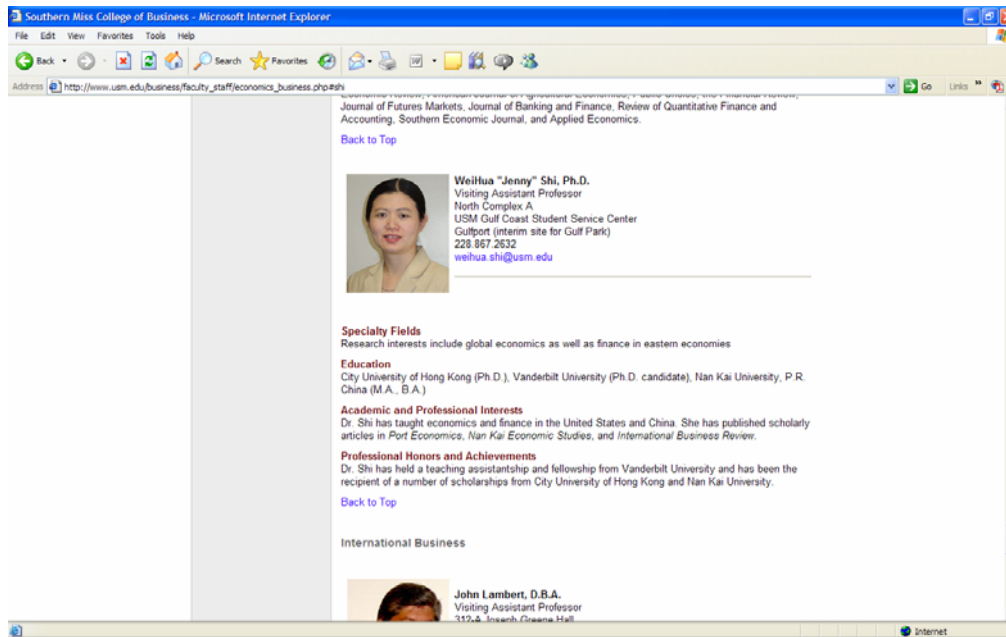


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Is Shi Misplaced?

A recent visit to the CoB's new web presence at www.usm.edu revealed some interesting news about visiting assistant professor of finance Weihua Shi. According to Shi's "blurb" on the website (inserted below), she has published an article in the *International Business Review*. The *IBR*, which is produced by Elsevier, is a high-quality IB journal, ranked



by many just below the prestigious, top-ranked *Journal of International Business Studies*.

This seems to be an important piece of news given sourced reports indicating that EFIB Chair George Carter has, at one time or another, considered Shi to be an economist *and* a finance faculty, all in an effort to have Shi maintain an "AQ" (Academically Qualified) standing. According to sources, Shi's publication in *IBR* would have handed Carter another "AQ by portfolio" opportunity had Carter (shown below) not already rushed to move former "visiting" assistant professor of IB John Lambert into a tenure-track position in IB. Not only that, Carter's support of Lambert's candidacy for a tenure-track slot started what appears to be a trend in the EFIB of hiring faculty who are pursuing online graduate degrees.



George Carter

Osmonbekov only a Symbol

Reporters' recent perusal of Weihua Shi's webpage turned up some interesting, new information about assistant professor of economics Daniel Monchuk. According to Monchuk's "blurb," he has published articles in the *Review of Regional Studies* and the *Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy*. These two, in addition to the article in the *Journal of Nicotine and Tobacco Research* listed in Monchuk's "blurb" (see insert below), add to the list in his spring 2007 SEDONA file, which contains publications in *Review of Agricultural Economics* and the *Journal of Agricultural & Applied Economics*.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying a faculty page for Daniel Monchuk, Ph.D. The browser's address bar shows the URL: http://www.usm.edu/business/faculty_staff/economics_business.php#9. The page content includes:

- Profile:** Daniel Monchuk, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, 212 F. Joseph Greene Hall, 601.266.5024, daniel.monchuk@usm.edu, <http://ocean.otr.usm.edu/~w540267/>
- Specialty Fields:** Regional Economics, Spatial Econometrics, Labor Economics, Technical Change and Growth, Agricultural Economics, Experimental Economics
- Education:** Iowa State University (Ph.D.), University of Saskatchewan (M.S., B.S. in Agricultural Economics)
- Academic and Professional Interests:** Dr. Monchuk's research on regional and rural development has been published in journals such as the *Review of Agricultural Economics*, *Review of Regional Studies* and the *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*. He has also published papers on non-regional topics such as the value of nicotine appearing in *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*. Current research includes analysis of agricultural production efficiency in China and economic resiliency in coastal regions following a hurricane.
- Professional Honors and Achievements:** Dr. Monchuk is the recipient of the M. Javin Emerson Graduate Student award by the Mid-Centiment Regional Science Association in 2003 and received honorable mention for his Master's thesis from the Canadian Agricultural Economics Association in 2000. Dr. Monchuk is also an avid backpacker and has hiked in a number of different mountain ranges including the Rockies, Andes, and the Carpathians.
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- Farhang Niroomand, Ph.D.**, Professor, Editor, *The Journal of Current Research in Global Business*, 309-B Joseph Greene Hall, 601.266.5028, farhang_niroomand@usm.edu

Monchuk's complete set of recent work, which contains 5 journal publications (see Table 1 below), appears to be one that would warrant a decent merit raise -- one that would compare favorably with that awarded to other economists, such as Mark Klinedinst and Akbar Marvasti.

