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The grandson of a Mississippi sharecropper, Professor James Fellows holds five degrees, including two master degrees in two different business fields and a Ph.D. in Economics, plus he is a certified Public Accountant. He first came to USF in 1982 in the College of Business at the Ft. Myers campus. After 10 years, he transferred to USF St. Petersburg and has been here "happily ever since."

Professor Fellows prides himself in being a committed teacher who brings the practical realities of the tax profession to his students. His research focuses on taxation issues, primarily with family-owned businesses. His applied research is important in that it helps owners of family businesses and their advisors to understand the intricacies of federal tax laws.

When asked what he felt is his legacy in his professional career he responded: "My grandparents were dirt poor, but they believed strongly in hard work. They instilled these virtues into my father, who passed them onto his own children.

I think that I bring these characteristics into my classroom as well as my research. For example, my tax research is not focused on how to beat the IRS and 'game the system', but simply to assist small business owners to understand the complexity of the law and how to comply with it."

James Fellows promotes the USF St. Petersburg mission and image by being an outstanding teacher and researcher as attested to by his colleagues and students.

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