

## Is John Clark Leaving the CoB?

CoB associate professor of finance John Clark appears to be on his way out of USM's b-school. Clark's house is currently listed for sale on DeLois Smith's website, and stories have now begun circulating that he has taken new employment elsewhere. The departure of Clark would not only confirm sources' [prediction](#) that Clark would leave the CoB within the next few years, it would also mean that the CoB's finance unit has been squeezed to the limit. Newly-hired finance associate professor Francis Laatsch has recently moved into an administrative track, while *untenured* assistant professors Matthew Hood and Kimberly Goodwin are producing mixed results, at least on the research front. Hood has published a few journal articles, though the outlet quality of these is somewhat suspect. Goodwin, on the other hand, is apparently having some difficulty getting off to a positive start. As such, without the services of long-time and highly-acclaimed finance professor James Lindley, the CoB's FIN unit would be almost invisible in terms of research accomplishment. Of course, USMNEWS.net readers can expect more reports on this topic as details arise.