

SEDONA Files

In an effort to shed more light on the annual evaluation process in the CoB, this is Part XIV 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.

One of the more popular topics at usmpride.com has been George Carter's role as the CoB's Ethicist-in-Residence. One reader has suggested that Carter has the requisite academic credentials to serve as the instructor of record for the business ethics course. In this issue we present Carter's employment and educational background timeline, so that readers can judge for themselves.

<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>Academic Experience</u>	<u>Academic Background</u>
1963		B.S. in Mathematics, University of Southern Mississippi
1968-1969	Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Southern Mississippi	
1969		M.S. in Economics, University of Southern Mississippi
1969-1971	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University	
1971-1973	Assistant Professor of Marine Transportation, Moody College of Marine Science and Maritime Resources, Texas A&M University	
1973-1978	Assistant Professor of General Academics, Moody College of Marine Science and Maritime Resources, Texas A&M University	
1975-1978	Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Moody College of Marine Science and Maritime Resources, Texas A&M University	
1977		Ph.D. in Economics, Texas A&M University
1978-1979	Associate Professor (tenured) of General Academics, Moody College of Marine Science and Maritime Resources, Texas A&M University	
1978-1979	Coordinator, Maritime Administration, Moody College of Marine Science and Maritime Resources, Texas A&M University.	
1979-1984	Associate Professor of Economics, University of Southern Mississippi	
1989-1996	Associate Professor of Economics, University of Southern Mississippi Chair of the Department of Economics and International Business, University of Southern Mississippi	
1996-present	Professor (tenured) of Economics, University of Southern Mississippi	

2005-present Chair of the Department of Economics, Finance
and International Business, University of
Southern Mississippi

The timeline above is odd. According to the data, Carter held tenure-track position(s) in Marine Transportation and/or General Academics at Texas A&M University while holding only a B.A. and M.S. from The University of Southern Mississippi. And, at about the time Carter was promoted to associate professor of General Academics and tenured, both at Texas A&M University, he was awarded a Ph.D. in Economics by Texas A&M University. During part of this period Carter also served as Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs in the Moody College there in College Station.

This track above resembles the reverse of the track taken by former USM VP of Financial Affairs, Greg Lassen, who held that high-level administrative post at USM all while working on a Ph.D. in Economic Development from USM. Lassen is now at UT-Tyler. In this case, Carter held the academic posts at Texas A&M while working on a Ph.D. in Economics (Development?) from Texas A&M. Carter is now at USM.

There is nothing in the table above that indicates, at least to usmpride.com investigators, a credential in ethics for Carter, though he has apparently taught multiple sections of the subject at USM. This aspect of the story seems like the case of Ken Malone, the chair of economic development at USM who has a polymer science background.