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Associate Professor of Economics at Millsaps College – Jackson, MS

- Ph.D., M.B.A., University of Alabama
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Teaching Interests: Microeconomics, Research Interests: Teaching and Learning Economics

Selected Publications in:

- Journal of Risk & Insurance
- Journal of Applied Business Research
- Journal of Business & Economics

Johnny Franklin

Education Policy Advisor in the Office of Governor Haley Barbour - Jackson, MS

- Born, reared and has spent entire life in MS, has raised 5 daughters and has 3 grandchildren
- Three degrees from MC: Bachelors, Masters and Specialist
- Doctoral work at MS State
- His 44 year career in education began in Vicksburg, MS as teacher, coach, Principal of Warren Central Middle and High School; Assistant Superintendent of Warren County Schools
- Became Inaugural Director for MS School for Math & Science in Columbus, MS
- Moved to Clinton, MS to become Assistant Superintendent
- Became Director of the Office of Instructional Development at the MS Dept of Education
- Became Director of Special Projects and the Center for Educational Analysis at the Public Education Forum of MS
- Became Research and Membership Coordinator for BIPEC (Business & Industry Political Education Committee)
- Became Principal at New Summit School, a school for students encountering academic difficulties
- Since 2007, which at that point marked 40 years in education, became the Education Policy Advisor in the Office of Governor Haley Barbour. There he coordinates all policy development and activities affecting education from birth to post-graduate: works with early childhood, k-12, community and junior colleges and Institutions of Higher Learning. He has also worked on numerous boards and task forces, including the Task Force to Study Underperforming Schools and School Districts and worked on commissions established by the Governor including the Commission on MS Educational Structure