

Faculty Arrivals and Departures

More New Faces in Fashion Merchandising and Tourism Management

The faculty depletion in tourism management has seemingly turned around with the recent additions of **Babu George** and **David Paster**. George comes to USM's College of Business from the School of Management at Pondicherry University in India. According to sources, TM Chair Tony Henthorne and George have co-authored various research projects, one of which was recently published in the *International Journal of Social Economics*.

Meanwhile, the CoB's fashion merchandising unit has added a second PhD student from Florida State University. USMNEWS.NET previously reported on the addition of **Gallayanee Yaoyuneyong**. In addition to Yaoyuneyong, the FM group has added **Erin Drake**, who, like Yaoyuneyong, comes to Hattiesburg from Tallahassee. Drake earned a master's degree from the University of Georgia, and while there worked under former UGA fashion merchandising assistant professor Brigitte Burgess, who is now an associate professor of FM in USM's CoB.¹

Finally, it appears as though **Lizhu Davis** has departed the CoB's fashion merchandising unit after just one year. Davis, who earned a PhD from the University of North Carolina – Greensboro, joined the CoB along with eight other new faculty back in August of 2006. Davis' departure brings to 12 the number of CoB faculty who have departed since the CoB's AACSB Peer Review Team visited in early February of 2007. As regular readers of USMNEWS.NET are aware, the first 11 of these 12 departures exited with well over 100 refereed journal publications in their dossiers.

Many of the new CoB faculty have been hired under the "visiting" label. Consequently, reporters at USMNEWS.NET will be keeping track of just how many are able to have the "visiting" part of their titles removed, as was the case with newly appointed assistant professor of IB **John Lambert**. If the Lambert switch becomes a trend, then CoB officials will have effectively replaced national searches with a more informal *friends-to-USM* pipeline of sorts.

¹ Burgess joined the UGA faculty back in 1998 (see [UGA adds new faculty](#)).