

Gevrek Resigns, Leaves USM Behind

HATTIESBURG – USMNEWS.net reporters have learned that CoB assistant professor of economics Deniz Gevrek has resigned her position on the USM faculty and has (or soon will have) departed Hattiesburg. According to reports, Gevrek has taken a position with Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi and will be teaching courses there within a matter of days. Gevrek's Christmas Holidays 2009-10 departure marks the second time in a row that a CoB economics resignation occurred over a Christmas break, though the last one came over two years ago (during 2007-08).

Gevrek's surprise departure is yet another twist in the saga involving USM's economists. In Aug-09, USM administrators terminated the CoB's economics programs and its nine economists. Since then four of the nine negotiated a return to USM after 1-July-2010. The other five are set to depart in June-2010. In addition to these five, CoB-GC economist Yosef Bonaparte, a grad school classmate of Gevrek and the most recent USM ECO hire, was terminated by the USM administration (for undisclosed reasons) during the spring of 2009. The USM community learned of the Bonaparte situation via George Carter's 2009 interview with *Inside Higher Ed*.

Gevrek leaves behind "uncovered" sections of ECO 201 and 345 for spring 2010. Sources indicate that these courses will most likely be handled by Carter and Akbar Marvasti. With Nail at the helm, approval of "overloads" in these cases is not likely to occur. Finally, Gevrek's departure leaves only Dakhliya, Marvasti and Daniel Monchuk to staff USM's ECO unit, which will soon be housed in the CoAL, after the 2009-10 academic year.

With this beginning, 2010 promises to be another exciting year in USM's business school. Stay tuned for more.