

Hughes Changes the Research Impact of Accounting

A Look at the Latest Google Scholar Data

LSU's Kirby E. "Skip" Hughes II has yet to set foot as the director of accounting in USM's JAG and he has already made a huge impact on the CoB's accounting research portfolio. To show just how, USMNEWS.net reporters compiled the latest CoB ACC Google Scholar (GS) citations data, including Hughes and discarding former CoB accountant James Henderson. Those data are reported in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Rank	CoB Accountant	GS Total
1	Hughes, Kirby	147
2	Jordan, Charles	32
3	DePree, Marc	25
4	Smith, Robert	17
5	Clark, Stanley	16
6	Pate, Gwen	1
7	Anderson, Mary	0
	Jackson, Steven R.	0
	Parker, Paula Diane	0
	Posey, Roderick	0

As Table 1 above indicates, the CoB's accounting unit is now a significant player in the CoB's research portfolio. Not only is Hughes' total of 147 impressive, now ACC's top three scores of 147, 32, and 25, respectively, rival other units' numbers. Hughes' GS total of 147 is also 70 more than the total of 77 belonging to Louisiana Tech's Ted Englebrecht, the favorite of Mary Anderson et al. to sit in the seat soon to be occupied by Hughes. It is also interesting to note that former accounting director Robert Smith has now overtaken Stanley Clark in the GS citations race. Smith's ascension to 4th place pushes Clark down to 5th. This new development means that only 1 of the CoB's top 5 accountants has ever held the *Morgan Distinguished Professorship in Accounting*, which is a horrendous fact, according to USMNEWS.net sources. Finally, the drop off from 5th, Clark with 16 cites, to 6th, Gwen Pate with only a single cite, hardly goes unnoticed. It is the unproductive bottom of the SoA that sources say that Hughes is going to have the most difficulty dealing with.