



Summer 2010

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

Ronald E. McNair, Ph.D.

McNair Scholars Program University of Missouri

Where Are They Now?

1989-1990

Heidi (Davis) Hurst is pursuing her master's degree in English at Missouri State.

LaTia King is the director of Resource Development with the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation.

Jason Lovera has completed his second year of a doctoral program in English at St. Louis University.

Cynthia Shaw works as a research assistant in a psychology lab at the University of Iowa.

Living in South Africa, Rev. **LaDonna Sanders** has founded her own non-profit: the South Africa Ubuntu Project.

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** is now a tenured Professor of Strategy at the Said Business School at the University of Oxford.

Wendy Brownell is a middle school teacher in Camdenton, Missouri.

Dr. **Candace (Wilson) Kora-sick** received her PhD in Sociology this May from Mizzou.

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

1991-1992

Dr. **Ronald Koder** is an Assistant Professor in Biophysics at City College of New York.

Sharra Powell is a high school English teacher in Libertyville, Illinois.

Dr. **Lori Wilcox** received her Ed.D degree last May from Mizzou.

1992-1993

Dr. **Dana Duren** is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health at Wright State University.

Michael Pereira is a commissioned flight officer in the Navy's Aeronautical Engineering Duty Corps.

Dr. **Robin Roberts** directs a rehabilitation hospital in the Philadelphia area.

Dr. **Gaynell Simpson** is an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland.

1993-1994

Donna Calvin is a Realtor in the Kansas City area.

Dr. **Martha Crowley** is an Assistant Professor in the

Department of Sociology and Anthropology at North Carolina State University.

Antonnette Gibbs is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Broward Community College in Florida.

Dr. **Jack (Eddie) Mallot** is an assistant professor in Anglophone Literature at Arizona State University.

Dr. **Wesley Mills** continues to work as a Sports Medicine Physician in private practice in Jacksonville, FL.

Paula Hicks Schaefer is an associate professor of law at the University of Tennessee.

1994-1995

Loretta Colvin is a nurse practitioner at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Mary Clark continues to pursue her doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Bridgeport.

Stephen Johnson is a pastor at Colfax United Methodist Church in Washington.

David "Chip" Kemp is a crop insurance agent for the Southeast Missouri area.

Nancy Luaces expects her MA in American History and Politics from Ohio Dominican University next year.

Michelle (Newhart) Walker is in her 4th year of a PhD program in sociology at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

1995-1996

Danita (Gibson) Carter, has opened a private counseling practice here in Columbia.

Dr. **Susan (Dixon) Renoe** has served on the MU McNair Journal Review board and instructs our "Preparing to be a T.A." class.

In Canada, **Susan Eckerle Curwood** is an advocate on poverty reduction efforts and in her fourth year of her doctoral program in Community Psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario

Jonathan Herbert obtained his MA in Theatre from Missouri State last year.

Dr. **Jack Kottwitz** is an associate veterinarian at Underwood Animal Hospital in Ohio.

Howard Norat is in the pharmaceutical industry as a Quality Assurance Specialist enforcing FDA regulation.

Amy Rejba works for the Pelvic and Sexual Health Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. **Elizabeth Yopez** is an Ob/Gyn in Oak Lawn, IL.

1996-1997

Dr. **Richard Boles** continues as an Assistant Professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado Denver.

Amy Dill is expecting to complete her PhD in Classics/Archaeology from the University of Texas and is the editor in chief of *Studies in Mycenaean Inscriptions and Dialect*.

Dr. **Tracy Fehrenbach** is a psychologist at Northwestern University.

Rick Hendrix continues his doctoral work in the selection of sand control for petroleum wells at the University of Missouri-Science & Technology.

1997-1998

Ryan Evans is finishing up his bachelor's degree at Missouri State.

Dr. **Jessica Goin** works for an environmental and water resources consulting firm in Portland, OR.

Cynthia Langguth is a Supervisory Park Ranger in Estes Park, CO.

