

Skidmore Karen L  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 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<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(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<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4)<br>Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Security | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------|--|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                    |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                            | Other |
| Skidmore Karen L<br>FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS<br>500 EAST BROWARD BLVD., SUITE 2100<br>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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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