

Breaking News

EFIB Hires Pascalau to Fill Gaps

HATTIESBURG – EFIB Chairman, George Carter, has hired Razvan Pascalau to plug some of the spring 2008 scheduling holes left in the EFIB by various resignations and leave notices. Pascalau is currently a PhD student at the University of Alabama, and he will be teaching two sections of BA 301 (Managerial Statistics) and one section of ECO 201 (Principles of Macroeconomics) for Carter and the EFIB.



Razvan Pascalau

According to Pascalau's links on the University of Alabama's webpage, he (Pascalau) will be teaching from 3:50pm-5:05pm and from 6:30pm-9:15pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. According to mapquest.com, Hattiesburg is 183.24 miles from Tuscaloosa, and the drive (on I-59) takes 2 hours and 48 minutes. Assuming Pascalau drives to and from Hattiesburg each Tu/Th, then he (Pascalau) would most likely depart Tuscaloosa in the a.m. each Tu/Th, and arrive back in Tuscaloosa in the early morning hours of Wednesdays and Fridays. In addition to the fact that Pascalau's teaching in the CoB likely kills off most of his Tuesdays and Thursdays, and parts of his Wednesdays and Fridays, prepping and grading will consume much of his other time this spring. Assuming they know about Pascalau's activities this spring (2008), why would his University of Alabama academic advisors have allowed him to make a decision with such potentially adverse consequences to his academic career?¹

Another interesting aspect to the hiring of Pascalau is that Carter appears to be rubbing the end of the University of Alabama moratorium in former CoB Dean Harold Doty's face. During his reign of the CoB (2003-2007), Doty decided that the CoB would no longer hire faculty candidates who had past connections with the University of Alabama. The 2006 hiring of economist Sami Dakhli, who was denied tenure at University of Alabama just a few short years ago, began Carter's unofficial repeal of Doty's decision. Carter has since hired Kimberly Goodwin, who holds a PhD in finance from University of Alabama, and now Pascalau. Carter and Doty have had a hot and cold relationship since 2003, and this episode seems to add to the volatility of that relationship.

¹ Pascalau's webpage states that he hopes to earn both a PhD in economics and an MS in finance in May of 2008.