

Special Report

If Posey Gets to be a Full, Why Can't Henderson? An Investigative Series on CoB Faculty Research Credentials

Reporters at usmnews.net have compiled a table that begs an interesting question: If Roderick Posey gets to be a full professor of accounting, why can't Jim Henderson? That table – Table 1 below – presents the refereed journal articles produced by Posey and Henderson over their respective careers. As the bottom of the table indicates, Posey began at USM in 1979, and earned his Ph.D. one year later in 1980. He was promoted to professor in 1991. Henderson began (tenure-track) a little later, in 1988, though he earned his Ph.D. back in 1980 (the same year Posey earned his). He has been an associate professor of accounting since 1991.

Table 1
Refereed Journal Articles: Posey and Henderson

Year	Posey	Henderson
2007		Journal of Bus & Econ Perspectives
2006	J of Int Tech & Info Management	College Teaching
2005	The CPA Report	
2004		
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1991		Journal of Education for Business
1990		College Teaching
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1988		Began at USM
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1981		
1980	Ph.D. Granted (Oklahoma State)	Ph.D. Granted (Texas A&M)
1979	Began at USM	

Sources: Business Source Complete, Google Scholar, and SEDONA records

As Table 1 above points out, Posey has produced only two (2) journal articles since arriving at USM, despite the fact that Posey claims to have “published more than 100 articles” (see Posey’s USM webpage bio below). Both of these have come since Jan-05.

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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.

Despite his research shortcomings (0.07 articles per year), over more than a 25-year period no less, Posey managed to move from the rank of assistant professor of accounting to professor of accounting during the relatively brief period from 1979-1991. A simply amazing feat!

Henderson has published four refereed journals articles over 28 years, which comes to 0.14 articles per year, or twice the number of articles per year as Posey. Looking at Table 1 above it appears as though Henderson got to USM (in 1988) and decided to do a little research. After publishing just two (2) articles (in 1990 and 1991), he (Henderson) looked around and saw that Posey wasn't doing anything, yet Posey was promoted to full professor in 1991. Henderson decided he would stop publishing too, and perhaps wait to be awarded full as Posey was (in 1991). However, that promotion never "happened." Then, in 2005-06 Posey decided to publish two articles (after 27 years). This seemed to spark the competitive fires in Henderson, who, when he saw Posey's two in 2005-06, went out and produced two more himself in 2006-07. At least that what it looks like.

It's truly astounding that the CoB finds itself, over and over, in these types of predicaments. Not only that, this particular report in the series adds to a portrait of intellectual life in USM's College of Business that must be raising the eyebrows of those usmnews.net readers outside of Mississippi. With that said we go back to our original question, which is: If Posey gets to be a full, why can't Henderson?