

# Two Peas, One Pod

## *Examining the USM Departures of Edward Nissan and George Carter*

As the CoB's economists depart the Joseph Greene Hall stage at the end of the 2009-10 academic year, USMNEWS.net will be examining the research credentials that will be leaving the CoB, if not the institution as a whole. This installment focuses on professors Edward Nissan and George Carter, who are two of the five mostly senior CoB economists who were forced into retirement by USM during budget-cutting exercises that took place back in the fall of 2009. What will the CoB (USM) lose with these departures? On the research front, Table 1 and Table 2 below provide an answer.

Table 1 – Nissan's Journal Publications Trail

Year	Journal Publications
2010	<i>Journal of Economics &amp; Finance</i> <i>Small Business Economics</i>
2009	<i>Journal of Economics &amp; Finance</i> <i>Journal of Economic Studies</i> <i>Southwestern Economic Review</i>
2008	<i>Cln Economia</i> <i>Informacion Comercial Espanola Revista de Economia</i> <i>Journal of Global Business</i> <i>Multinational Business Review</i> <i>Southwestern Journal of Economics</i>
2007	<i>Informacion Comercial Espanola Revista de Economia</i> <i>International Advances in Economic Research</i> <i>Journal of Business Issues</i> <i>Journal of Economics &amp; Finance</i> <i>Journal of Global Business</i> <i>Southwestern Economic Review</i> <i>Southwestern Journal of Economics</i>
2006	<i>Business &amp; Economic Review</i> <i>Journal of Current Research in Global Business</i> <i>Journal of Current Research in Global Business</i> <i>Journal of Economic Development</i> <i>Journal of Economics &amp; Finance</i> <i>Southwestern Economic Review</i> <i>Southwestern Journal of Economics</i>
2005	<i>International Journal of Applied Economics</i> <i>Journal of Developing Areas</i> <i>Journal of Economics &amp; Finance</i> <i>Journal of Global Business</i> <i>Journal of Global Business</i> <i>Southwestern Economic Review</i>
2004	<i>Journal of Economic Asymmetries</i> <i>Journal of Global Business</i> <i>Southwestern Journal of Economics</i>
2003	<i>Business &amp; Economic Review</i> <i>Journal of Economics &amp; Finance</i> <i>Journal of Insurance Issues</i>
2002	<i>International Advances in Economic Research</i> <i>Journal of Business &amp; Society</i> <i>Journal of Business &amp; Society</i> <i>Journal of Economic Development</i> <i>Journal of Global Business</i> <i>Quarterly Journal of Business &amp; Economics</i> <i>Review of Regional Studies</i>
2001	<i>American Business Review</i> <i>Australasian Journal of Regional Studies</i> <i>Journal of Economics &amp; Finance</i> <i>Journal of Insurance Issues</i> <i>Review of Urban &amp; Regional Development Studies</i>

2000	<i>Informacion Comercial Espanola, Boletin Economico</i>
1999	<i>Australasian Journal of Regional Studies</i> <i>Growth &amp; Change</i> <i>Journal of Regional Analysis &amp; Policy</i>
1998	<i>Journal of Economic Development</i> <i>Journal of Economic Studies</i> <i>Review of Urban &amp; Regional Development Studies</i>
1997	<i>Journal of Economic Studies</i> <i>Journal of Regional Analysis &amp; Policy</i> <i>Quarterly Journal of Business &amp; Economics</i>
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1994	<i>Economic Development Quarterly</i> <i>Growth &amp; Change</i> <i>Indian Economic Journal</i> <i>Regional Science Perspectives</i> <i>Review of Regional Studies</i>
1993	<i>Applied Economics</i> <i>Growth &amp; Change</i> <i>Indian Economic Journal</i> <i>Journal of Economic Development</i> <i>Journal of Economics &amp; Finance</i> <i>World Development</i>
1992	<i>Growth &amp; Change</i> <i>Review of Black Political Economy</i> <i>Review of Regional Studies</i> <i>Southern Economic Journal</i>
1991	<i>Journal of Economic Development</i> <i>Review of Black Political Economy</i>
1990	<i>Regional Science Perspectives</i>
1989	<i>Journal of Urban Affairs</i> <i>Review of Black Political Economy</i> <i>Review of Regional Studies</i> <i>Review of Regional Studies</i>
1988	<i>Growth &amp; Change</i> <i>Southern Economic Journal</i> <i>World Development</i>
1987	<i>Review of Regional Studies</i>
1986	<i>Journal of Risk &amp; Insurance</i> <i>Review of Regional Studies</i>
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From what USMNEWS.net reporters have been able to piece together, it took Nissan several years – about 15 – to get his research program off the ground. However, once it began (in 1984)

it generated at least 89 journal publications (through the present).<sup>1</sup> Clearly, Nissan has been one of the most prolific, if not *the* most prolific, researchers who has ever affiliated with the CoB. On the other hand, Nissan lags behind many current and former CoBers when it comes to quality. Among the 89 pubs in Table 1 above, there are only a little more than five that qualify as A-level journals.

Table 2 – Carter’s Journal Publications Trail

Year	Journal Publications
2010	
2009	<i>Journal of Economics &amp; Finance</i> <i>Southwestern Economic Review</i>
2008	<i>Journal of Global Business</i>
2007	<i>Informacion Comercial Espanola Revista de Economia</i> <i>Journal of Business Issues</i> <i>Journal of Economics &amp; Finance</i> <i>Southwestern Economic Review</i> <i>Southwestern Journal of Economics</i>
2006	<i>Journal of Current Research in Global Business</i> <i>Journal of Economics &amp; Finance</i>
2005	<i>Journal of Economics &amp; Finance</i>
2004	<i>Southwestern Journal of Economics</i>
2003	<i>Business &amp; Economic Review</i> <i>Journal of Economics &amp; Finance</i>
2002	<i>Journal of Business &amp; Society</i> <i>Review of Regional Studies</i>
2001	<i>American Business Review</i> <i>Australasian Journal of Regional Studies</i> <i>Journal of Economics &amp; Finance</i> <i>Review of Urban &amp; Regional Development Studies</i>
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1999	<i>Growth &amp; Change</i>
1998	<i>Review of Urban &amp; Regional Development Studies</i>
1997	
1996	<i>Review of Urban &amp; Regional Development Studies</i>
1995	<i>Regional Science Perspectives</i>
1994	<i>Economic Development Quarterly</i> <i>Regional Science Perspectives</i> <i>Review of Regional Studies</i>
1993	<i>Growth &amp; Change</i>
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<sup>1</sup> It is likely that the 1995-96 gap in Nissan’s record is simply due to lack of available data rather a lack of output on his part.

As with Nissan, it took Carter a few years to get his research program on track. It appeared to begin in 1983, with a pub in the *Review of Regional Studies*. But, a gap of almost 10 years followed that *RRS* paper. After the gap, what would begin would not stop, as Carter produced at least 28 additional journal publications after 1992, making his total at least 29. There are two issues, however, with Carter's research Trail. First, most of it, or almost all of it, was done with Nissan. Second, Carter's trail does not contain any of Nissan's A-level work. Thus, Carter's career has been devoid of A-level journal publications.

To be sure, Nissan and Carter have been at the center of numerous scandals during their time in the CoB. Carter has been so prolifically controversial that he has [his own section](#) here at USMNEWS.net. There readers will find a mountain of reports/editorials on Carter's activities. Nissan's controversies generally involve preferential [treatment](#) from Carter relating to [teaching schedules](#) and [absenteesism](#) and [excessive travel](#).