

# Is it Too Late to Rescind Klinedinst's Tenure and Promotions?

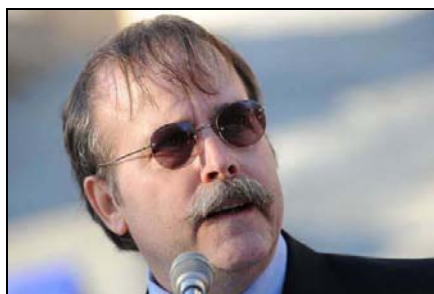
## *Error in Reports of ECO Professor's Publications Trail Reveals Further Weakness*

Numerous reports here at USMNEWS.net have reflected on the shaky journal publications record of retiring economics professor Mark Klinedinst. Most of these have [relied on tables](#) to make various arguments against USM's preferential treatment of Klinedinst at various points in his USM career. One of those table reproductions appeared again recently, with USMNEWS.net's publication of "Too Big to Fire?" That particular [report](#) was part of the series examining the research credentials of the departing CoB economists. That table is inserted below:

Year	Journal Publications
2010	
2009	
2008	
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1998	<i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i>
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1994	<i>Journal of Economic Issues</i>
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1992	<i>European Economic Review</i>
	<i>Journal of Economic Issues</i>
1991	<i>Australian Bulletin of Labor</i>
	<i>Economic Analysis &amp; Workers' Management</i>
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As one can see, Klinedinst's record is extremely weak, yet he somehow managed tenure and two promotions between coming to USM in the mid-1980s and 1998. As the insert indicates, there are only eight journal publications for Klinedinst (pictured below), with about four each coming on either side of the tenure/promotion to associate decision made by his ECO and USM colleagues. Recently, however, it has come to light that Klinedinst's 1996 publication in the *Journal of Economic Issues* is actually a book review, not a research article. This finding (1) reduces Klinedinst's numerical count by one, (2) creates a 3-year gap between his 1994 *Journal of Economic Issues* article and his two 1998 articles in the *Journal of Comparative Economics*, and (3) cuts the number of publications used to garner his promotion to full by one, to a total of just three.



The case for Klinedinst's tenure and promotions was never substantial. Old-time CoB faculty would refer to it when discussing close cases that others may be facing at any given moment. The findings of this report indicate that Klinedinst more out of just a few journal publications than perhaps any other CoB faculty ever did during the research era of the organization. Recognizing this result is the easy part. Reconciling it with a merit-based process seems to be an insurmountable task.