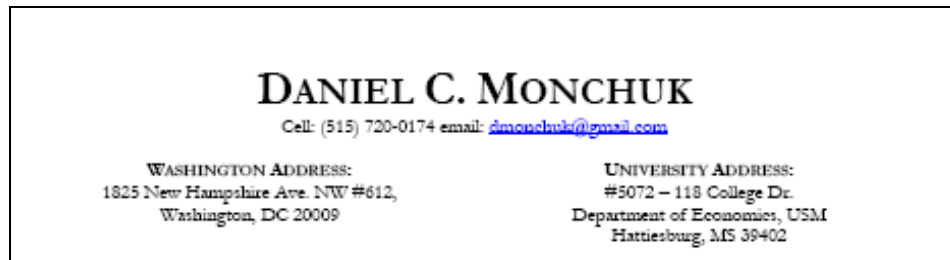


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A Look at the New “Commuter Faculty” Trend in the CoB

People often apply the term “commuter school” to institutions whose student populations do not maintain on-campus residencies, or in many cases commute on a daily basis from towns and cities nearby (or not so nearby) the town or city that is home to the college or university they attend. The [recent USMNEWS.net report](#) that CoB assistant professor of economics Daniel Monchuk has decided to maintain permanent residence in *Washington, D.C.*, gives new meaning to the term “commuter school.”

Since that report, the details on Monchuk’s Washington address have been confirmed by USMNEWS.net via the contact information on Monchuk’s own curriculum vitae (see insert below).



In making the District home, Monchuk joins a growing cadre of CoB faculty who are choosing to maintain permanent residences outside of Mississippi. From Panama City, Florida, to Atlanta, Georgia, not only are more CoBers choosing to live in other states, the distances they are putting between themselves and Hattiesburg, Mississippi, seem to be growing by leaps and bounds. It was not too long ago that CoB economics professor William Gunther’s decision to live in Josephine, Alabama, which is about 150 miles from Hattiesburg, was considered scandalous. With Monchuk’s decision to push the distance envelope out to **981 miles** via his move to D.C., Gunther’s residence on Alabama’s Gold Coast looks to be “just down the street” from Hattiesburg by comparison.

Of course, if you are CoB dean Lance Nail, a current/former CoB student, or a member of “the USM family,” none of this is very amusing. The new CoB faculty trend of treating the CoB like the University of Phoenix is only doing damage, both directly and indirectly, to the organization’s reputation/standing. The only question now is: how much?