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Are Gunther's *THA* Reports also Academic Publications?

CoB faculty must be wondering whether Bill Gunther's columns in *The Hattiesburg American*, such as the one on 15-June-08 about employment measures in the U.S., will double (for Gunther) as academic publications. These columns and reports are put together by Gunther under the auspices of Gunther's Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER), which was established in the CoB under former dean Harold Doty's reign (2003-07). As Director of the Bureau, Gunther gets a 3-hour teaching release. He gets yet another for being "Professionally Qualified." These two releases give Gunther a 6-hour teaching load each semester. If Gunther's columns for *THA* are counted by CoB administrators as a form of academic scholarship, as sources believe they may well be, then Gunther's BBER is the proverbial gift that keeps on giving.

CoB Losing Journals, ED Launches One

Recent reports at USMNEWS.NET have indicated that the CoB has lost two academic journals in recent weeks and months. At the same time, USM's Economic Development unit has launched a new academic journal. According to Charmaine Williams' [12-June-08 presser](#) entitled "Southern Miss Faculty Launch Inaugural Journal of Political Science, International Development," the inaugural issue of *Global Horizons* received support from the Southern Miss Trent Lott National Center of Excellence for Economic Development and Entrepreneurship. Jack Covarrubias, visiting assistant professor of political science at USM, served as executive editor of the issue, while Tom Lansford (associate professor of political science at USM), Robert Pauly (assistant professor of international policy and development at USM), and David Butler (associate professor of international development at USM) served as editors.

Among the issue's associate editors were J.J. St. Marie (assistant professor of political science and international development at USM) and Edward Sayre (assistant professor of political science and international development at USM). Butler was a member of the CoB during the 2003-04 period (when the CoB was known as the College of Business and Economic Development), while Sayre was offered a position in economics by EFIB Chair George Carter. Sayre chose to join the international development group in Southern Miss' College of Arts and Letters instead. According to Williams' press release, the inaugural issue of *Global Horizons* is comprised of articles from faculty members in the Department of Political Science and International Development and Affairs.

Is Williams Exiting Early?

Reports have been sent to USMNEWS.NET news offices indicating that Interim CoB dean Alvin Williams has chosen to make a mid-June 2008 departure from the CoB instead of the planned 30-June-08 departure. An early arrival (perhaps mid-June, or slightly later) for new CoB dean Lance Nail is also part of those reports. A recent visit to the [marketing faculty webpage at the USA](#) shows

that Williams has already been added to the marketing faculty roster at the USA. His office is now 232 Mitchell College of Business, and his new e-mail address is "awilliams@usouthal.edu."

Assuming Williams makes a mid-June (or thereabouts) departure, sources tell USMNEWS.NET that it is a virtual certainty that Williams will continue to be paid by USM. If so, that would mean that Williams would rake in as much as \$7,292, if not more, for the second half of June 2008. This kind of behavior would be nothing new to USM, as former CoB dean Harold Doty, and Doty's former associate dean Farhang Niroomand, continued to receive payments from USM after 9-April-07 for jobs that they had resigned from on that day.