



MU McNair Scholars

"Before you can make a dream come true, you must first have one."

Where are they Now?



1989-1990

Dr. **Doris Tagg Bowers** is a Family Physician and an Associate Professor at Southern Illinois University.

Cynthia Shaw works as a research assistant in a psychology lab at the University of Iowa and is a self-employed beauty consultant.

Dr. **Robert Villa** is currently an Associate Professor of Science, in charge of the Biology Program at Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL.

1990-1991

Dr. **Michael Barnett** continues to serve as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Management and Organization at the University of South Florida.

Wendy Brownell is working on a Master's in Secondary Education-Spanish at Missouri State University.

Dr. **Michael Guzy** now serves as an instructor at College of Lake County in Illinois.

Roslyn Golden Patterson is the Senior Director of Client

Services for MCS Public Relations.

1991-1992

Kellie (Garrett) Cornley is finishing up her MS in Education at Webster University

1992-1993

Dr. **Dana Duren** is currently an Assistant Professor at the Lifespan Health Research Center at Wright State University and holds a joint appointment in the Department of Neuroscience, Cell Biology and Physiology.

Barry Garber is currently the R&D Group Manager at Ralcorp Holdings in Missouri.

Robin Roberts has completed her Master's in Business Administration at Temple University and continues to work on her doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Michelle Walker has completed her first year of a PhD program in Sociology at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

1993-1994

Dr. **Martha Crowley** has completed her doctorate in Sociology and has begun a tenure track Assistant Professor position in North Carolina State's Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

In addition to being a full-time missionary, **Antonette Gibbs** serves as an Assistant Professor at Broward Community College in Florida.

Dr. Jack (Eddie) Mallot is an Assistant Professor of Anglophone Literature at Rhodes College.

Dr. **Wesley Mills** is currently a Primary Care and Sports Medicine physician in private practice in Jacksonville, FL.

Paula (Hicks) Schaefer is in a tenure track position as an Assistant Professor of Business Law at University of Central Missouri.

1994-1995

Loretta (Berve) Colvin works as a Nurse Practitioner in Sleep Medicine at

Johns Hopkins in Maryland.

Dr. **Jason Durbin** is currently in a Urology Residency program at the Naval Medical Center in California.

Stephen Johnson is currently working on a Master's of Divinity at Claremont School of Theology.

1995-1996

Dr. **Jack Kottwitz** is a resident in Avian and Exotic Animal Medicine and Surgery at the Animal Medical Center in New York.

Howard Norat currently works as a Diet Counselor for a national weight management firm in Florida.

Amy Rejba serves as a nurse practitioner for a private practice in Philadelphia, PA.

1996-1997

Dr. **Richard Boles** has completed his doctorate in Child Psychology at KU.

Amy Dill continues to work on her PhD in Classics/Archaeology from the University of Texas.

Dr. **Mary Starke** has recently completed her doctorate in Psychology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Antwaun Smith has earned a law degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Dr. **Tracy Fehrenbach** is a psychologist at Kids Hope United in Chicago.

Jason Fletcher is an Operations Coordinator for a software company in Missouri.

Rick Hendrix continues his doctoral work in Petroleum Engineering at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Dr. **Christine (Conklin) Souza** is currently a Visiting Instructor of General Music at the University of Oklahoma.

While working as a manager in Respiratory Care Services at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, **Tiyonda Valentine-Cook** is pursuing a master's in Allied Health Management.

1997-1998

Amanda (Nichols) Carey is Supervisor of Advanced Spanish at Washington University in St. Louis and recently started a translation company.

Jessica Goin continues to work on her doctorate in Geology at Portland State University.

Cynthia Langguth is a Park Guide for the National Park Services/U.S. Department of Interior.

Charlotte McCloskey is headed towards completing her doctorate in Counseling Psychology here at MU.

Brad Waller is working on a master's in Education from Lindenwood University.

1998-1999

In addition to working on an internship at Howard University, **Benetta Fairley** continues to work on her PhD in Counseling at the University of Indiana.

