

Dr. John S. Zdanowicz is Appointed Florida International Bankers' Association Professor in

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Joyce J. Elam, executive dean, College of Business Administration and vice provost, FIU Online at Florida International University announced today a new professor in the college's Department of Finance and Real Estate and director of the college's Jerome Bain Real Estate Institute to the Florida International Bankers' Association for a term of three years. The appointment is effective as of January 1, 2008. 'This appointment recognizes Dr. Zdanowicz' impressive performance in teaching in the field of finance and international banking,' Elam said. 'He served for many years (1989-2002) as director of the college's Center for Business and the Finance Department.' The FIBA professorship was established in 1998 thanks to a \$100,000 gift (to which 50% in state matching funds were added) from the finance. As a FIBA professor, Dr. Zdanowicz will continue to conduct research and teach courses in the field and serve actively in the academic community. He will both attend and participate in that organization's professional and social functions. 'Dr. Zdanowicz is the ideal candidate to bridge the needs of the FIBA Executive Director Pat Roth. 'His academic research into trade-based money laundering provides practical, real-time information to bankers who are implementing anti-money-laundering programs in their financial institutions, and his long career spanning banking issues, international finance and academia will be an honor for FIBA that Zdanowicz has been named FIBA Professor. 'His appointment will continue to strengthen our relationship with the university and his knowledge.' Dr. John S. Zdanowicz is a Professor of Finance at Florida International University where he was also the Director of the Center for Bank and Finance Department of Finance. He was the Chairman of the Department of Finance and Economics at Rochester Institute of Technology. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. Zdanowicz has had many years of consulting experience, including consulting for U.S. Customs, the U.S. Department of Justice on issues related to the Congress Office of Technology Assessment on the analysis of wire transfers. He was an instructor at the Financial Fraud Institute of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. His research interests include international price discrimination, money laundering, income tax and import duty evasion, terrorist financing, and is an internationally recognized expert on money laundering and terrorist financing through international trade flows. He has presented his research on money laundering and capital flight at the: Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, US-MENA PSD Conference, Florida International Bankers Association, U.S. Department of Treasury, American Express Anti-Money Laundering Conference, FINTRAC, Cambridge University, University of Essex, U.S. Eastern Finance Association, Open Source Solutions Conference, American Bar Association, Federal Bureau of Investigation - Los Angeles Joint Drug Technology Association, Decision Science Institute, National Drug Intelligence Center, International Trade and Finance Association, Multi-State Tax Institute, Federation of Tax Administrators, Federal Reserve Bank, World Bank and the Brookings Institution. His research has been published in Accounting and Finance, Financial Crime, Communications of the Association of Computing Machinery, Money Laundering Alert, Interfaces, International Trade Journal, Financial Accounting, Review of Financial Economics, Tax Management: Transfer Pricing Report, and the Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis. Zdanowicz received a million research grant from the U.S. Treasury to study transfer pricing and money laundering issues. About the Florida International Bankers' Association (FIBA), Inc., is a 29 year old trade association founded in 1979. Its membership includes more than seventy financial institutions from eighteen countries and is one of the largest financial institutions in the world who are active in our hemisphere. The primary business focus of FIBA's members is Latin America, including bank-relationships with their counterparts in Latin America -- which helps facilitate North-South trade flows and international wealth management/privatization and succession planning. FIBA recently partnered with Florida International University to found The FIBA AML Institute, which provides ongoing professional education on money laundering. About the College of Business Administration at Florida International University Florida International University's College of Business Administration with unique expertise in international business, entrepreneurship, and a range of financial services -- from accounting to banking to real estate -- is the largest and is known for its innovative, market-driven, and technology-enabled educational programs for both degree- and non-degree-seeking business professionals. Approximately 6,000 students are enrolled in undergraduate business courses in the college's Landon Undergraduate School of Business and more than 1,000 students in the Graduate School of Business. Another 1,000 participate annually in one or more of its professional and executive education programs. The college, which is accredited by the AACSB International -- The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business -- enjoys a national and global reputation in international undergraduate and graduate levels. For more information about the college, visit <http://business.fiu.edu> or e-mail Sally M. Gallion, sally.gallion@busi