

Breaking News

Is Hill Coming Home?

HATTIESBURG – Sources tell USMNEWS.NET reporters that one of the EFIB's 2007-08 job candidate finalists, Matthew Hill, may be offered a chance to return home. Hill, currently on faculty at the University of Arkansas – Ft. Smith, has been selected as one of four finalists for a tenure-track faculty position in finance. Like so many other 2007-08 CoB job market finalists, Hill holds a Ph.D. in business from Mississippi State University in Starkville. In all, four of the nine (or 44.4 percent) job market finalists that the CoB has brought (or, so far, will bring) to Greene Hall during the 2007-08 hiring season have doctorate degrees from Mississippi State.

However, unlike in some of the CoB's other departments, Mississippi State graduates have not fared well recently in their quest to land jobs in the EFIB. Just this past summer (2007) an EFIB search committee consisting of George Carter (EFIB Chair), William Gunther and Akbar Marvasti [selected Ms. Susan Doty](#), wife of former CoB Dean Harold Doty, for a position in economics at USM. Ms. Doty was selected over J. Corey Miller, a research associate in the department of agricultural economics at MSU.



George Carter



William Gunther



Akbar Marvasti



Ms. Susan Doty

Unlike Ms. Doty, who has a bachelor's degree in biology and an MBA ('82), Miller has an M.S. degree in agricultural economics and 36 hours of PhD coursework in economics at Virginia Tech.



Corey Miller

Only later did the USMNEWS.NET report entitled [Sins of Omission](#) reveal the extent to which Carter appears to have misrepresented Miller's qualifications to the CoB's economists.

Whether or not Hill has better luck than Miller when it comes to securing employment in the EFIB remains to be seen. One other finalist for the EFIB's current position in finance – Kimberly Goodwin – already has the advantage over Hill of holding a USM master's degree in business. One thing is certain – the hiring season in the EFIB will be an exciting one.

Stay tuned for more on the CoB's 2007-08 hiring efforts.