

# *Special Report*

## **Niroomand Leaving -- A Loss, or a Gain? An Investigative Series on CoB Faculty Research Credentials**

The report continues the *Special Report* series on the journal publications that departing CoB faculty take with them when they go. This installment examines the research record of CoB economics professor Farhang Niroomand, who is leaving the CoB before 1-July-09 [to become the dean](#) of the School of Business at the University of Houston at Victoria. The results are shown below in Table 1.

**Table 1**  
**Farhang Niroomand's Journal Publications**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Journal Publication</b>	<b>Rating</b>
2008	American Economist	C
	Journal of Economic Studies	B
	Southwestern Journal of Economics	U
2007	International Advances in Economic Research	C
	Journal of Global Business	U
	Multinational Business Review	C
2006	Journal of Economic Development	B
	Journal of Current Research in Global Business	U
	Southwestern Journal of Economics	U
2005	Journal of Global Business	U
	Journal of Developing Areas	B
2004		
2003		
2002	International Advances in Economic Research	C
2001		
2000	Hacienda Publica Espanola	U
	Informacion Comercial Espanola	U
1999	Applied Economics Letters	C
	Global Business & Economics Review	B
1998	Economics Letters	A
	Applied Economics	A
	International Advances in Economic Research	C
1997	Journal of Economic Studies	B
1996	Economic Development & Cultural Change	B
	Informacion Comercial Espanola	U
	Informacion Comercial Espanola	U
1995	International Journal of Commerce & Management	--
	Hacienda Publica Espanola	U
	Journal of Insurance Issues	C
1994	Competitiveness Review	C
1993		
1992		
1991	Journal of Economic Development	B

	Atlantic Economic Journal	C
	Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv	B
1990		
1989	Journal of World Trade	B
	Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv	B
1988	Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv	B
	Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv	B
1987	Business Insights	--
1986		
1985		
1984		

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Data above come from Academic Search Premier, Business Source Premier, EconLit, Google Scholar and usm.edu. Journals rated using CoB's 2008 journal classification lists.

According to the results in Table 1 above, Niroomand somewhat "gappy" record consists of 35 journal publications between 1984 and the present. Of these, only two are rated by the CoB's 2008 journal classification as A-level journals. Both of these came in 1998, or more than 10 years ago, and sources tell USMNEWS.net that one of these (*Applied Economics*) was [dubiously rated](#) by the 2007-08 CoB Journal Ranking Committee as an A. Twenty one of Niroomand's 35 journal publications are, even using the CoB's journal classifications, rated as either U or --. If these are counted as Ds, then Niroomand's research GPA is *a barely passing* **2.114**, even using what sources describe as the CoB's sketchy standards. As they also conclude, on the research front at least, the loss of Niroomand appears to be the CoB's gain.