

Clarkology

An apparent UMKC insider tells USMNEWS.net that [newly hired](#) University of Missouri – Kansas City finance professor John Clark, currently an associate professor in USM's CoB, [will soon join](#) the [Bloch School](#) at UMKC with tenure. While this situation is a bit uncustomary in academe, in Clark's case it goes even further – prior sourced reports have indicated that Clark's prior tenure track run at UMKC (late 1990s-2003) was likely headed to a negative conclusion until Clark departed UMKC for the b-school at USM. Having just faced a six year tenure track run in the CoB, Clark received tenure last month (May-09). Now, it appears as though that newly-won tenure at USM is being transferred over to the Bloch School at UMKC. As such, it appears as though Clark's supporters at UMKC, who may have been outnumbered in 2002 or 2003, have assisted Clark by waiting on him to obtain an "easier to get" tenure in USM's CoB and having that tenure "reciprocated" by their home school at UMKC. As a result, Clark is now able to rejoin his former colleagues in Kansas City, and all is well (for Clark). Where this leaves USM's CoB is uncertain at the moment. Sources tell USMNEWS.net that this sort of "reciprocation game" may get played again (and possibly again) over the next few years. If so, it will represent yet another element in the CoB's brain drain problem of recent years. Only time will tell.