

31st & Pearl

CoB Economists Now Threatening to Leave at Year's End

If a recent anonymous post to [Economics Job Market Rumors](#) by a CoB economist is accurate, then the CoB economists' response to being terminated by year's end is to state that they aren't returning to USM after this year. That post, which is inserted below, is believed by some to have come from associate professor Sami Dakhli, who came to the CoB in 2006 after being "canned" by the University of Alabama.

Econ prof from the unfarcity of southern miss here. We're all on the market, at least all tenure-track and those still years away from retirement. Couple of recent grads from UT (Austin), one from WashU. Don't care if admin ever reverses its stance. This place is toxic.

It still seemed like a great place a year ago, seminar series, student seminar series, doubling number of econ seniors, awesome students (the best took econ). When your department teaches over 2,000 students a year, you cannot possibly imagine being cut.

Whatever is happening here goes beyond poor leadership.

It's getting increasingly difficult to keep up with the vitriol coming from ECO these days, and here's yet another swipe at the Martha Saunders administration. Now things are getting more bizarre, as the economists are responding to being fired by saying that they are quitting at the end of the year.

Here's something to consider – these profs aren't that mobile, as their own academic records, and numerous reports here at USMNEWS.net, reveal. My bet is that they all hang around until 30-June-10, waiting for the call from on high saying that at least a one year reprieve is coming via campus mail. What then? They'll all accept, having few, if any, other opportunities. The skeletons in the closet of this motley crew are just too many, and too much, to overcome on the open market.

31st & Pearl is a series housed at usmnews.net that features commentary on aspects of life in the CoB from a variety of columnists.