

Why Crockett Retired

Former SAIS Director Explains to USM Public Relations

James Crockett, the former SAIS Director and professor of accounting in USM's College of Business, stepped into retirement after spring of 2007. In a recent interview with Jana Bryant (USM Public Relations), Crockett (shown in photo below) explained why he made the move to retirement.



Dr. James R. Crockett

And, Crockett's explanation may come as a surprise. According to his interview with Bryant, Crockett "retired from Southern Miss to become a full-time writer." He also informed Bryant that, fresh off the publication of his book, *Hands in the Till – Embezzlement of Public Monies in Mississippi* (University Press of Mississippi), he is now working on a new book, tentatively entitled *Chaos in the Courts*, which is about the legal system in Mississippi. *Hands in the Till* followed Crockett's first book, *Operation Pretense – The FBI's Sting on County Corruption in Mississippi*, which was also published by University Press of Mississippi.

For more on Crockett's interview with Bryant, released by USM on 5 July 2007, visit [Why Crockett Retired](#).