

## Special Report

# Bo on the Run

New [reports concerning](#) USM historian Chester "Bo" Morgan and the publication of USM's centennial history, *Treasured Past, Golden Future*, have been [a popular feature](#) here at USMNEWS.net in recent days. These reports indicate that Morgan took a leave of absence from Delta State University in 2008 in order to move to USM (for one year) and work on the centennial history. USM contracted to pay Morgan his DSU salary, plus a year's worth of housing and meals. USM also contracted to provide Morgan with travel expenses, while the University Press of Mississippi (UPoM) added a 5% royalty (on net sales) for Morgan.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI - EMPLOYEE TRAVEL VOUCHER									
Date	August 14, 2008		Name	Chester "Bo" Morgan			Faculty, Staff, Pt. Student		
Phone #	601-266-5001		E-Mail	h.morgan@usm.edu					
USM Empl #	[REDACTED]		Dept Name	President's Office					
SSH (Student)			Permission to Travel Filed (If yes, attach copy)	Yes (or) No					
Dept Box #	5001		Submitter	Polly Odum					
Location	Augusta, GA			Accompanied By:					
Purpose of trip:	Presentation								
Title of Meeting:	2008 St. George Tucker Society Meeting								
MEALS AND LODGING									
Date	8/7/08	8/8/08	8/9/08						
Breakfast									
Lunch									
Dinner									
Total Meals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lodging	\$ 146.77	\$ 146.77	\$ 146.77						\$ 440.31
Note: for additional days, use tab TV pg2									
TOTAL MEALS AND LODGING \$ 440.31									
TRAVEL BY PERSONAL VEHICLE									
Did you use a University vehicle? Yes (or) No									
Date	From - City, State	To - City, State	Miles	Rate	TOTAL				
8/6/08	Cleveland, MS	Atlanta, GA	420	0.588	\$ 245.76				
8/7/08	Atlanta, GA	Augusta, GA	142	0.588	\$ 83.07				
8/10/08	Augusta, GA	Hattiesburg, MS	525	0.588	\$ 307.13				
Note: for more mileage, use either tab Multi Trip Mileage (or) TV pg2									
TOTAL TRAVEL BY PERSONAL VEHICLE \$ 635.96									
TRAVEL BY PUBLIC CARRIER									
Date	From	To	Mode	Ticket Amt					
Note: for additional Public Carriers, use tab TV pg2									
TOTAL TRAVEL BY PUBLIC CARRIER \$ -									
REGISTRATION FEES									
Item	Date	Place Where Expenses Were Incurred							Amount
Registration Fees	8/7-10/08	Augusta, GA							\$ 185.00
Select an expense from drop down box									\$ -
Select an expense from drop down box									\$ -
Select an expense from drop down box									\$ -
Select an expense from drop down box									\$ -
TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES \$ 185.00									
ADVANCE RECEIVED? Yes (or) No									
								Total for this page	\$ 1,261.21
Employee Signature								Chair or Next Higher Expenditure Authority	
Print Signature Name below								Print Signature Name below	
Chester "Bo" Morgan								8/14/08	
Sign & Date above								Sign & Date above	
Sponsored Prog Adm (If required - send to Box 1157)								TOTAL ALL EXPENSES \$ 1,261.21	
								LESS ADVANCE \$ -	
								TOTAL REIMBURSED \$ 1,261.21	
CHARTFIELD INFO 10H10 / 100001 / 06000 /								MAX REIMBURSED \$ -	
								AMT DUE USM \$ -	
ACCOUNTING USE ONLY									
Voucher No.	Fund	Dept ID	Program	Proj/Grant	Account	Expense			
Journal Voucher #									

