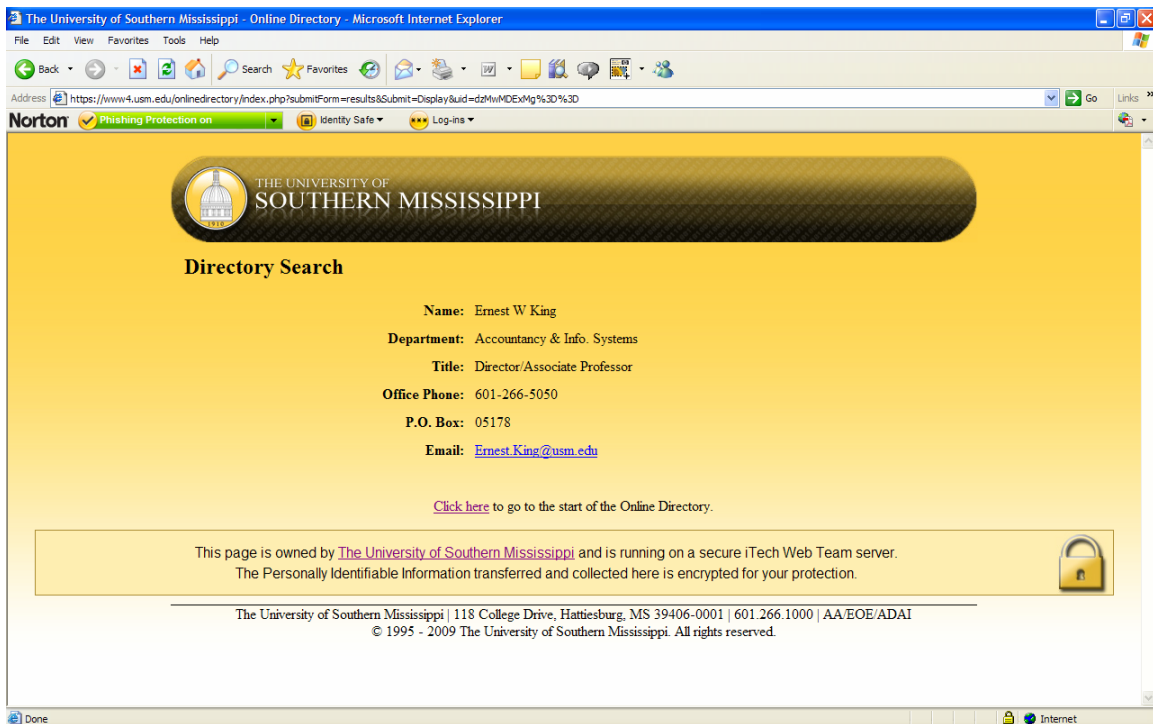


Does the CoB Now Have a New SAIS Director?

The [8-Jan-09 entry](#) in USMNEWS.net's *GH Chatter* series mentioned that the CoB's accountants may be in "botch it up" mode when it comes to participating in CoB dean Lance Nail's plan to hire six new department chairs as part of the IHL-approved CoB reorganization (that will take effect in 2009-10). Reports are that the accountants' frustrations stem from having their desired ACC chair candidate(s) brushed aside as not suitable by the Nail administration. If such a move is afoot among the CoB's accountants, sources speculate that Nail might have to resort to appointing an internal figure to chair the accountants (or direct the SAIS).

Sources' speculation may have recently been given credence by something USMNEWS.net editorialist Duane Cobb uncovered while researching candidates for his [report](#) on the 2009 CoB Person of the Year award. One of the honorable mention recipients for the 2009 CoBPoY is associate professor of legal studies Ernest King. As the screen below indicates, the USM Directory now lists King as the "Director" of "Accountancy and Info. Systems" in USM's College of Business.



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the University of Southern Mississippi's Online Directory. The address bar shows the URL: <https://www4.usm.edu/onlineDirectory/index.php?submitForm=results&Submit=Display&id=d2MwMDEwMg%3D%3D>. The page features the university's logo and the text "THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI". Below this, the heading "Directory Search" is followed by the following information:

- Name:** Ernest W King
- Department:** Accountancy & Info. Systems
- Title:** Director/Associate Professor
- Office Phone:** 601-266-5050
- P.O. Box:** 05178
- Email:** Ernest.King@usm.edu

Below the contact information, there is a link: [Click here](#) to go to the start of the Online Directory. At the bottom of the page, a security notice states: "This page is owned by [The University of Southern Mississippi](#) and is running on a secure iTech Web Team server. The Personally Identifiable Information transferred and collected here is encrypted for your protection." The footer contains the university's address: "The University of Southern Mississippi | 118 College Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001 | 601.266.1000 | AA/EOE/ADA" and the copyright notice: "© 1995 - 2009 The University of Southern Mississippi. All rights reserved."

If King has indeed been elevated to SAIS Director, and it appears as though he may recently have been, then sources state that an announcement from Nail will likely come in the near future. That expectation comes from the belief that Nail will want the CoB's accountants and decision scientists to know well in advance that *King* will be evaluating their teaching, research and service in a few weeks.