

How Far do Tall Tales Travel?

On the Trail of Roderick Posey's "More than 100" Publications Claim

Regular readers of USMNEWS.NET are familiar with reports that former SAIS Director Roderick Posey claims, on the USM webpages, to have more than 100 publications on accounting topics. That claim has been the subject of reports that (1) indicate that Posey has about one-half of a handful of academic publications that can be located, and (2) indicate that Posey's claim of "more than 100" was reiterated by the BellSouth Outstanding Faculty Award presenter at the CoB's spring 2007 Awards Banquet.¹

Now, new evidence has been provided to USMNEWS.NET reporters that shows how a tale such as Posey's "more than 100" claim can get repeated, perhaps over and over. That evidence comes via a copy of the June 2007 issue of *HQ Hattiesburg* (shown below), a periodical devoted to covering business-related news and events both in and around Hattiesburg.



**USM professor named 2007
ATT Outstanding Faculty**

Roderick Posey, professor of accounting at the University of Southern Mississippi, has been named the 2007 ATT Outstanding Faculty. This award is one of the most prestigious given to faculty mem-

bers in the College of Business and is awarded annually to an outstanding faculty member as determined by student representatives of the Dean's Advisory Council.

Posey, Ph.D., CPA, received his bachelor's (with highest honors) and master's degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and his doctorate in accounting from Oklahoma State University. He has served as director of the School of Accountancy and Information Systems, Associate Dean and Acting Dean of the College of Business at the University of Southern Mississippi. He is currently the Jerold J. Morgan Professor of Accounting at the University of Southern Mississippi. He is a recipient of the Elijah Watts Sells Award for Honorary Distinction (top 1 percent nationally) for his results on the CPA Exam and he has published more than 100 articles on various accounting topics.

Dr. Posey and his wife, Eula, have three children and reside in the Oak Grove community.

¹ Posey won the 2007 BellSouth Outstanding Faculty Award. Reports at USMNEWS.NET that have covered Posey's claim have pulled data from places like Google Scholar and Business Source Complete to refute Posey's claim.

HQ Hattiesburg is a companion to Hattiesburg's social events magazine, *Signature*.² The news item shown above comes from the June 2007 issue of *HQ Hattiesburg*, and reports on Posey's receipt of the CoB's 2007 ATT Outstanding Faculty Award, an award the magazine refers to as one "that is awarded annually to an outstanding faculty member" in the CoB.³

The *HQ Hattiesburg* story also goes on comment that "he [Posey] has published more than 100 articles on various accounting topics." As a few USMNEWS.NET reports have shown, only two or three of those 100 articles are in academic periodicals that can be located. The other 97 or 98 remain a mystery. Thus, it is claims like the one made by Posey on the CoB's webpages that work to damage the reputation of the institution. Finally, the article fails to mention that Posey is also a minister. We can't help but wonder what lessons are taught in the sermons that he delivers.

² USMNEWS.NET has reported on Susan Doty's (wife of former CoB Dean Harold Doty and the Bureau of Business and Economics Research's chief economics education program coordinator) Canebrake Ladies group luncheons. Canebrake is arguably Hattiesburg's most "exclusive" neighborhood.

³ What *HQ Hattiesburg* refers to as the ATT Outstanding Faculty Award is more commonly known to CoB faculty as the BellSouth Outstanding Faculty Award.