Dr. **Charlotte McCloskey** is a psychologist at the Kansas City Veteran's Association and an adjunct professor at KU.

Dr. **Jason Steward** is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Argosy University in Tampa, Florida.

1998-1999

Dr. **Jason Hans** is now an Associate Professor at the University of Kentucky, Department of Family Studies.

Kara (Collier) Keedy expects her PhD in Immunology at the University of North Carolina next year.

Dr. **Lisa Molix** is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Tulane University.

Ebony Reed is the deputy metro editor of *The Detroit News*.

Sonya Salazar is a Theology teacher in Kansas City.

Shani Settles is pursuing her PhD in Women's Studies from Emory University.

1999-2000

Dr. **Khadar Abdi** is a post-doctoral researcher at Duke University in Cell Biology.

Dr. **Ryan Brunner** obtained his PhD in Social Psychology at the Ohio State University last summer.

Dr. **Marcia Chatelain** is an Assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma in the History Department where she recently presented the keynote address at their McNair Scholars Banquet.

Timika Edwards is expecting her PhD in Counseling Psychology this July from the University of Georgia.

Dr. **Jacqueline Fairley** is a post-doc with the Department of Neurology at Emory University.

Dr. **Melissa Herzog** is an Assistant Research Professor in Mizzou's Department of Special Education and serves on our McNair Advisory Committee.

Dr. **Emily (Broeckling) Lai** earned her PhD in Education at the University of Iowa last December.

2000-2001

Joseph (Haney) Kay expects his doctorate in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Washington this June.

Dr. **Johanna McCants** obtained her PhD from the University of Maryland and

now works for the Justice for DC Youth organization.

After obtaining her masters in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, **Nancy Olivares** is now in her second year of law school at UMKC.

Justin Phillips obtained his MA in Psychology from University of Akron and now works for Apple, Inc.

Stephanie (Schultz) Piotter is a Nurse Practitioner in St. Louis.

Dr. **Brian Sandoval** achieved his PsyD at Forest Institute of Professional Psychology last June.

Dr. **Darla Tharp** is a Research Associate in Biomedical Sciences here at Mizzou.

2001-2002

Arianne Hartsell-Gundy is a Humanities Librarian at Miami University in Ohio.

Taisha Jones will finish her PhD in Clinical Psychology from Saint Louis University this December.

At Case Western Reserve University, **Robert Mahon** is expecting his PhD in Pathology this summer.

Thierra Nalley expects her PhD in Paleoanthropology at Arizona State University this summer.

Dr. **Alias Smith** is obtained his PhD in Microbiology/Parasitology at UCLA last August.

Dr. **Sean Stoneking** is a resident in Anesthesiology at St. Louis University.

Dr. **Jenny Tone-Pah-Hote**, is a post-doc fellow at the University of North Carolina's American Indian Center.

2002-2003

Kandace Callwell obtained her MA in school counseling this May.

Amy Glasgow is in her second year of a doctoral degree in Industrial Organization at the University of North Carolina.

Paul Ladipo is at The Ohio State Univ. pursuing a PhD in Molecular Biology.

Jarrett Medlin is the Executive Editor of *St. Louis Magazine* in St. Louis, MO.

Adam Wiewel continues to pursue his PhD in Anthropology at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Amber Walker is an Environmental Educator in Illinois.

2003-2004

Kimberly Adams is a production assistant for National Public Radio in Washington, D.C.

Crystal Buckner continues to pursue her doctoral degree in Ruminant Nutrition at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Dana Givens works at a Memphis children's hospital as a Child Life Specialist.

Tiffany Julian is working for the US Census Bureau.

Brian Johnson obtained his MBA from Ohio State University in March 2010.

Here at MU, **Angela Pashia**, is pursuing her second Master's degree, this time in Library Science.

After receiving her MS in Education from Mercy College, and an MA from Fordham University, **Nikki Strong** now teaches Special Education in New Haven, Connecticut

Sarah Evola is expecting her MSW from Washington University in St. Louis this December.

