

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

Part 6

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 6 in this series takes a look at what's been going on in the scholarly area with the CoB's accounting faculty. Table 1 below ranks the contenders in accounting, 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	Anderson, Mary DePree, Marc	Assistant Professor Professor	<i>CPA Journal</i> (2007) <i>CPA Journal</i> (2007)
3	Clark, Stanley Jordan, Charles	Professor Professor	<i>Journal of Education for Business</i> (2007); <i>Journal of Applied Business Research</i> (2007) <i>Journal of Education for Business</i> (2007); <i>Journal of Applied Business Research</i> (2007)
5	Smith, Robert	Associate Professor	<i>Journal of Education for Business</i> (2007)
6	Henderson, James Jackson, Steven Pate, Gwen Posey, Roderick	Associate Professor Associate Professor Associate Professor Professor	

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

At first glance (at Table 1), the CoB's accountants come across as a rather productive group. However, four of the nine accountants have yet to produce anything during the 2007-08 period (for the LKBRA), which represents 44.4 percent of the unit. This figure looks much like that for other, unproductive CoB units that have been examined in Parts 1 through 6 in this series. Included in this 44.4 percent is the SAIS' Interim Director, Steven Jackson. (USMNEWS readers must still be wondering exactly what it is that the CoB got (in Jackson) when it raided New Orleans' higher education community after Hurricane Katrina.) At the bottom, as per usual, is Roderick Posey, the *Morgan Distinguished Professor of Accounting*.

Among the five producers, there is a nice little horse race developing, with assistant professor Mary Anderson tied at the top with professor, and USMNEWS editor, Marc DePree. Slightly behind these two are the tandem (literally) of Stanley Clark and

Charles Jordan. With another hit, even associate professor Robert Smith could become a contender alongside Clark and Jordan.

With the results for business law and information systems in Part 5 in this series, we have put together the entire SAIS, as shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2
2009 Louis K. Brandt Research Award Contenders: The SAIS

Rank	Name	Academic Rank	Journal Hits
1	Anderson, Mary	Assistant Professor	<i>CPA Journal</i> (2007)
	DePree, Marc	Professor	<i>CPA Journal</i> (2007)
	Hsieh, Chang-Tseh	Professor	<i>Industrial Management & Data Systems</i> (2007); <i>Journal of Computer Information Systems</i> (2007)
4	Clark, Stanley	Professor	<i>Journal of Education for Business</i> (2007); <i>Journal of Applied Business Research</i> (2007)
	Jordan, Charles	Professor	<i>Journal of Education for Business</i> (2007); <i>Journal of Applied Business Research</i> (2007)
6	Lai, Fujun	Associate Professor	<i>Industrial Management & Data Systems</i> (2007)
	King, Ernest	Associate Professor	<i>Atlantic Economic Journal</i> (2008)
8	Smith, Robert	Associate Professor	<i>Journal of Education for Business</i> (2007)
9	Chen, Kuo Lane	Assistant Professor	
	Davis, Donna	Professor	
	Henderson, James	Associate Professor	
	Jackson, Steven	Associate Professor	
	Lunsford, Dale	Associate Professor	
	Magruder, James	Associate Professor	
	Pate, Gwen	Associate Professor	
Posey, Roderick	Professor		

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

The results in Table 2 above are quite interesting. There is a real showdown developing in the SAIS to determine who could hold the School's chance for taking home the 2009 LKBRA. The top spot is knotted up in a three-way tie, while there are four other contenders, and possibly five if Smith can make a move. This is by far the most exciting departmental/school race for the 2009 LKBRA.

One other aspect of Table 2 above deserves mention. It seems clear, judging by the information in Table 2, that the SAIS needs the MIS faculty just as much as it needs the accountants. Until Jackson comes to grips with this fact, the SAIS will continue to struggle with itself.