ALLOW TWO TO THREE WEEKS FOR PROCESSING BEFORE CONTACTING THE TRAVEL OFFICE

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The insert above is an Aug-2008 travel voucher signed by then-USM president Martha Saunders, who acted as Morgan's benefactor, using taxpayer and student funds, during the production of *Treasured Past, Golden Future*. This particular voucher indicates that Morgan travelled to Augusta, Georgia, in order to attend the 2008 [St. George Tucker Society](#) Meeting. The voucher states that Morgan was to present his research at this

particular meeting. In addition to \$440.31 in lodging and meals, Morgan's trip consumed \$635.90 in transportation and another \$185 in registration fees. The total bill to USM for this Aug-2008 trip was **\$1,261.21**.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI - EMPLOYEE TRAVEL VOUCHER**

Date	October 17, 2008		Name	Chester "Bo" Morgan			Faculty, Staff, Pt, Student
Phone #	266-5001		E-Mail	bo.morgan@usm.edu			
USM Empl #	[REDACTED]		Dept Name	President's Office			
SSH (Student)			Permission to Travel Filed (if yes, attach copy)	Yes (or) No			
Dept Box #	Box 5001		Submitter	Polly Odom			
Location	New Orleans, LA		Accompanied By:				
Purpose of trip:	Select a purpose from drop down box						
Title of Meeting:	Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting						
<b>MEALS AND LODGING</b>							
Date	10/10/08	10/11/08					
Breakfast		\$ 9.33					
Lunch							
Dinner	\$ 15.91						
Total Meals	\$ 15.91	\$ 9.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.24
Lodging	\$ 176.59						\$ 176.59
Note: for additional days, use tab TV pg2							\$ 201.83
<b>TRAVEL BY PERSONAL VEHICLE</b>							
Did you use a University vehicle? Yes (or) No							
Date	From - City, State	To - City, State	Miles	Rate	TOTAL		
10/10-11/08	Hattiesburg, MS	New Orleans, LA & return	222	0.585	\$ 129.87		
				N/A	\$ -		
				N/A	\$ -		
Note: for more mileage, use either tab Multi Trip Mileage (or) TV pg2							\$ 129.87
Date	From	To	Mode	Ticket Amt			
Note: for additional Public Carriers, use tab TV pg2							\$ -
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
Item	Date	Place Where Expenses Were Incurred	Amount				
Registration Fees	10/10-11/08	New Orleans	\$ 25.00				
Parking	10/10-11/08	New Orleans	\$ 30.00				
Tips (baggage handling-\$1 per bag)	10/10-11/08	New Orleans (not only baggage handling)	\$ 9.00				
Select an expense from drop down box			\$ -				
Select an expense from drop down box			\$ -				
Select an expense from drop down box			\$ -				
ADVANCE RECEIVED? Yes (or) No							\$ -64.00
Employee Signature						Total for this page	\$ 395.70
Chair or Next Higher Expenditure Authority						Total for TV pg2	\$ -
Print Signature Name below						Total for Multi Trip Mileage	\$ -
Chester "Bo" Morgan						Total for Bus Related Exp	\$ -
<i>Chester Morgan</i>						TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$ 395.70
Sign & Date above						LESS ADVANCE	\$ -
Sponsored Prog Adm Sign & Date (if restricted - send to Box 3157)						TOTAL REIMBURSED	\$ 395.70
CHARTFIELD INFO 10H10 / 100001 / 06000 /						MAX REIMBURSED	\$ -
CHARTFIELD INFO						AMT DUE USM	\$ -
<b>ACCOUNTING USE ONLY</b>							
Voucher No.	Fund	Dept ID	Program	Proj/Grant	Account	Expense	
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The insert above pertains to an Oct-2008 trip by Morgan to New Orleans in order to attend the Southern Historical Association Meeting. No "purpose" is provided by Morgan, although one would suspect that presenting something at the meeting was the purpose of the trip. This particular trip ran up a lodging and meals tab of \$201.83. This combined with \$129.87 in transportation expenses and another \$64 in incidentals and registration fees to produce a total of **\$395.70**. This second trip brings the travel expense total for Morgan to **\$1,656.91**.

