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A Look at Sami Dakhlia's Journal Publication Record

The quality, or lack thereof, of CoB associate professor of economics Sami Dakhlia's journal publication record has been the subject of much debate over at *Economics Job Market Rumors* in recent days. That discussion sprung up from postings made there by various CoB economists notifying the economics world that the USM administration had cut the CoB's economics majors, resulting in permanent furloughs for the CoB's nine tenured/tenure-track faculty. Table 1 below contains the details of Dakhlia's journal publication record to date. To summarize, Dakhlia received his PhD in economics from Washington University in 1998, and then held a tenure-track position at the University of Alabama until he was, to use former EFIB chairman George Carter's term, "canned" by the UofAL in 2005. He remained at UofAL through the first half of 2006, when he arrived at USM.

Table 1 – Sami Dakhlia's Journal Publication Trail

Year	Journal Publications
2009	
2008	
2007	
2006	Public Choice
	Review of International Economics
	Manchester School of Economic & Social Studies
2005	
2004	Public Choice
	Economics Bulletin
2003	
2002	Economic Theory
2001	
2000	
1999	Journal of Economic Dynamics & Control
1998	

Shortly after arriving at USM in 2006, Dakhlia made the case (to anyone who would listen) that the decision to *not tenure* him at UofAL was a political one, and *not* made on the merits. What do you think?