

Special Report

If Gunther Gets to be a Full, Why Can't Green? An Investigative Series on CoB Faculty Research Credentials

Reporters at usmnews.net have compiled a table that begs an interesting question: If William Gunther gets to be a full professor of economics, why can't Trellis Green? That table – Table 1 below – presents the refereed journal articles produced by Gunther and Green over their respective careers. As the bottom of the table indicates, Gunther began at USM in 1998 (as CBA Dean), though he earned his Ph.D. many years earlier in 1969. Gunther was hired by USM as a professor of economics in 1998. Green began a little earlier, in 1983, earning his Ph.D. the following year (1984). Green was promoted to associate professor of economics in 1998.

Table 1
Refereed Journal Articles: Gunther and Green

| Year | Gunther | Green |
|------|--|--|
| 2007 | | Applied Economics |
| 2006 | | |
| 2005 | | |
| 2004 | | |
| 2003 | | Ecological Economics |
| 2002 | | Journal of Economics & Finance Education |
| 2001 | | |
| 2000 | | Asian Journal of Energy & Environment |
| 1999 | | |
| 1998 | Began at USM | |
| 1997 | | NIRSA Journal |
| 1996 | | |
| 1995 | | |
| 1994 | | Society and Natural Resources |
| 1993 | Economic Inquiry | |
| 1992 | | |
| 1991 | | Fisheries Journal |
| 1990 | | |
| 1989 | | |
| 1988 | | |
| 1987 | Review of Regional Studies Journal of Economic Issues | |
| 1986 | | Land Economics |
| 1985 | | |
| 1984 | | Ph.D. Granted (Florida State) |
| 1983 | | Began at USM |
| 1982 | | |
| 1981 | The American Economist | |
| 1979 | | |
| 1978 | | |
| 1977 | The American Economist | |
| 1976 | | |
| 1975 | Growth & Change | |
| 1974 | | |
| 1973 | Journal of Small Business Management | |

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|------|----------------------------|
| 1972 | |
| 1971 | Review of Regional Studies |
| 1970 | |
| 1969 | Ph.D. Granted (Kentucky) |

Sources: Business Source Complete, EconLit, Google Scholar, and SEDONA records.

As Table 1 above points out, both economists have produced eight (8) journal articles over their careers. Gunther's production occurred from 1971-1993, ending about five years before arriving at USM as its CBA Dean in 1998. Over his 5-year reign as CBA Dean (1998-2003), Gunther did not produce any refereed articles, and since being fired by USM President Shelby Thames in 2003, Gunther has not used the four years as a regular-line professor of economics to publish additional refereed journal articles. Thus, Gunther remains the only Academically *Dis*Qualified faculty in economics at USM.

What's interesting about Green's record in comparison to Gunther's is that it is much more current, with four of his eight publications coming over the period 2000-2007. Also, Gunther has published only at a 0.22 articles per year click (over about 37 years), while Green has been producing output at a 0.33 articles per year pace (over about 24 years). Had Green had Gunther's time-in-profession, Green may have been able to publish about four additional articles, bringing his total to 12. Finally, with three articles over the period 2002-2007, Green will be fully "Academically Qualified" by way of refereed articles when the AACSB Peer Review Team rolls back into Hattiesburg for "Continuing Review" in February of 2008, while Gunther will not.

Certainly that pesky little fact relates to our original question, which is: If Gunther gets to be a full, why can't Green?