

Skipping Out?

According to an announcement in the **Jackson FREE PRESS**, Mark Klinedinst (pictured below) is organizing the 27-Jan-2010 "Mississippi Education Rally" that is being sponsored by the Mississippi Statewide Consortium for the Improvement of Education (MSCIE). The rally is aimed at supporting the full funding of education through the use of federal stimulus dollars, and it is being held at the Mississippi Capitol. This notice comes at about the same time as the publicity received by Klinedinst from Ed Kemp's 24-Jan-2010 *The Hattiesburg American* [report](#) entitled "Tenure Under Fire?"



According to the **JFP**, the rally kicks off at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, 27-Jan-2010. This is an interesting starting time, given that the USM Registrar lists Klinedinst as teaching Wednesday sections of ECO 201 that begin at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm, as well as a Wednesday section of ECO 440 that begins at 5:00 pm. It would seem, then, that Klinedinst's spring 2010 students – at least those in ECO 440 – will be getting a vacation this week.

Long-time readers of USMNEWS.net will recall that Klinedinst is one of the five mostly senior CoB economists who are being made to retire after 2009-10 so that the remaining three mostly junior economists can continue their USM careers.