

Special Report

Hamwi on Top An Investigative Series on CoB Faculty Research Credentials

A USMNEWS.net reader recently commented that the list of CoB faculty who have exited the CoB since 2003 contains the names of individuals who are arguably the best scholars to have ever represented their particular units in USM's business school. That comment inspired the idea for a new series on the greatest scholars to have graced the suites of each unit in the CoB. Interestingly, the common thread among these individuals is that they were generally brought to USM under the business school leadership of former CBA dean, Tyrone Black. And, among the ones who have left the business school for other pastures (usually greener ones), most of them departed under the leadership of either former CBA dean, William Gunther, or former CoB dean, Harold Doty (usually the latter).

In terms of insurance, former CoB professor, Iskandar "Alex" Hamwi, set the tone for all others to follow. Educated at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Hamwi published in *The Journal of Risk and Insurance* a few times during his academic career. And, at least one of these was a solo-authored contribution.



This accomplishment is buttressed by journal publications in the *Journal of Insurance Issues* (see below), as well as the *Journal of the American Society of the CLU &ChFC* (not shown here) and *The CLU Journal*.



Also shown above is *The CPCU Journal*, which is a quality outlet in finance. The remaining two journals above are *International Advances in Economic Research* and *Competitiveness Review*, cross-discipline outlets for Hamwi that come from economics and economic development.

Hamwi ended his long-time (full-time) tenure in the business college at USM as the Chair of the Department of Economics, Finance and International Business. During that time, he presided over the hiring of Laurence Eisenberg, also educated at the University of Pennsylvania. Eisenberg, now at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, a "Top National University" according to *U.S. News & World Report*, just recently published in the *Journal of Risk*. As reported by USMNEWS.net, Eisenberg became the target of EFIB chair George Carter during the 2005-06 academic year, and he was forced out of the CoB at 3rd Year Tenure Review. Though Eisenberg left the CoB during the summer of 2006 as an assistant professor, he is now an associate professor at NJIT.

Hired by USM during the Joseph Greene (former business school dean) era, Hamwi left the CoB about a month after Doty took the reins from Gunther. According to sources, Hamwi has been displeased and disappointed with the downward spiral that USM's business school has been on since the summer of 2003.