

# CoB News

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## Another Secretary Bounced from CoB Dean's Office

Sources tell USMNEWS.net that Marie Baker, a secretary in CoB dean Lance Nail's office, has been shipped out of that office. According to sources, this move is somewhat surprising given that Baker always seemed to have been given special treatment, at least compared to the other CoB secretaries, while working in the office of the dean. Stay tuned to USMNEWS.net as more details about this situation surface.

## Monchuk Lands at World Bank

According to [his LinkedIn page](#), former USM associate professor of economics Daniel Monchuk is now an economist with The World Bank, though that same page lists him as residing/working in the "Hattiesburg, Mississippi Area." This information means that all four of the junior economics faculty who were [saved](#) – after first [being terminated](#) by the Martha Saunders administration [in dealing with](#) the \$10 million FY2011 budget cut – by the 30-June-2010 retirements of the five senior USM economics faculty [have been](#) accounted for in this [and other](#) reports [here](#) at USMNEWS.net. Monchuk [absconded](#) just before Fall-2010, leaving the College of Arts & Letters scrambling to adjust its semester teaching schedule. Since Monchuk's reportedly eleventh-hour departure, course scheduling in CoAL-ECO appears to have gotten [more bizarre](#).

## Award Season Approaching

USM's b-school may not hand out anything like a Golden Globe Award, but the season for awarding the Louis Brandt and AT&T prizes is just around the corner, and they are usually enough to generate a little buzz in the spring. Fujun Lai, winner of the 2009 Louis K. Brandt Research Award, is ineligible for the 2011 LKBRA. The 2011 winner will likely be CoB business law professor Ernest King, as a USMNEWS.net [report](#) from 8-Sept-2010 indicates. A King victory would shift the LKBRA from management and international business, where it has been since 2007, when former CoB management professor Jon Carr won the prize.

The 2010 AT&T Award went to accounting professor Charles Jordan, who has won the award on multiple occasions. Predicting the outcome of this contest is next to impossible, though accounting's hold on the trophy in recent years argues for a guess from another CoB unit. Sources tell USMNEWS.net that marketing's Melinda Andrews might be a solid prediction, as might marketing's Michael Wittmann. If the award goes to management, sources say Brian Collins might get the nod.