

## Why is Stephen Bushardt a Professor Emeritus?

Stephen Bushardt retired as a management professor from the College of Business, University of Southern Mississippi.

If you check the listing of [emeritus professors](#), Mr. Bushardt is included. That honor was awarded during former president Martha Saunders' tenure and continues to this day on current president Rodney Bennett's watch. Curiously, no one seems concerned the Bushardt was the subject of a Temporary Restraining Order obtained by his wife in the course of divorce proceedings.

An excerpt from the affidavit supporting the motion for Temporary Restraining Order:

"...On July 27, 2009 Stephen had been drinking, was staggering and had slurring of his speech...Stephen was screaming at me [Stephen's wife] and using profanity calling me a F\_\_\_\_, along with other things. I was very frightened...I entered the house and Stephen screamed, "I feel violent" and grabbed my shoulders and started to shake me and threaten to beat us and kill me...I called the Lamar County Sheriff's Department..."

A complete copy of the affidavit may be reviewed by [clicking here](#).

Is this the type of conduct Southern Miss rewards?