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Since copies are floating around the University, I had the questionable pleasure of reading Dr. [Rodney] Bennett's doctoral dissertation. It is far from academically rigorous. At base, it is a internal survey of reasons students in Bennett's program at his [doctoral granting] university complete or don't complete their doctoral program. It is the kind of thing I would expect of an undergraduate lacking the skills or resources to do original or quasi-original research.

Let me borrow [Dr. Gunderson's comments about Gregg Lassen](#): "As a faculty member at [Southern Miss], I would like to see our university become more academically rigorous. We should demand that our next president display such rigor in his own academic works." Based on his cv [obtained by usmnews.net as part of an open records request] Dr. Bennett apparently has no academic works other than his vanishingly weak dissertation.

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