Lee Francis is pursuing a Master's in Education while teaching and serving as the Youth Development Coordinator for the Laguna Department of Education in New Mexico.

Dr. **Jason Hans** continues his work as an Assistant Professor at the University of Kentucky, Department of Family Studies.

Kara (Collier) Keedy continues her PhD program in Immunology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Dr. **Lisa Molix** recently earned her doctorate in Psychology from MU.

Sonya Salazar is a teacher in the Religion Department at Bishop Miege High School in Kansas City.

Shani Settles continues to work on her PhD in Women's Studies at Emory University while serving as an adjunct instructor at Spellman College and a Risk Coordinator at Gwinnett Technical College.

1999-2000

Khadar Abdi is close to finishing his doctorate in Cell Biology at Duke University.

Ryan Brunner is closing in on his PhD in Social Psychology at the Ohio State University.

Marcia Chatelain will soon complete her doctorate in History & American Studies from Brown University and will begin a tenure track position in the Honor's College at the University of Oklahoma, this fall.

Jacqueline Fairley is working to complete her doctorate in Electrical Engineering at Georgia Tech.

While working on her doctorate in Family Science, **Melissa Herzog** is now the Project Director of a federal grant investigating parenting among Mexican-origin adolescent mothers.

Emily (Broeckling) Lai continues to pursue her doctorate in Educational Measurement & Statistics and serves as an Evaluation Specialist in the Center for Evaluation and Assessment at the University of Iowa.

2000-2001

Kristopher Brown is currently an Investigator Specialist for the Inspector General's Office for the City of Chicago.

Dr. **Anthony Iyoho** has recently finished his PhD in Mechanical Engineering here at MU.

Joseph (Haney) Kay continues working towards a doctorate in Mechanical Engineering at Washington University.

Sarah (Hans) Lancaster is moving along in her doctoral program in Agronomy/Pesticide Fate at Texas A&M University.

While finishing up her doctorate in American Studies, **Johanna McCants** also serves as an instructor for the Washington D.C. Latin American Youth Center's Upward Bound Program.

Stephanie (Schultz) Piotter is currently seeking a MSN from Barnes Jewish College of Nursing to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Darla Tharp is at MU working toward a doctorate in Biomedical Sciences.

2001-2002

Arianne Hartsell completed a dual master's in Library Science and Comparative Literature, and traveled to Switzerland to help on an exhibition project with the United Nations.

At Case Western Reserve University, **Robert Mahon** continues his journey towards a PhD in Pathology.

In Washington, D.C., **Desiree Mitchell** serves as the Youth Leadership Program Coordinator for the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services.

Dr. **Jennifer (Soto) Meyer** has recently completed a PharmD program at Creighton University.

Thierra Nalley is close to completing her doctorate in Paleoanthropology at Arizona State University.

Alias Smith is moving along in his doctoral program in Microbiology/Parasitology at UCLA.

Sean Stoneking has completed his 3rd year of Medical School at St. Louis University.

American History major, **Jenny Tone-Pah-Hote**, is moving towards her doctorate at the University of Minnesota.

2002-2003

Jessica Bauchum serves as a Music Educator in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

Kandace Callwell has completed her Master's in Counseling at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Amy Glasgow finished her Master's in Industrial Organization Psychology at George Washington University.

Dana Harder has completed his Master's in Crop and Soil Sciences at Michigan State University.

In August, **Paul Ladipo** will complete his Master's degree and head to the Ohio State University to pursue a PhD in Molecular Biology.

Ashley Overstreet has completed her MA in English at the Ohio State University and will pursue fieldwork through the American Folklore Society and the Ohio Humanities Council.

Brandon Tilghman completed a Master's in Biomedical Engineering and, this fall, will pursue a PhD in the same area at Polytechnic University in New York.

In addition to a full time teaching appointment in the Anthropology Department, **Adam Wiewel** is closing in on a Master's in the same area at the University of Wyoming.

