.25" (double) space between the title and the names of the authors and another 0.25" (double space) between the names of the authors and the short abstract.

5. The abstract should not exceed 100 words typed in *Times New Roman italics*, 10-point font.
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7. The body text should be in *Times New Roman* 10-point font.
8. Paragraphs should be indented .25".
9. References should be fully justified. The second and subsequent lines of references should be indented three spaces.
10. The manuscript may be of any length.
11. The submission fee is **US\$30 per manuscript**. The printing fee is **US\$30 per page with a minimum of \$300 per manuscript**. Please make checks payable to Faramarz Damanpour/JCRGB and send payment, manuscripts and disks/CD-R to the editor.

Spelling, grammar, and punctuation are the responsibility of the author(s). Avoid inconsistency in using abbreviations.

Tables, Figures, Illustrations, and Endnotes - Use the entire page width for tables and graphs, where required, then continue with text. All tables, figures, illustrations, etc., should be included in the text of the paper. Always use the computer or black ink and professional drawing instruments. Figures/tables should be placed in a row, where appropriate. Tables should be consistent with the text and facing the same direction. Endnotes should be consecutively numbered within the text, and substance of the endnotes should appear at the end, preceding the references.

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(A sample first page with Notes and References is provided below.)

That documentation, inserted above, lists Powanga as the contact person for paper submissions to the *JCRGB*, a space previously reserved for the CoB's Niroomand. Meanwhile, Faramarz Damanpour is the contact person for article submission fees, as he was during the period where similar documentation listed Niroomand as the *JCRGB*'s editor.

While Niroomand appears to have disappeared from atop the *JCRGB*'s leadership team, the quality of the *JCRGB* is now as it appeared from documentation in previous reports. First, a submission fee of \$30 per manuscript is required of all prospective authors. If the submission is published, authors are then required to pay a \$30/page printing fee, with a minimum charge of \$300 per published

paper. And, this is all after having at least one of the paper's authors (1) pre-register for the AGB conference, and (2) present the paper in-person at the AGB conference.

As older reports here at USMNEWS.NET indicate, the AGB and its affiliated *JCRGB* seem more like money-making outfits than academic entities. The documentation in this report supports those earlier indications.

Research Metrics Found, Applied to CoB's Accountants

The various reports containing Google Scholar citations for CoB faculty have drawn, and continue to draw, interest from USMNEWS.NET readers. One has suggested that our reporters examine www.harzing.com's "Publish or Perish" software program. According to www.harzing.com:

About Publish or Perish

Publish or Perish is a software program that retrieves and analyzes academic citations. It uses Google Scholar to obtain the raw citations, then analyzes these and calculates a series of citation metrics.

As the insert above indicates, the "Publish or Perish" software "analyzes" Google Scholar citations for individuals, and "calculates a series of citation metrics." There are eight single-number metrics that examine one's citations scores in different ways, with various metrics focusing on quantity of and quality of articles, highly-cited articles, consistency in citations, age of citations, and the number of co-authors. For details on each of these single-number metrics, visit www.harzing.com. Meanwhile, each is included below in Table 1, which also contains the 10 CoB accounting faculty listed in recent reports on Google Scholar citations.

Table 1
"Publish or Perish" Research Metrics Applied to CoB Accounting Faculty

Name	h-index	g-index	ch-index	hl-index	hIn-index	AWCR	AW-index	AWCRpA
Albin, Marvin	1	2	1	0.50	1	0.36	0.60	0.21
Anderson, Mary	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clark, Stanley	1	1	1	0.50	1	0.78	0.88	0.31
DePree, Marc	3	4	2	1.29	2	1.51	1.23	0.77
Henderson, Jim	1	1	0	0.50	1	0.06	0.24	0.03
Jackson, Steve	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jordan, Charles	2	4	1	0.67	1	1.94	1.39	0.60
Pate, Gwen	1	1	1	0.33	0	0.40	0.64	0.13
Posey, Rod	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Smith, Bob	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00

As Table 1 above indicates, accountants Marc DePree (professor) and Charles Jordan (professor) stand out from the rest of the pack. Bringing up the rear are Rod Posey (Morgan Distinguished Professor), Bob Smith (associate professor), Mary Anderson (assistant professor), and Steve Jackson (professor and SAIS Director). Anderson's "junior" status explains her position, though the same can't be said for Posey, who holds what is arguably the CoB's most distinguished professorship.

