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TROY Student from Azerbaijan

Elvin Huseynov is a Graduate Research Assistant for the Center for International Business and Economic Development (CIBED) at Troy University. Studying at the graduate level, he is pursuing an MBA degree with a concentration in International Economic Development. Choosing Troy University wasn’t a difficult decision because it was one university offering a wide variety of possibilities to international students.

Elvin was born in the Lankaran region of Azerbaijan and raised in the capital city of Baku. He has been studying English since his second grade of school. In 2001/02, he participated in a program called FSA/FLEX (Freedom Support Act/Future Leaders Exchange Program) funded by the U.S. State Department and was one of the finalists.

Meet—Dr. John Roufagalas

Dr. John Roufagalas is a new addition to the Sorrell College of Business faculty, but he’s no newcomer to the field of economics.

Dr. Roufagalas, who joined the faculty on the Montgomery Campus in 2007, began his career in economic research 30 years ago in his native Greece. He came to the USA in 1982 to pursue his Ph.D. in economics at the University of Florida. From 1985 until 2007, Dr. Roufagalas served as a member of the faculty of Radford University in Virginia, retiring as Professor of Economics in 2007.

ACBSP Reaccreditation Schedule

Preparations continue and are on schedule for the reaccreditation visit scheduled for October 9-18th. The Reaccreditation Self-study must be postmarked to ACBSP no later than August 15th. Dr. Tish Matuszek, assisted by several of our

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Dr. Roufagalas’ research expertise is wide ranging, but he has concentrated on studying how prices are set in firms that have monopolistic power.

“I have studied how prices are affected by inventory fluctuations, how service firms set their prices and employment levels, why firms price-discriminate, and why monopolistic firms do not change their prices as often as competitive firms,” Dr. Roufagalas said. “In addition, I have written papers in the fields of economic growth, economic education, finance, and human resources management.”

Dr. Roufagalas has more than 30 major presentations to his credit and has published articles in such publications as *The American Economist* and *The International Journal of Commerce and Management.*

The economist said the interaction with students keeps him coming back to the classroom.

“The look of understanding in the face of a student when I explain an issue is priceless,” he said. “I also like the intellectual challenge of staying current in the field of economics and constantly striving to enrich the class with current events. Furthermore, I enjoy the insight produced by student questions.”

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**SCOB New Faculty**

**Dr. Francis Piron, Lecturer in Marketing, Global Campus International Division-Malaysia.** Dr. Piron holds a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in Marketing, the MBA-MIM (Master’s of International Management) from the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird), and the Doctor of Philosophy in Marketing from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Piron will serve various Troy University international sites. He has held academic appointments at University Teknologli Malaysia, University of Macau, Nanyang Technological University-Singapore, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the University of Alaska-Anchorage. His email is fpiron@troy.edu.

**Dr. James Parham, Associate Professor of Management, Phenix City Campus.** Dr. Parham holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Central State University in Mathematics, a Master’s Degree from Eastern Kentucky State University in Criminal Justice, the Master of Business Administration Degree from National University, and the Doctor of Philosophy in Strategic Management from the University of Michigan. He has held academic appointments at Norfolk State University, Hampton University, and Central State University. His email is jparham@troy.edu.
Faculty Activities

Presentations to Scholarly Groups

Maureen Hannay, Global Campus Southeast Region, Cherie Fretwell, Phenix City. International Association of Business Disciplines, “The Servant Professor: Reinventing the Educator for the Next Generation,” Houston, TX, April 4, 2008.


Edward Kamnikar, Montgomery Campus, Government Finance Officers Association’s Certified Accountants’ Technician Program, “The Essentials of Governmental Accounting,” April 2, 2008. The annual one day seminar is offered through the outreach program at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.


Robert Kitahara, Global Campus Southeast Region, Troy University eCampus Colloquium 2008 - Don’t Hesitate to Communicate, “Academic Dishonesty – What Do Faculty Have to Say?” 2008. (Colloquium presentation with Frederick Westfall.)

Robert Kitahara, Global Campus Southeast Region, Troy University eCampus Colloquium 2008 - Don’t Hesitate to Communicate, “Mentoring—A Sample of One,” 2008. (Colloquium presentation with Larry Mercer.)


PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOLARLY GROUPS (CONTINUED)


PRESENTATIONS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS


Eren Ozgen, Dothan Campus, Dothan Chamber of Commerce, Presented Choice Program, February 20, 2007.

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Robert Kitahara, Global Campus Southeast Region, devotes one afternoon each week providing tutoring and motivational services at Nellie Bogar’s Youth Village. The Youth Village is a non-profit organization providing a safe, healthy, and educational environment for elementary to high school aged children in a well-established and well-respected after-school and summer program.

