

Our Most Talented Colleagues

Unique A-Level Hits of Current & Former CoB Faculty – International Business

In May of 2007, *untenued assistant* professor of economics Sami Dakhliya, a first-year CoB faculty who, to use EFIB chairman George Carter's term, had just been "canned" by the University of Alabama, took the floor at the end of the CoB's spring 2007 convocation. He then proceeded to blast the USMNEWS.net editor and various CoB faculty for speaking out against the CoB's administration in a way Dakhliya felt encouraged his (Dakhliya's) most talented colleagues to leave USM. Of course, Dakhliya wasn't speaking out in support of those CoB faculty who had been abused by CoB administrators, as management professor Sharon Topping had spoken for only minutes before Dakhliya was handed the rostrum by then-interim CoB dean Alvin Williams. The faculty Topping referred to were beginning to leave the CoB as well by spring of 2007. Dakhliya, however, was, according to sources, speaking on behalf of CoBers (and Dakhliya's friends) like Zaher Hallab (tourism management) and Akbar Marvasti (economics), CoB administrators' favorites who were either leaving the CoB at that time or expressing a desire to do so.

This series presents what sources refer to as Dakhliya's ruse in a new light by showing that the talent lies with those faculty who had been targeted by CoB administrators and their supporters, such as Dakhliya -- i.e., the ones Topping spoke for. It is in the number of unique A-level journal publications that the *real* abilities of "our most talented colleagues" shines through. Each installment in this series (1) begins with those CoB faculty who remain with USM today (spring 2009), and (2) ends with those who departed after 2003 for academic posts elsewhere.

Still in the CoB

There is one international business faculty presently working in USM's b-school. Of course, this person is John Lambert, the CoB's lone faculty member with a master's degree from the University of Phoenix *and* a doctorate from Grenoble.

John Lambert, 3 years

Lambert received his terminal degree about 3 years ago, and, to date, has not published in a single A-level journal. If he continues his practice of submitting mainly to journals in the Allied Academies' portfolio of vanity outlets, that A-level drought will continue for Lambert. According to sources, the CoB has probably never hired, at least since 1990, a faculty member that it had lower expectations for than John Lambert. Judging by his performance to date, Lambert is living up to expectations.

In all, we're looking at **0.00** unique As per-person (1) in current IB. Not very good, though there are *only* **3 combined years since PhD** in that group (of 1).

They Have USM's CoB in the Rear-View Mirror

There are 2 former CoB IB faculty who departed USM's b-school for other academic environs since 2003. These 2 faculty have held terminal degrees anywhere from 11 years (approx) to 19 years (approx), and, on average, have been terminally qualified for **15 years**.

Linghui Tang, 11 years

We begin with Linghui Tang, who is now affiliated with the College of New Jersey. Tang has published unique A-level journal articles in two separate fields – economics (*Economics Letters*) and international business (*Journal of International Business Studies*). In the case of her IB hit, *JIBS*, Tang reached the pinnacle, as *JIBS* is the premier journal in the field.



Len Trevino, 19 years

Former CoBer Len Trevino, now the *Gerald N. Gaston Eminent Scholar Chair in International Business* at Loyola University, has published in unique A-level journals across three disciplines – economics (*Applied Economics*), international business (*Journal of International Business Studies* and *Journal of World Business*), and management (*Management International Review*). Trevino, who left the CoB in 2004 for Washington State University, possesses the kind of IB record that new CoB dean Lance Nail sorely needs.



In all, we're looking at **3.00** unique As per person (2) in former IB. This number is quite remarkable, even considering they have **30 combined years since PhD** as a group (of 2).

Like so many other USMENWS.net reports, Part 2 in this series shows just how much damage current/former CoB administrators (e.g., Carter, Doty, and Niroomand) and their faculty sycophants (e.g., Dakhliia and Marvasti) have done to the organization since 2003, if not before that. In the case of IB, the sycophants supported Carter and Niroomand in deciding to bring John Lambert on board the CoB. Sources say that has been one of the more dreadful decisions in CoB memory. It is also why it's so important that the damage these individuals have done to the CoB continues to receive our attention.