Table 2 below synthesizes the Table 1 data above by showing how each of the CoB's 10 accountants ranks across the eight research metrics. As the table indicates, DePree ranks first in six of the eight categories, while Jordan takes the top spot in three categories.

Table 2

Rankings from the "Publish or Perish" Research Metrics Applied to CoB Accounting Faculty

Name	h-index	g-index	ch-index	hI-index	hIn-index	AWCR	AW-index	AWCRpA
Albin, Marvin	3	3	2	3	2	5	5	4
Anderson, Mary	7	7	6	7	6	7	7	7
Clark, Stanley	3	4	2	3	2	3	3	3
DePree, Marc	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
Henderson, Jim	3	4	6	3	2	6	6	6
Jackson, Steve	7	7	6	7	6	7	7	7
Jordan, Charles	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2
Pate, Gwen	3	4	2	6	6	4	4	5
Posey, Rod	7	7	6	7	6	7	7	7
Smith, Bob	7	7	6	7	6	7	7	7

When the rankings in Table 2 above are averaged, DePree comes in at 1.25, and he is followed by Jordan at 1.63, Clark at 2.88, Albin at 3.38, Pate at 4.25, Henderson at 4.5, and Anderson, Jackson, Posey and Smith, each at 6.75. These results supplement the aggregate citations data taken from USMNEWS.NET's Google Scholar citations studies. They support prior reports that have DePree, Jordan and Clark ranked first, second, and third, respectively, when it comes to research productivity across the CoB's accounting department.

Pompous Circumstances -- *An Opinion from Duane Cobb*

The recent report, [Klinedinst Sells Out . . . Again](#), tells the story of how former EFIB Chair, Mark Klinedinst, failed to use his position as gatekeeper of the CoB's faculty handbook, *Enhancing Faculty Productivity*, to prevent the inclusion of collegiality as a condition for tenure and promotion in USM's College of Business. Klinedinst's failure, as the report indicates, is made more intriguing given Klinedinst's high-ranking position within the USM chapter of the AAUP, a position Klinedinst has held for some time. That report, like some others before it, tells the story of Klinedinst, and what he's really about, or *not* about, as the case may be.

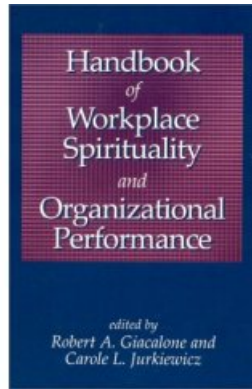


Klinedinst attends the Saunders inauguration

The photo above was recently sent to USMNEWS.NET. It shows Klinedinst, in full academic regalia, at the inauguration of new USM President Martha Saunders. To me, this is the photo that is missing from prior reports, including [Klinedinst Sells Out . . . Again](#). It highlights what academia seems to be to Klinedinst -- "pomp & circumstance" over character and substance. If it were still socially acceptable for professors to wear such regalia everyday, Klinedinst likely would. That would be the only change, however, as his behavior would likely remain the same.

Covers Boy -- *An Opinion from Duane Cobb*

Reporters at USMNEWS.NET have been examining the titles of some of the scholarly books that make mention of former CoB Dean, and current professor of management, Harold Doty's academic research. It's amazing just what some of these books are called. Take for instance:



Aside from a critical review, it's difficult to imagine how Doty's work was included in *Handbook of Workplace Spirituality and Organizational Performance* (see above). The same can be said for other books that were examined, such as:

- *Paying Teachers for what They Know and Do: New and Smarter Compensation Strategies to Improve Schools*
- *The Human Resources Revolution: Why Putting People First Matters*
- *Human Resource Management Ethics*
- *The Insecure Workforce*

Many CoB faculty, past and present, would likely believe that Doty was sick the day his UT-Austin profs taught about the so-called *human resources revolution*, and any reference to Doty in the second title above probably explains how Doty fought against the revolution later. If you're like many CoB faculty, you've likely grown tired of all of the talk about business ethics that comes from what can be described as the *sans ethics* CoB. The third title might very well mention Doty's work. It is probably not, however, on Doty's office bookshelf. Finally, nothing could better describe the CoB's workforce under Doty's leadership than "insecure." Sources say he (Doty) attempted to fire no fewer than four (4) CoB faculty from 2003-2007, and probably more than that.