PUBLICATIONS

Dewey Todd, Montgomery Campus, Decision Making and Conflict, The Effect of Motivation and Escalation, published by VDM Verlag Dr. Müller publisher, March 2008. Dr. Todd has earned his Ph.D. in Decision Sciences from Georgia State University and is the Senior Product Manager for Fidelity National Information Services in Jacksonville, Florida. Todd has over 25 years of experience in banking and Information Technology.


PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)


INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Carol Jordan, Troy Campus, taught at Lloyd’s of London from May 6-14, 2008.

Ed Pappanastos, Troy Campus, interned at Lloyd’s of London from May 6-14, 2008.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Alan Campbell, Montgomery Campus, American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, selected to be a moderator and a discussant in a session on account history, Anaheim, CA, August 2008.

Tom Mathew, Montgomery Campus, National Science Foundation, invited to attend workshop—Experimental Economics, Georgia State University Campus, May 13-14, 2008.

Dan Teed, Dothan Campus, Southeast Region Meeting of the American Accounting Association, Moderator of Taxes Session, Birmingham, AL, April 3-5, 2008.

Diane Bandow, Atlanta Campus, appointed ACBSP mentor at Antioch University, Santa Barbara, CA, April 2008.

Judson Edwards, Troy Campus, has been appointed to the Editorial Board of Community Development — The Journal of the Community Development Society.

Judson Edwards, Troy Campus, has been appointed to the Troy City Board of Education, Troy, AL 2008.
Huseynov

As a finalist, Elvin came to America and lived with an American family in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, and studied at the Lunenburg High School for his senior year. After returning to Azerbaijan, Elvin was accepted to “Azerbaijan State Oil (Petroleum) Academy” and received his bachelor’s degree in Business Administration in 2007. Elvin speaks Russian, English, Turkish, and Azerbaijani fluently.

Wanting to expand his educational experience, Elvin came to Troy University to understand the way the American educational system is built and to find a more challenging environment with a wider range of educational possibilities. College life isn’t all about studying but it is also about socializing with the staff and pursuing the opportunities that the Troy community provides. According to Huseynov, “Working at CIBED and helping the Dean of Sorrell College of Business, Dr. Don C. Hines, in establishing the relationships with Qafqaz University in Azerbaijan was the biggest success I gained since I came to Troy in the Fall 2007.” Elvin served as an interpreter for a delegation from Qafqaz University in Baku, Azerbaijan, while visiting TROY to establish a partnership program. Dean Hines indicated that “it has been a pleasure spending time with Elvin and learning about his country. We look forward to many strong relationships with Azerbaijan.”

Elvin is pictured after a day of horseback riding with Dean Hines.
faculty, has done an outstanding job of coordinating this activity and we all owe her a great debt of thanks. As you receive requests from her over the next few weeks, please respond immediately.

At the recent ACBSP Annual Meeting in New Orleans, we were provided a pre-visit briefing. Eight (8) reviewers will be assigned to the Review Team. Below is the schedule as we know it at this point.

October 9  International reviewer will depart for Vietnam accompanied by Mrs. Candace Hines, International Site Coordinator.

October 12  Remaining members (7) of Review Team will arrive in Troy

October 13  Meeting with Chancellor, Executive Vice Chancellor/Provost and other key personnel.

October 14  Review Team will fan out to sites - Montgomery, Phenix City, Dothan, Tucson, Atlanta, Norfolk. (One team member will be assigned exclusively to eCampus)

October 16  Review Team will return to TROY for final analysis.

October 18  Exit Conference

Everyone should mark their calendars with these dates. You will be advised further when travel plans are finalized. Local administrators should begin to plan to schedule meetings between the reviewer and faculty and students. Global Campus Regional Directors and campus Vice Chancellors, along with other key personnel should plan to be available for site visits. Also, as previously advised, please insure that all the Fall, T1 and T2 schedules contain precise meeting times and places. It is expected that reviewers will select classes to visit and we won’t know specific classes until they arrive at your site. If you have specific questions, please feel free to contact me.

Don C. Hines, Dean
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Troy University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, color, race, national origin, religion, handicap, veteran status, or sexual orientation in its admissions, education, employment, or access to its programs. The University fully complies with the following: Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and its amendments; Federal Executive Order 11246; Educational Amendments of 1972; Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974; and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994.

ACCREDITATION

Troy University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree, the bachelor’s degree, the master’s degree, and the education specialist degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Troy University. The Commission is to be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support an institution’s significant non-compliance with a requirement or standard.

Troy University, through its Sorrell College of Business, is nationally accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) to offer baccalaureate degree programs in accounting, finance, general business, information systems, management, and marketing. The ACBSP has also accredited TROY to offer the Master of Business Administration.

USEFUL LINKS

Master Syllabi: http://business.troy.edu/MasterSyllabi

TROY Academic Operating Procedures: http://www.troy.edu/academics/aop/index.html
SCOB Academic Operating Procedures: See the SCOB Admin organization in Blackboard

Sorrell College of Business: http://business.troy.edu

ACBSP: http://www.acbsp.org