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## This Professor Finds a Passion Teaching Risk Management

Jack Hampton, a Saint Peter’s University professor who dedicates his teaching to developing the next generation of career risk managers, has been named a 2018 Risk All Star by *Risk and Insurance* magazine.

When he left the position of Executive Director of the Risk and Insurance Society ((RIMS), he took the position of professor of business and director of graduate business programs at Saint Peter’s. In 2005, its MBA and MS in Accountancy programs were struggling.

Informed by his doctorate in international business and his experience as a maritime risk consultant, he adjusted the MBA and MS programs’ emphasis to risk management, introducing coursework that includes cyber and enterprise risk management as well as insurance, forensic accounting and compliance components.



Throughout his career, he shifted the academic paradigm — publish or perish — from scholarly journals to the books and periodicals executives actually use. Few of his publishing credits are in scholarly journals.

His motivation to venture off the beaten path is “to do something worthwhile,” Hampton said. He chose Saint Peter’s because it was where “one person could make a difference.”

That meant “pushing risk management as a profession and teaching with an enterprise risk management approach,” which he sees as essential to the profession and helpful to any business school. In the grand scheme of things, he sees the practical, vocational focus as part of “fixing higher education before we lose too many good schools.”

The gamble paid off. In 2007, risk management became an MBA concentration, and the following year, it replaced tax and audit as the primary focus of the MS in Accountancy. MBA enrollments at Saint Peter’s rose 70 percent in three years. Corporate partnerships expanded to on-site programs at Horizon Blue Cross, New Jersey Transit and Pershing. Over 12 years, more than 70 successful alumni participated in the Saint Peter’s Executives in Residence program.

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“Jack believes innovation and change are more necessary than ever. He and his wife have a running joke that risk management puts people to sleep, but he’s so passionate, people can’t help but be engaged. That’s a real gift.” -- Mary Kate Naatus, KPMG dean of the school of business, Saint Peter’s University  
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