The final trip covered in this report concerns a March-2009 visit to Jackson for the Mississippi Historical Society meeting. The travel voucher for this trip is inserted below.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI - EMPLOYEE TRAVEL VOUCHER

Date	March 24, 2009	Name	Chester "Bo" Morgan			Faculty, Staff, Pl. Student	
Phone #	266-5001	E-Mail	bo.morgan@usm.edu				
USM Empl #		Dept Name	President's Office				
SS#		Permission to Travel Filed (if yes, attach copy)	Yes				
Dept Box #	5001	Submitter					
Location	Jackson, MS	Accompanied By:					
Purpose of trip:	Conference - Attach hotel and rate info to Travel Voucher						
Title of Meeting:	Mississippi Historical Society Annual Meeting						
MEALS AND LODGING							
Date	3/5/09	3/6/09					
Breakfast							
Lunch							
Dinner							
Total Meals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Lodging	\$ 99.54	\$ 99.54				\$ 199.08	
Note: for additional days, use tab TV pg2						Total Meals & Lodging \$ 199.08	
TRAVEL BY PERSONAL VEHICLE							
Did you use a University vehicle? Yes (or) No <i>Do not use to confirm mileage with Rand McNally before leaving</i>							
Date	From - City, State		To - City, State		Miles	Rate	
3/5-7/09	Hattiesburg, MS		Jackson, MS & Return		180	0.550	
						\$ 99.00	
					N/A	\$ -	
					N/A	\$ -	
Note: for more mileage, use either tab Multi Trip Mileage (or) TV pg2						Total Travel By Personal Vehicle \$ 99.00	
TRAVEL BY PUBLIC CARRIER							
Date	From		To		Mode	Ticket Amt	
						\$ -	
Note: for additional Public Carriers, use tab TV pg2						Total Travel By Public Carrier \$ -	
OTHER EXPENSES (for additional other expenses, use Tab Multi Trip Mileage)							
Item	Date	Place Where Expenses Were Incurred			Amount		
Registration Fees	3/5-7/09	Jackson, MS			\$ 120.00		
Select an expense from drop down box					\$ -		
Select an expense from drop down box					\$ -		
Select an expense from drop down box					\$ -		
Select an expense from drop down box					\$ -		
					\$ -		
ADVANCE RECEIVED? Yes (or) No					Total Other Expenses	\$ 120.00	
Employee Signature					Chair or Next Higher Expenditure Authority	Total for this page	\$ 418.08
Print Signature Name below					Print Signature Name below	Total for TV pg2	\$ -
Chester "Bo" Morgan						Total for Multi Trip Mileage	\$ -
<i>Chester Morgan 3/24/09</i>					<i>Bo Janssen 3-25-09</i>	Total for BusRelated Exp	\$ -
Sign & Date above					Sign & Date above	TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$ 418.08
Sponsored Prog Adm						LESS ADVANCE	\$ -
(If restricted - send to Box 5157)						TOTAL REIMBURSED	\$ 418.08
CHARTFIELD INFO					10H10 / 100001 / 06000 /	MAX REIMBURSED	\$ -
CHARTFIELD INFO						AMT DUE USM	\$ -
ACCOUNTING USE ONLY		Fund	Dept ID	Program	Proj/Grant	Account	Expense
Voucher No.							
Journal Voucher #							

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The insert above covers lodging and meals of \$199.08, to go along with \$99 in transportation costs and another \$120 in registration fees. The total bill to USM for this trip was \$418.08, raising the total in this report to a stunning \$2,074.99 over just seven months. Of course, other questions remain. Was Morgan presenting work for *Treasured Past, Golden Future* at the Aug-2008 meeting in Augusta? If so, how was this possible since the contracts between USM and UPoM and USM and Morgan were not official until 18-Aug-2008, the date of Bob Pierce's letter (see links above)? That is *four days after* Morgan's departure for Augusta on 14-Aug-2008.