Tamar Wallace is a Marketing and Communications Director for The Tutoring Center in Lewisburg, WV.

2004-2005

Melanie (Evans) Baxter is a genetic counselor at Barnes-Jewish hospital in St. Louis.

Tiffany Butler is a behavioral health worker in the St. Louis area.

After obtaining his second master degrees from the University of Wisconsin, **Christopher (Walters) Chablé** is teaching Spanish at a St. Louis middle school.

Venita Cooper is in Mississippi working for Teach for America.

Jenny Flatt is pursuing her EdD and is currently working in a youth camp in Thailand.

Jamaal Glenn is an analyst for JP Morgan Chase in New York City.

Neville Miller is a weather anchor for an ABC affiliate in Charleston, SC.

Mark McClendon is a structural engineer with Graef, Anhalt, & Schloemer and Assoc. Inc. in Chicago

Karen Mitchell is a Convergence Journalism Assistant Professor with the University of Missouri.

Charles Smarr continues his doctoral program in Immunology at Northwestern.

Michael Talley is the Operations Manager for Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

Scott Winton obtained his Master's in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and is currently working for

the State Department in Washington, D.C.

Carmen Washington is currently pursuing her second Master's degree at the University of Washington and is an Injury Prevention Graduate Intern at Public Health Seattle King County.

2005-2006

Marcus Brown co-owns and operates LaShae's Southern Kitchen, a restaurant in downtown Columbia.

Maegan (Reagan) Cooper obtained her MA in Education at Missouri State University in May 2010.

Amber McCadney obtained her MA in Counseling Psychology at Oklahoma State University will attend Penn State for her PhD in the same field.

Daniel Hanneken obtained his MSW and has now created a company based off of his thesis of prisoner re-entry.

At Columbia University, **Victoria Okoye** obtained her Master's degree in International Affairs and Urban Planning this May.

Evelyn Okunbor obtained her Master's in Counseling Psychology at the University of Memphis last summer.

Dustin Langewisch has successfully completed his third year of a PhD program in Nuclear Engineering at MIT.

Josh Livingston is a manager of school-based programs with the Abyssinian Development Corporation in New York City.

Melanie SanMiguel, MHS is a Speech Language Pathologist at *Belle Center* in St. Louis.

Dawn Shoemaker is a Speech Language Pathology Fellow at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, after

earning her MHS degree.

Sharla (Marshall) Taylor is a Wealth Management Services Rep in San Antonio, Texas.

Stephanie (Raney) Wisdom is expecting her master's in Animal Sciences from Purdue University next year.

2006-2007

Ashley Acevedo has completed her third year at the University of California-San Francisco's doctorate program in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology.

Marcus Adair is entering his second year of Med School at the Mayo Clinic.

This fall, **Bridgette Adams** will begin her PhD in International and Political Economics at Claremont Graduate University.

Amber Bell finished her Master's degree in Sociology from the University of Arkansas and will begin an MSW/PhD program at the University of Alabama.

Michelle Carpentier has completed her first year of law school at Northwestern University.

Sam Grinter is in his third year of an Informatics PhD program here at MU

Atim Enyenih is expecting her PhD in Chemistry at the University of North Carolina next year.

Stanley Ikpe, obtained his master's in Electrical Engineering at MU last December and has continued into his first year of a PhD program.

Tracy Johnson will begin law school here at Mizzou next fall.

Lauren Lewis is entering her third year of a MD program at George Washington University.

Sara (Mijares) St. John successfully completed her third year of a PhD program in Community and Clinical Psychology at the University of South Carolina.

Njabulo "Jay" Ngwenyama is in medical school at Case Western University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Last summer, **Enjoli (Sims) Avila** earned her Master's of Education from Mizzou and is currently teaching in the KC area.

Katherine Speichinger is in her third year of a PhD in Molecular/Cellular Biology at the University of Illinois.

2007-2008

David Aguayo is expecting his MA in Counseling Psychology here at MU next may.

