

Save the Date

In and Around USM's College of Business

With summer 2009 approaching, the central administration at USM has [released the dates](#) for summer preview sessions. According to usm.edu, these are:

- June 4 & 5
- June 21 & 22
- June 25
- June 29 & 30
- July 2
- July 9
- July 12 & 13
- July 16

As noted above, there are eight different preview sessions, spread across the months of June and July. Looked at differently, there are eight chances this summer for CoB faculty to dodge their responsibility to their students. Who will dodge, and who will do the right thing, all remains to be seen? Though CoB dean Lance Nail would do well to maintain some control over this process, sources say that will not likely happen, given that Nail will be participating in the CoB's British Studies program this summer.

Speaking of summer 2009 semester, economics professor Edward Nissan is teaching two sections of BA 301 at 3 hours each, and one section of BA 303 for one additional hour. What kind of credit do you suppose he's getting for this odd load? Nissan's friend George Carter is teaching ECO 336, which sources say is also an unusual offering. Accounting instructor Patty Munn has three summer courses. Even though times are supposed to be tough, and total enrollment in Munn's three courses has yet to reach 70, she is, as an *instructor*, still being allowed 3 courses (a full load). Just what is it that MS taxpayers are supposed to take from this situation? It looks like the flood gates are open in MGT this summer. Assistant professor of *fashion merchandising*, Erin Drake, is teaching a section of human resource management. And, reports here at USMNEWS.net show that Drake is one of the CoB's least effective instructors, even when teaching in her own area of FM. Drake is also joined on the MGT course schedule by *marketing instructor* Amber Rivers.

These data show that CoB administrators continue to "look out for" favored faculty. They also continue to point out that there are no agents acting on behalf of CoB students.