

Special Report

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

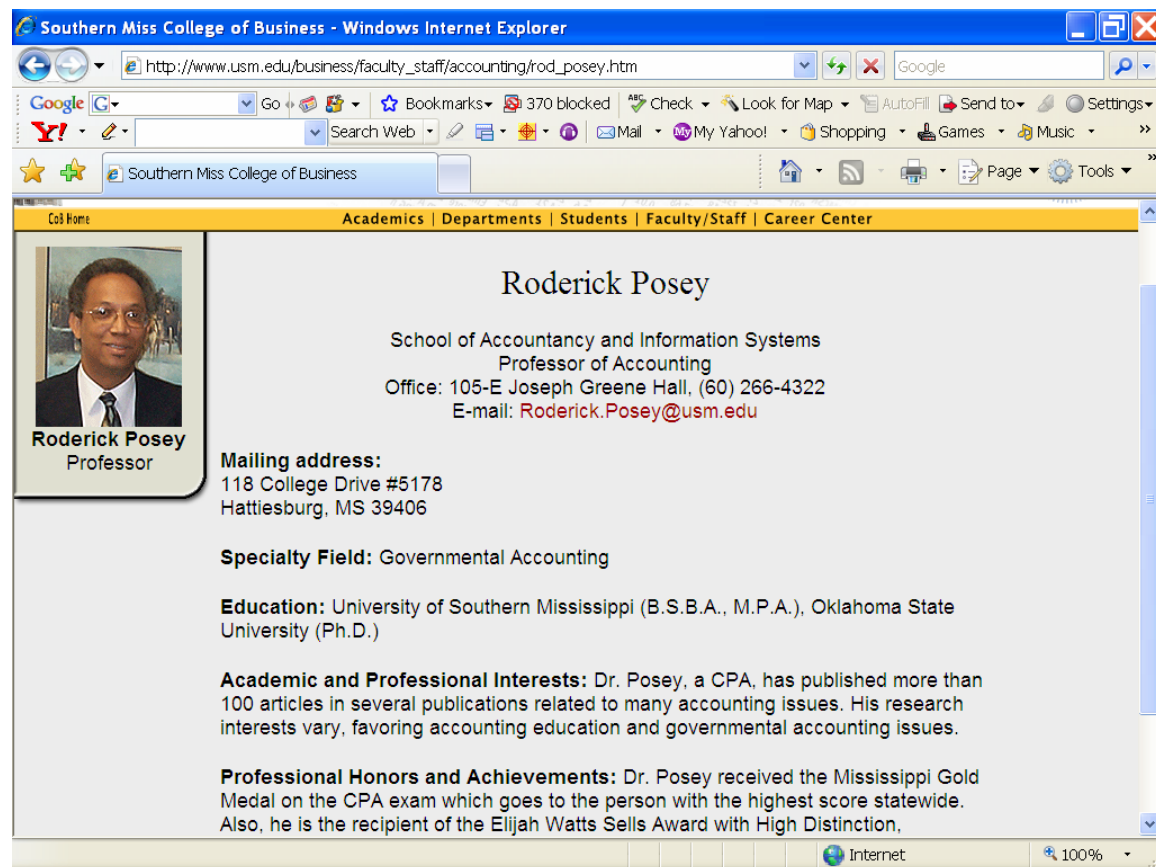
Reporters at usmnews.net have compiled a table that begs an interesting question: If Roderick Posey gets to be a full professor of accounting, why can't Gwen Pate? That table – Table 1 below – presents the refereed journal articles produced by Posey and Pate over their respective careers at USM. As the 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. Pate began (tenure-track) a little later, in 1990, earning her Ph.D. the following year (1991). She has been an associate professor of accounting since 1997.

Table 1
Refereed Journal Articles: Posey and Pate

Year	Posey	Pate
2007		Journal of Bus & Econ Perspectives Journal of Bus & Econ Perspectives
2006	J of Int Tech & Info Management	Journal of Education for Business
2005	The CPA Report	
2004		
2003		Journal of Accounting & Fin Research
2002		
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1999		
1998		
1997		Journal of Bus & Econ Perspectives
1996		
1995		Journal of Accountancy
1994		Journal of Bus & Econ Perspectives
1993		Journal of Bank Cost & Mgt Accounting
1992		Ohio CPA Journal CPA Journal Connecticut CPA Quarterly Delta Business Review
1991		Ph.D. Granted (Tennessee)
1990		Began at USM
1989		Journal of Accountancy
1988		
1987		
1986		
1985		
1984		
1983		
1982		
1981		
1980	Ph.D. Granted (Oklahoma State)	
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!

Pate, on the other hand, has published 13 refereed journals articles over 18 years, which comes to 0.72 articles per year. Had Pate had Posey’s 29-year career (approx.), she may have been able to publish 21 refereed journal articles over the same period (1979-2007). Posey, as far as can be determined, squeezed only two (2) out of the whole period, not the “more than 100” he claims on the CoB’s webpages.

It’s truly astounding that the CoB finds itself, over and over, in these types of predicaments. So, we go back to our original question, which is: If Posey gets to be a full, why can’t Pate?