

Skidmore Karen L
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Å Skidmore Karen L
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/10/2006

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FRANKLIN UNIVERSAL TRUST [FT]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON
 INVESTMENTS, Å 500 EAST
 BROWARD BLVD., SUITE 2100
 (Street)

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer ___ Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 Vice President & Asst. Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

FORT
 LAUDERDALE, Å FL Å 33394-3091
 (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Shares of Beneficial Interest | 0 | D | Å |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Skidmore Karen L FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS 500 EAST BROWARD BLVD., SUITE 2100 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33394-3091 | Â | Â | Â Vice President & Asst. Secretary | Â |

Signatures

LORI A. WEBER,
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

03/17/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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