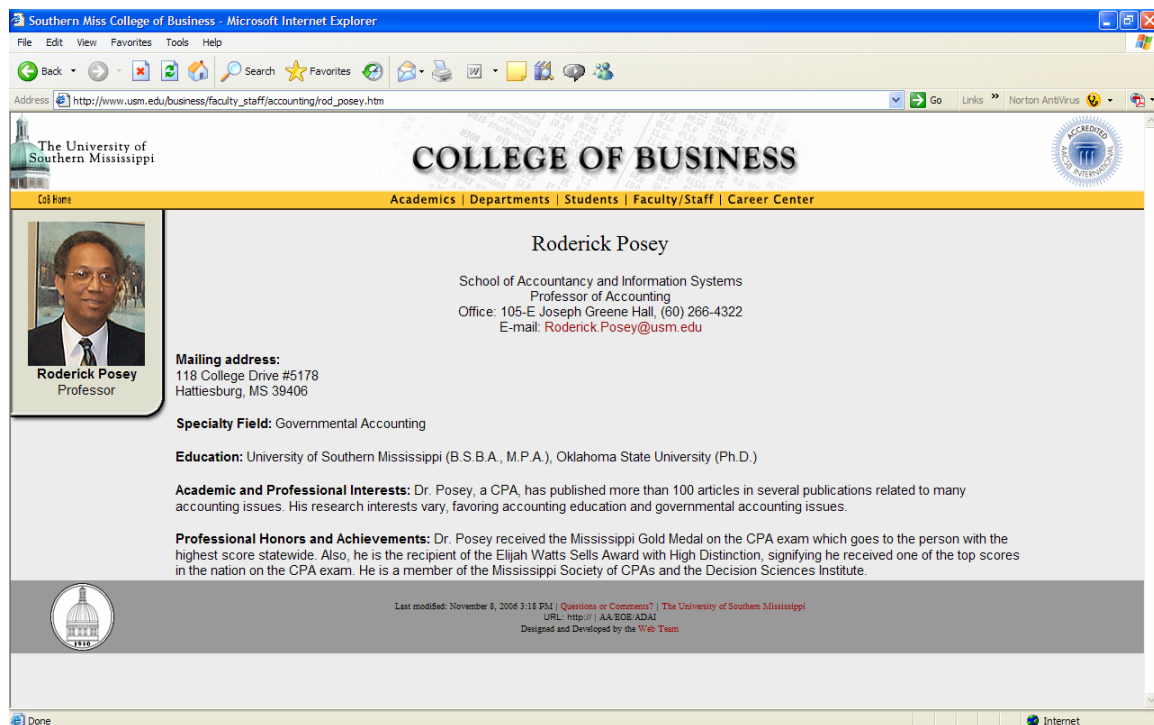


Bad Information In, Wrong Choice Out

Reviewing Roderick Posey's 2007 BellSouth Outstanding Faculty Award

The dust has settled on the CoB's 2007 Awards Banquet, and this year's (2007) BellSouth Outstanding Faculty Award went to former SAIS Director and accounting professor Roderick B. Posey. USMNEWS.NET readers will remember Posey from, among other things, his claim to have published "more than 100" accounting articles during his tenure at USM. That claim is made by Posey in his professional bio on the CoB's webpage, available through www.usm.edu. A screen containing the claim is also inserted below:



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the profile page for Roderick Posey. The browser's address bar shows the URL: http://www.usm.edu/business/faculty_staff/accounting/rod_posey.htm. The page header includes the University of Southern Mississippi logo and the text "COLLEGE OF BUSINESS". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "Academics", "Departments", "Students", "Faculty/Staff", and "Career Center". The main content area features a portrait of Roderick Posey, a Professor, with the following information:

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Education: University of Southern Mississippi (B.S.B.A., M.P.A.), Oklahoma State University (Ph.D.)

Academic and Professional Interests: Dr. Posey, a CPA, has published more than 100 articles in several publications related to many accounting issues. His research interests vary, favoring accounting education and governmental accounting issues.

Professional Honors and Achievements: Dr. Posey received the Mississippi Gold Medal on the CPA exam which goes to the person with the highest score statewide. Also, he is the recipient of the Elijah Watts Sells Award with High Distinction, signifying he received one of the top scores in the nation on the CPA exam. He is a member of the Mississippi Society of CPAs and the Decision Sciences Institute.

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text: "Last modified: November 8, 2006 3:18 PM | Questions or Comments? | The University of Southern Mississippi | URL: <http://www.usm.edu> | A&S/OB/AD&I | Designed and Developed by the Web Team".

A previous report available here (entitled "Roderick Posey's 99 Missing Accounting Articles") explored that claim by conducting various academic literature searches. However, only two (2) of those 101 (or 100+) articles in Posey's claim were found. The table from that report is inserted below (the report is available in the Archives, or by following the link here <http://www.usmnews.net/CoB%20Posey%2099%20missing%20publications.pdf>):

So far we have searched nine databases for these articles, yet we have managed to locate only 2 of them (see Table 1 below). Can you help us help him locate the rest?

Table 1

Academic Search Elite:	0 entries
Academic Search Premier:	0 entries
Business Source Complete:	0 entries
EconLit:	0 entries
EJS E-Journals:	0 entries
ERIC:	0 entries
Google Scholar:	2 entries
Humanities Int. Complete:	0 entries
ISI Web of Science:	0 entries

Sources tell USMNEWS.NET that the BellSouth Award presenters lauded Posey's publication accomplishment -- more than 100 accounting articles -- before delivering the award to him (on the evening of 17 April 2007). In doing so, we are left to conclude that the Award's selection committee, the CoB's Business Student Advisory Council, was working with bad information about Posey during their deliberations, and that bad information may have pushed Posey's candidacy above that of all other CoB faculty members, and perhaps individuals whose candidacies were not supported by inaccurate and/or disingenuous information.¹

It has been months since USMNEWS.NET exposed Posey's "more than 100" articles claim as inaccurate. However, the claim remains available for all to see through www.usm.edu. As punishment for such an erroneous claim, Posey gets the 2007 BellSouth Outstanding Faculty Award, complete with its four-figure cash prize. Another day, another "teachable" moment in USM's College of Business.

¹ Many CoB "old timers" often point out that the BSAC is only nominally in charge of the selection process for the annual BellSouth Outstanding Faculty Award. As the old timers often say, the decision is pre-ordained by the CoB's Dean and/or Associate Dean. In this case, they are, respectively, D. Harold Doty and Farhang Niroomand, both of whom know Posey's claim of "more than 100" accounting articles is false. If the BSOFA selection process does indeed work this way (i.e., the winner is pre-ordained), then this episode is even more troubling, given that the BSAC students would, therefore, have been involved, through no choice of their own, in an unethical matter.