

SEDONA Files

In an effort to shed more light on the annual evaluation process in the CoB, this is Part V in a series of examinations of CoB faculty SEDONA materials, as they appeared on 2 May 2006, or just after the time of the CoB's annual evaluation. Previous exhibits have pointed out that CoB faculty are responsible for maintaining their CV items on SEDONA, an electronic database. As stated in an e-mail by Dean Doty, SEDONA materials **only** are to be evaluated by CoB administrators at the annual review hearing.

At the request of readers, this installment examines the co-authorship patterns (refereed articles) of various CoB administrators (departmental chairs, Academic Affairs Dean, and Dean). The table below indicates the names of the authors of refereed articles along with the year of publication.

Posey (AccMIS)
(lists no refereed
articles in SEDONA)

Carter (EcoFinIB)
Nissan & Carter, 2005
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Nissan & Carter, 2001

Niroomand (AA Dean)
Niroomand & Nissan, 2007
Niroomand & Nissan, 2006
Niroomand & Nissan, 2006
Niroomand & Nissan, 2005
Nissan & Niroomand, 2005
Niroomand & Nissan, 2005
Niroomand & Nissan, 2002
Nissan & Niroomand, 2000

Doty (Dean)
Reed, Doty & May, 2005

Babin (MgtMktFM)
Babin, Griffin, Kim & Lee, 2005
Babin, Griffin & Boles, 2004
Babin, Chebat, Michon, 2004
Griffin & Christensen, 2004
Babin, Chebat & Kollias, 2003
Babin, Laroche, Cleveland & Ward, 2003
Babin, Hardesty & Suter, 2003
Babin, Boles & Brashear, 2001
Babin & Kim, 2001
Babin & Babin, 2001
Babin, Boles & Robin, 2000
Babin, Griffin & Modianos, 2000
Babin & Attaway, 2000

Posey's merit raise outcomes from past CoB merit raise processes are presented below:

2004	\$3,058 [33 rd largest]
1999	\$6,888 [11 th largest]
1998	\$3,648 [22 nd largest]

1997	\$2,652 [7 th largest]
1995	\$6,278 [2 nd largest]
1994	\$3,663 [53 rd largest]

Readers will likely be interested in seeing his 2006 merit raise outcome when it becomes available.

Carter has produced 12 refereed journal articles over the 2001-2005 period, all with Ed Nissan (Professor of Economics). Nissan is listed as the lead author in all but the 10th entry in Carter's list (see above). Out of curiosity, we checked the website of the journal that was listed for that entry (*Australasian Journal of Regional Science*, 2001) and found that Carter's representation of Nissan as the second author is inaccurate.

Further analysis of Carter's SEDONA reveals some very curious entries. Below is a replication of what Carter (Chair of Economics, Finance and International Business) presented as the 2nd and 3rd entries under the heading of **Refereed Articles**:

Nissan, E. & Carter, G. (2004). Rating the States for Industrial Diversity.
Southwestern Journal of Economics, 6(1).

Nissan, E. & Carter, G.H. (2004). Rating the States for Economic Diversity.
Southwestern Journal of Economics, VI (1).

We consulted Nissan's SEDONA records and found only the following related entry:

Nissan, E. & Carter, G. (2004). Rating the States for Industrial Diversity.
Southwestern Journal of Economics, 6(1).

From what we have uncovered to date on this matter, Carter appears to have gotten two articles' worth of credit out of one. The only differences we can see between the two are the switch from "Industrial" to "Economic," the use of a middle initial in the second entry (i.e., "H."), and the use of Roman numerals in that same (second) entry. We are investigating this issue further.

Turning to another CoB administrator, Associate Dean Niroomand lists 8 refereed articles over the 2000-2007 period, all with Ed Nissan (Professor of Economics). Niroomand was listed as the lead author in all but the 5th and 8th entries. As a check, we visited the website of the journal listed in the 5th entry and found Niroomand's representation of Nissan as first author to be accurate (*Journal of Developing Areas*). As a check to see whether any inaccuracies in the other direction occurred, we examined the homepage of the journal listed in Niroomand's 6th entry. That entry is presented below:

Niroomand, F. & Nissan, E. (2005). Technological Change and Contribution to Growth and Convergence. *Journal of Economic Development* 30 (2), 1-21.

When the archive for that particular issue was examined (7/14/2006), the article was nowhere to be found. We expected it to appear in view immediately, given that Niroomand recorded the page numbers as "1-21" (i.e., he noted that it was the feature

article for that particular issue). To be sure, we scanned the entire issue, but failed to turn up anything.

To resolve our confusion regarding this matter, we turned to the **Refereed Articles** section of Ed Nissan's SEDONA record. We found that entry in his list, and it appears as:

Nissan, E, & Niroomand, F. (2006). Technological Change and Contribution to Growth and Convergence. Forthcoming in *Journal of Economic Development*.

So, if we are to believe Nissan's SEDONA entry the article in question is set to appear in the 2006 volume of the *Journal*. Given the results of our trip to the *Journal's* homepage, Nissan's version of the publication date is the only one that has a chance to be correct at this point, although Niroomand may yet be accurate in his representation of the order of the two names. The *Journal* has not yet uploaded publication information for its 2006 volume. As more information appears, we will make that available at usmpride.com. In the meantime, it appears that Niroomand's 2006 merit raise may have gotten a nice boost from the specifics he reported in SEDONA (see above).