2003-2004

In addition to being a lab manager in the ruminant nutrition area, **Crystal Buckner** continues to work on her Master's in Ruminant Nutrition at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Michael Collins earned a Master's in Physical Therapy and now works as a traveling Physical Therapist.

Venita Cooper will begin law school at the University of Chicago this fall.

At Indiana University, **Tiffany Julian** continues work on her PhD in Sociology.

Sara (Vidito) Karpman has completed her Master's degree in Speech Pathology at MU.

Nikki Strong is currently a NYC Teaching Fellow, studying for a Master's in Urban Education at Mercy College.

2004-2005

Tiffany Butler is at the University of Missouri-St. Louis pursuing a Master's in Counseling Psychology.

Christopher (Walters) Chable just completed his first year of a PhD program in English at the University of Wisconsin.

Melanie Evans continues to work on her doctorate in Genetic Counseling at Johns Hopkins University.

Neville Miller has completed his first year of a Master's program in Atmospheric Science at MU this fall.

This fall, **Karen Mitchell** will join the MU School of Journalism's Convergence Faculty and is conducting research in Chicago on *Ebony* Magazine.

Charles Smarr will be headed to Northwestern this fall to begin a doctoral program in Immunology.

Michael Talley continues to work on a Master's in Public Health Administration.

2007 Pickering Fellow **Scott Winston**, will attend Georgetown University this fall to begin work on a Master's in International Public Policy.

2005-2006

Daniel Hanneken is currently working on an MSW at MU.

Sharla Marshall continues her Master's program in Personal Financial Planning at Texas Tech University.

This Fall, **Victoria Okoye** will attend Columbia University to begin work on a Master's degree in International Affairs.

Evelyn Okunbor continues her pursuit towards a master's in Counseling Psychology at Memphis State University.

This fall, **Dustin Langewisch** will attend MIT to begin work on his PhD in Nuclear Engineering.

Andrea Shaw continues work towards a Master's in Social Work program at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

2006-2007

Ashley Acevedo will be headed to the University of California-San Francisco to pursue a PhD in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology.

Sam Grinter will continue his studies at MU in a Master's program in physics.

Sara Mijares will attend the University of South Carolina to begin work on a PhD in Clinical-Community Psychology this fall.

Njabulo Ngwenyama will begin a research fellowship at the National Institute of Health.

A Continued Congratulations to all our Doctorial Level Degree holders

Samir Armaly
Tammy (Workman) Brazeal
Edward Blakey
Dodie Tagg Bowers
Anthony Campiti
Kimberly Rogers Crouch
Kimberly Davis
Kevin Ferguson
Will Fortson
Joe Hensley
Cheryl Hendrickson Caster
Paula (Hicks) Schaefer
Mary Hough
Tara Jensen
Alexander Julian
Ron Koder
Robert Errol Kolen
Irene Loe
Nicole (Armaly) Lowe
Donald Maxwell

Rebecca Navarro McKelvy
Wesley Mills
Jason Mitchell
Donna Nguyen
Mehl Penrose
Aalece Pugh-Lilly
Kristen Scott
Robert Smith
Paul Thompson
Rustico Ramos
Robert Villa
Barbara Wotherspoon
Laine Young-Walker
Kimberly Yates
Steven Schroeder
Jerry Bruggeman
Barrington Edwards
Dana Duren
Luis Tumialan
Jason Durbin

Starla (Green) Ivey
Jeanette Dunkin
John Kottowitz
Donald Schindler
Jennifer McClain
Michelle Azu
Frank Baker
Susan (Dixon) Renoe
Gaynell Simpson
Jason Hans
Anthony Johnson
Alan Deffenderfer
Ron Irving
Leyland Young
Tracy Fehrenbach
Doug Steinley
Christine (Conklin) Souza
Michael Guzy
Eddie Mallot
Michelle (Klobe) Strettner

The McNair staff wants to know what's going on with you!! To submit your information for the next issue, just complete the follow up information in detail, via the McNair website: <http://mcnair.missouri.edu>, post-paid card, e-mail (BlossJS@missouri.edu) or call our toll free number 1-800-771-0183.

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