

As the CoB Turns

While CoB economics professor William Gunther, currently the director of the CoB's Bureau of Business and Economic Research, drones on about "consumer confidence" at the BBER's mid-year economic conference down on the Mississippi coast, recently hired finance professor Francis Laatsch *finally* took the *in-person* reins of his new department, the FINRELS (finance, real estate and legal studies). Meanwhile, Laatsch's new department seems in disarray, partially due to the last-minute departure of associate professor John Clark.

Over in ECO we are witnessing the ultimate act in selfless collegiality – relatively newly-hired Akbar Marvasti is moving long-time ECO professor Trellis Green out of his (Green's) window office. It seems Marvasti recently lost his cushy space in the Kaetsu suite thanks to some movement of the CoB's lesser academic areas. As a result, Marvasti had an eviction notice presented to Green as a "thank you" for Green's 25+ years of service to USM.

Finally, down in accounting, readers of USMNEWS.net will likely be waiting to see if Hughes assigns visiting accounting professor Arthur Sorochinsky a "too small" office in the ACC suite, or an industry-average sized one (150 sq. ft.) in some other part of JAG.