

What They're Getting

A LOOK AT THE ECO RESEARCH CREDENTIALS HEADING TO CoAL

A number of USMNEWS.net readers are wondering about the research credentials, particularly vis-à-vis compensation levels, of the four CoB economists are heading over to the CoAL to begin 2010-11. These data are now presented below, with salaries + benefits levels found by multiplying the published USM salaries by 1.2 (and rounded to nearest thousand). As you can see in Table 1, the four departing economists carry a fiscal burden, which now falls on CoAL dean Denise von Herrmann, of about **\$400,000**. Sources tell USMNEWS.net that this total is quite amazing, especially given research records that are generally both “gappy” and lacking in quality. Of course, the emphasis in the CoAL is relatively high on books production, making these four economists seem less attractive to one managing that college.

Counting the “forthcoming” row as a year of service for each, Table 1 below reflects *a combined 51 years of professional service* across the four economists, producing an average of 12.75 years. USM constituents were told that four *young, junior faculty* in economics were being saved by the retirements of five old, senior faculty. The numbers reflected in Table 1 below tell a different story on this front. Additionally, this combined record of research appears to be well below that of a small group of current CoAL faculty who work in and around the area/field of economics. The work being done by that group will likely be the subject of a future report here at USMNEWS.net.

The budget associated with this small group of economists will likely far surpass that associated with any similarly-sized group already in the CoAL. The compensation levels you see below will soon be the envy of most of the current crop of CoALers, many of whom have been with USM for decades, and some of whom have distinguished themselves in their chosen fields. These and other related issues have not heretofore been the subject of reports about the move of ECO from either *The Hattiesburg American* or *The Student Printz*. Is USM getting good value out of this decision?

Table 1 – Compensation & Research Output of Four Departing CoB Economists

Year	Sami Dakhliya \$101,000	Deniz Gevrek \$90,000	Akbar Marvasti \$113,000	Daniel Monchuk \$91,000
Forthcoming			Applied Economics	
2009				Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics
2008				
2007				Review of Agricultural Economics Nicotine and Tobacco Research Review of Regional Studies Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy
2006	Public Choice		Eastern Economic Journal	

	Review of International Economics Manchester School of Economics and Social Studies		Pacific Economic Review	
2005			Economic Inquiry Journal of Economic Issues	Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics
2004	Public Choice Economics Bulletin			
2003				
2002	Economic Theory			
2001			Applied Economics Letters Review of Industrial Organization	
2000			International Journal of the Economics of Business Environmental and Resource Economics Quality and Quantity	
1999	Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control		Economics Letters	
1998			Applied Economics Ocean and Coastal Management	
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1989			Marine Technology Society Journal	
1988			Journal of Policy Modeling	
1987			Marine Mining	
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