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## **FIN Invites Laatsch**

HATTIESBURG – After having offers turned down by candidates from Arkansas, Texas, and Ohio, the CoB's finance faculty are going back to the (Ohio) well by inviting a fifth candidate to campus. The most recent invitation goes to Francis Laatsch, a finance professor at Bowling Green State University. Born in 1951, Laatsch (shown below) received his PhD in 1988 and joined the faculty at BGSU that same year.



Laatsch

Laatsch, who served eight years of active duty (1973-1981) with the United States Air Force and who served with the USAF Reserve between 1981 and 1992, also holds credentials as a Certified Financial Planner and a Chartered Financial Analyst. In addition to these credentials, Laatsch has recently published in the *Journal of Taxation and Financial Products, Review of Financial Economics, Journal of Accounting and Finance Research, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Journal of Financial Planning*, and *Financial Services Review*. This five-year (2002-2006) publication record would rank Laatsch below John Clark, Tom Lindley, and Farooq Malik, the three CoB finance faculty who have held PhD degrees since 2002.