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Economics Professor Stephen Bell *by: Shakir Valiyev*

Please introduce yourself.

My name is Stephen Bell. I received my Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Arkansas and my JD from UMKC's law school.

Why did you choose to be a professor at Park University?

I enjoy teaching and had heard a lot about Park University. I was told that Park had a very good reputation and excellent staff and I wanted to be part of it.

Are there any companies that you would recommend to our economics or business major students?

I like Cerner because it is a growing company and they offer very good internships and jobs for Park students. I think the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City also has great opportunities.

What do you see as a challenge in the career field of economics?

Trying to forecast or predict what will happen in the future of economics is challenging because the world is always changing.

What do you think the prospects are of students building a good career after graduating from Park University's business school?

I think they have excellent chances because Park University has very good faculty. Professors care about their students. Another factor is having small class sizes which are very beneficial for our students.

What advice would you give to our students in the field of economics?

I would tell students to do well in school and to try to learn the most from their classes. I would also recommend that students who are economics majors try to gain a strong background in statistics.



Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

The Federal Reserve System was created in 1913 following an era marked by financial panics and economic depressions. Its principal goal then was economic stability. This goal is still important today, along with current objectives such as stable prices, high employment, and economic growth. In addition to working toward these aims through its conduct of monetary policy, the Federal Reserve is a bank for banks, a bank for the U.S. government, and a supervisor and regulator of banks.

If you are looking for a challenging career that will develop your ana-

lytical and leadership skills and provide you the opportunity to assume various responsibilities within an organization that impacts the Midwest and national economy, consider the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

-President & CEO, Thomas Hoenig

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What company do you work for and what is your current position?

I am working for "FC Stone" trading LLC and my current position is "Trade Assistant."

Tell us about "FC Stone" trading LLC?

They do commodity risk management.

How did you find your job?

The company sent the job description to Layne Prenger and she sent it to me. She thought I would be qualified for the job and I applied and got it.

What process did you undergo in order to obtain your position?

I went through two interviews and that is pretty much it.

How did networking help you in your job search process?

I am friends with Layne Prenger and she knows and understands me very well. Layne knew that I was looking for an internship. When she received the email about the internship she forwarded it to me. She helped me a lot.

What were the most challenging points in your job search process?

The most challenging point was at first I did not have any experience and therefore did not know anything about working for companies. Secondly, it is difficult being an international student. Since we do not have documents, if in the future the company wants to hire us they will need to sponsor us to get a green

card. I was turned down from a large local banking institution because I am neither a US Citizen nor Permanent Resident.

What degree are you going to receive from Park University?

Finance

Do you have any tips or advice for our students?

Try to network as much as you can. Be persistent because you may get turned down a lot. Practice interviewing with Traci or Layne because it will increase your chances of getting the job or internship.

"The colder it is, the harder it becomes for me to get out of bed."
-Miranda Ridenour
Senior, Mathematics

"The weather is very stressful because you have to consider any delays or road conditions that might get in the way of you getting somewhere on time."
-Bayan Mailybayeva
Graduate student, MPA

Student Stressor of the Month

By: Nia Vaitai

Do you wake up each morning dreading the cold wind, ice and snow outside? Are you skipping classes because you hate the cold weather? Don't let the cold weather limit your opportunities.



Now is the time to start looking for those summer jobs or intern-

ships. Deadlines are approaching soon so don't just lounge around. Get working on your resume and cover letters.

For all you May graduates, don't let time pass you by. May will be here before you know it so get up and find that career waiting for you.

January 2008

Reflections - Car Pool	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Upcoming Events

Writing Resumes & Cover Letters in the Louise Morden Boardroom:

- February 6, 2008 (11 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

Peace Corps Informational Meeting:

Tuesday, February 7, 2008

UMKC Linda Hall Library Auditorium

KU Career Fair:

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 12-13, 2008
12:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

New Girl on the Job-Surviving & Thriving in the Workplace

Saturday, February 23rd, 2008

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (UMKC)

COSMC Interview Day
Tuesday, February 26, 2008

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

KCI Expo Center