TABLE 1
Daniel Monchuk's Recent Journal Publications

Journal of Agricultural & Applied Economics
 Journal of Nicotine and Tobacco Research
 Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy
 Review of Agricultural Economics
 Review of Regional Studies

A search through the USMNEWS.NET archives reveals that Monchuk's 2007 merit raise was \$3,875, which ranked 36th out of 62 in the CoB. In fact, as the insert below shows, Monchuk received a smaller raise than accounting professor Roderick Posey, of "more than 100" publications infamy, and economics professor Mark Klinedinst, who has not published a refereed journal article *since 1998* (10 years ago!).

30	Posey, Roderick	\$101,434	\$4,060	\$105,494
31	Bushardt, Stephen	\$ 93,211	\$4,036	\$ 97,247
32	Klinedinst, Mark	\$ 87,534	\$4,026	\$ 91,560
33	Duhon, David	\$ 90,014	\$3,994	\$ 94,008
34	Topping, Sharon	\$ 89,663	\$3,905	\$ 93,568
35	Sevier, Amy	\$ 45,124	\$3,876	\$ 49,000
36	Monchuk, Daniel	\$ 71,811	\$3,875	\$ 75,686
37	Pate, Gwen	\$109,012 ¹³	\$3,828	\$112,840

And, let's not forget how well Monchuk's colleague, Akbar Marvasti, fared in the 2007 merit raise process with similar output. To see how Marvasti fared one must travel to the top part of the 2007 merit raise rankings, as the insert below shows:

2007 Merit Raises, USM College of Business*

Rank	Name	Revised Budget 2006-2007	2007 Merit Raise	Budget 2007-2008
1	Malik, Farooq ¹	\$ 95,000	\$ 0	\$ 95,000
2	Wittmann, Michael	\$ 85,000	\$9,324	\$ 94,324 ²
3	Dakhliia, Sami	\$ 71,000	\$9,064	\$ 80,064
4	Marvasti, Akbar	\$ 80,000	\$8,392	\$ 88,392
5	Williams, Alvin	\$168,000 ³	\$7,560	\$175,560
6	Clark, John	\$103,239	\$7,439	\$110,678 ⁴
7	Carr, Jon	\$ 86,768	\$7,182	\$ 93,950
8	Niroomand, Farhang	\$119,838 ⁵	\$5,733	\$125,571

Marvasti's raise of \$8,392 was no less than **2.16 times larger than** Monchuk's. As recent reports at USMNEWS.NET have pointed out, Marvasti, like Monchuk, published five journal articles in recent years. These are shown in Table 2 below.

TABLE 2
Akbar Marvasti's Recent Journal Publications

[American Economist](#)
Eastern Economic Journal
Economic Inquiry
Journal of Economic Issues
[Pacific Economic Review](#)

Unlike Monchuk, however, only two of the five articles Marvasti published include a USM affiliation on the by-line (denoted above in blue font), while only one of those two ([AE](#)) appears to have been done while Marvasti was actually at USM.¹

According to sources, Carter may be telling Monchuk not to worry, and instead to wait until Marvasti is situated before expecting his (Monchuk's) due. If that has indeed been occurring, a skeptic might question whether Marvasti will ever be situated. Reports continue to show that Marvasti gets top-shelf treatment from Carter at almost every turn (e.g., Marvasti has yet to teach more than a 2-course load at USM).

Reports here at USMNEWS.NET have compared the raises awarded to Marvasti, Sami Dakhliya and others to that given to marketing's Talai Osmonbekov. This report goes to show that the treatment of Osmonbekov is only a symbol of what some are calling "the merit raise travesty of 2007."

Niroomand Watch

Sources tell USMNEWS.NET that economics professor and former CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand (shown below) is campaigning for the spot of Chair of the College Advisory Committee. If so, this goes



Farhang Niroomand

¹ This finding was revealed in the "ECONewbies . . ." report (see <http://www.usmnews.net/ECONewbies.pdf>).

against the speech made on 10-Apr-07 by former USM Provost Jay Grimes, indicating that Niroomand's time for grant work, devotion to his "international journal," and care for his health was becoming exceedingly short due to other responsibilities.

Sources indicate that Niroomand's jockeying may be related to hopes of having Akbar Marvasti promoted to professor at the end of the 2007-08 academic year. If so, then associate professor Trellis Green, who has approximately the same research record as Marvasti and over the same time period, will likely have some questions for Niroomand, Green's long-time friend. For readers unfamiliar with the trials and tribulations of Green's tenure within the CoB, please visit the Archives section of USMNEWS.NET for a look at the multi-part series on Green's lawsuit (against USM and George Carter) over what Green cited was the wrongful denial of his (Green's) 1994 application for promotion to associate professor.