

Special Report

Marvasti Surfaces

Former USM Economics Professor Now Out of Academia

USMNEWS.net has learned that former USM economics professor Akbar Marvasti, who left USM after 2009-10, now holds a non-academic position. Marvasti is currently a “commercial fisheries economist” with the Social Science Research Group of the [Southeast Fisheries Science Center](#) in Miami, FL. This news confirms other reports indicating that Marvasti, pictured below, now resides in Davie, FL, essentially a northern suburb of Miami.



As long-time readers will recall, Marvasti is one of four USM economics faculty whose job was saved from the \$10 million FY 2011 budget cuts by the forced retirements of five other economics professors. However, each of the four retained economists left USM before the start of the 2010-11 academic year. Those forced to retire after 2009-10 include George Carter, Trellis Green, William Gunther, Mark Klinedinst, and Edward Nissan. Those whose positions were saved, but who later departed, include Sami Dakhliya, Deniz Gevrek, Marvasti, and Daniel Monchuk.

The exit of Marvasti was followed, in the summer of 2010, by Monchuk’s departure. Reports coming into USMNEWS.net indicate that Monchuk departed without securing employment elsewhere. Thus, the four departing economists form a line of departures that points downward. That is, Gevrek’s Dec-09 departure for Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi was the high-water mark in terms of destination quality. Dakhliya followed by re-locating to a French university. Marvasti left next, and for the non-academic post mentioned above. Finally, if reports are accurate, Monchuk is now unemployed.