

# The 2009 Louis K. Brandt Research Award: A Look Ahead

## Part 5

With the 2009 Louis K. Brandt Research Award less than one year away, USMNEWS reporters have decided to take a look at the top contenders for the award, on a unit-by-unit basis. Each unit will be covered in this multi-part series, and the final installment in this series will aggregate all of the information from each issue in order to present an overall ranking of contenders.

The contenders for 2009 LKBRA are judged on their research records over the 2007-08 calendar years, which is the same period that CoB administrators and external reviewers will examine in order to select the 2009 recipient. Part 5 in this series takes a look at what's been going on in the scholarly area with the CoB's business law and information systems faculty. Table 1 below ranks the contenders in business law and information systems, as of 16 months into the 24 month period for determining the winner.

Table 1  
2009 Louis K. Brandt Research Award Contenders

| Rank | Name              | Academic Rank       | Journal Hits  |
|------|-------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1    | Hsieh, Chang-Tseh | Professor           | <i>Industrial Management &amp; Data Systems</i> (2007); <i>Journal of Computer Information Systems</i> (2007) |
| 2    | Lai, Fujun        | Associate Professor | <i>Industrial Management &amp; Data Systems</i> (2007)  |
|      | King, Ernest      | Associate Professor | <i>Atlantic Economic Journal</i> (2008)   |
| 4    | Chen, Kuo Lane    | Assistant Professor |   |
|      | Davis, Donna      | Professor           |   |
|      | Lunsford, Dale    | Associate Professor |   |
|      | Magruder, James   | Associate Professor |   |

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Sources: Academic Search Premier, Business Source Premier and EconLit.

As Table 1 above indicates, four of the CoB's seven BL/MIS faculty have yet to produce any published research since the beginning of 2007. Among these is Dale Lunsford, the CoB's recent re-treaded hire from High Point University. Lunsford worked in the CoB during the 1990s, but sources say he failed to garner a majority's support due to lack of research productivity. Also included there is Kuo Lane Chen, who, according to sources, may be delivered a terminal contract after the current (2007-08) academic year ends.

Among the three BL/MIS faculty who have been productive, there is quite a race to the finish line (31-Dec-08) between professor Chang-Tseh Hsieh, the *McCarty Professor of MIS*, and associate professor Fujun Lai and Ernest King. Only time will tell whether Lai or King can surpass Hsieh for the top spot in BL/MIS.