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OU economics adviser survives WTC attack

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Fish, who works as the chief economist for CSM Worldwide, shared his experience at an Oct. 30 forum on the economic impact of the Sept. 11 attacks.

He said the evacuation was orderly. He ended up walking four miles north to midtown Manhattan and then staying at the home of friends of a colleague.

"People were quite humane to each other," he said.

"An ironic thing is that before this, I was the economist with Volkswagen and I forecasted there might be some Islamic-Western conflicts," Fish said. "I never thought I would be there firsthand to see my troubling forecast come true.

"I knew life was fragile beforehand," he said. "All I can say is be nice to your loved ones and colleagues."

SUMMARY

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