

Did Greene's Detractor Threaten to use "Campus Pull"?

HATTIESBURG – Ed Kemp's 30-May-2011 [article for](#) *The Hattiesburg American* entitled "Prof's suspension shows holes in university policy" provides a few new details surrounding the Martha Saunders administration's [recent suspension](#) of USM political science professor Kate Greene. Among the least surprising of these is that the in-class altercation that occurred between Greene and USM student [Jeffery McClendon](#), one of the students in Greene's Supreme Court and Civil Liberties course, pertained to abortion rights. Among the more compelling new details, however, is Kemp's discovery that part of Greene's suspension included, at least early on, a prohibition against teaching any courses during the 2011 summer semester. Though this prohibition was one of [the so-called immediate actions](#) taken by Saunders, which also included the requirement that Greene submit to [a psychiatric evaluation](#), it was later rescinded, along with the psychiatric evaluation requirement, by USM officials.



Jeffery McClendon

Perhaps the most intriguing element of Kemp's report comes from an online comment made by "Leslie007," who indicates that McClendon threatened, during the in-class altercation, to use his "campus pull" against Greene as a result of their heated argument. As reported earlier by USMNEWS.net, McClendon is the incoming USM student government vice president, a position which puts him in direct contact with Saunders and her cabinet on a regular basis. "Leslie007" also questions whether there has been any *THA* investigation regarding Saunders relationship to McClendon's parents – a question which sources say [there is a history](#) to support. Surely that important question will *now* be addressed by *THA* and other media.