

The Gappy Band

Mention in "Klinedinst Led Academic Council in Absenteeism during 2008-09" of the fact that CoB economics professor Mark Klinedinst has not published an article in an indexed academic journal since 1998 has USMNEWS.net reporters thinking again about "gappy" (former EFIB chairman George Carter's term) research records in the CoB. It makes sense to re-examine the gappyness in ECO, since it is Klinedinst who has us walking down memory lane once again. The current journal publication gaps in ECO are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1
Journal Publication Gaps in the CoB's Economics Unit

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Journal Publication Gap</u>
Carter	
Green	
Monchuk	
Nissan	
Bonaparte	•
Gevrek	•
Marvasti	••
Dakhlia	•••
Klinedinst	••••••••••••
Gunther	•••••••••••••

Note: • = 1 year.

As indicated by Table 1, what was once a bastion of research productivity for USM's b-school is looking more and more like an academic Sahara. Sure, Carter, Trellis Green, Daniel Monchuk and Edward Nissan each has a journal publication this year (2009), and thus, has no gap to speak of. There are, however, six CoB ECO faculty who do have gappy research profiles, reaching as wide as 11 to 13 years. One spot up from the bottom, from least to most gappy, is Klinedinst, whose gap has grown to 11 years, just two years short of William Gunther's 13-year gap. Adding to the problem are the growing gaps of two relatively new hires – Akbar Marvasti and Sami Dakhlia. Marvasti's gap stands at two years now, while Dakhlia's has grown to three years since arriving in the CoB. Whether CoB dean Lance Nail is concerned about statistics like these remains a mystery, even though he has held the reins of the CoB for more than one year now. Judging by the CoB's 2007 experience with AACSB, accrediting agencies do care, and that may be all that matters now.