Valeska Araujo is entering her second year of an Economics Master's program at Duke University.

Michelle Clark is entering her second year in a master's program at Rush St. Luke Medical College in Chicago.

Danielle Graef is in the University of Florida's Clinical Psychology doctoral program.

Lindsey Lanfersieck continues to pursue her MA/PhD in English from Indiana University.

Tracey Latimore is in her second year of a doctorate in School Psychology at MU.

Miriam Galenas is in the second year of her doctorate in Geological Sciences at the University of Maryland-College Park.

Kamara Jones obtained her master's degree in African American and African Studies from The Ohio State University.

A Continued Congratulations to all our Doctorial Level Degree holders

Samir Armaly	Donna Nguyen	Frank Baker	Robin Roberts
Tammy (Workman) Brazeal	Mehl Penrose	Susan (Dixon) Renoe	Elizabeth Yepez
Edward Blakey	Aalece Pugh-Lilly	Gaynell Simpson	Sarita Townsend
Dodie Tagg Bowers	Kristen Scott	Jason Hans	Botswana Toney Blackburn
Anthony Campiti	Robert Smith	Anthony Johnson	Khadar Abdi
Kimberly Rogers Crouch	Paul Thompson	Alan Deffenderfer	Ryan Brunner
Kimberly Davis	Rustico Ramos	Ron Irving	Marcia Chatelain
Kevin Ferguson	Robert Villa	Leyland Young	Jenny Tone-Pah-Hote
Will Fortson	Barbara Wotherspoon	Tracy Fehrenbach	Sean Stoneking
Joe Hensley	Laine Young-Walker	Doug Steinley	Charlotte McCloskey
Chery Hendrickson Caster	Kimberly Yates	Christine (Conklin) Souza	Raul Camacho
Paula (Hicks) Schaefer	Steven Schroeder	Michael Guzy	Mary Starke
Mary Hough	Jerry Bruggeman	Ebonie Cunningham-	Jacqueline Fairley
Tara Jensen	Barrington Edwards	Stringer	Odessa Roberts
Alexander Julian	Dana Duren	Eddie Mallot	Jarrett Dickerson
Ron Koder	Luis Tumialan	Michelle (Klobe) Strettner	<u>New Doctoral Degrees:</u>
Robert Errol Kolen	Jason Durbin	Richard Boles	Jessica Goin
Irene Loe	Starla (Green) Ivey	Darla Tharp	Alias Smith
Nicole (Armaly) Lowe	Jeanette Dunkin	Martha Crowley	Lori Wilcox
Donald Maxwell	John Kottowitz	Anthony Iyoho	Brian Sandoval
Rebecca Navarro McKelvy	Donald Schindler	Jennifer (Soto) Meyer	Johanna McCants
Wesley Mills	Jennifer McClain	Lisa Molix	Emily (Broeckling) Lai
Jason Mitchell	Michelle Azu	Antwaun Smith	Candace (Wilson) Korasick

A. Olga Mafotsing Fopoussi is in her second year of a Master's degree in Public Health at the Univ. of Michigan.

Renee Mayes obtained her Master's degree in School Counseling at the University of Maryland-College Park. She will begin her PhD program in Counselor Education at Ohio State University this fall.

Tamela Smith will begin pursuing her DDS degree this August.

Brittany Smotherson is finishing a master's degree in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis (ELPA) here at Missouri.

2008-2009

Sarah Brandt is enrolling in a master's program at Mizzou's School of Psychology this fall.

Phuong "Rylee" Do is in the second year of her Master's in Biology program here at MU.

Carolina Ebeid continues to pursue her MFA at the Mirchener Center for Writers at the University of Texas in Austin.

Paul Ferguson is entering the second year of a dual Master's degree in Architecture and Construction Management at Illinois Institute of Technology.

Christopher Kirkendall will pursue his doctorate in computer engineering here at the University of Missouri.

Janine Ingram will continue the master's degree program she started last January in speech pathology here at MU.

ToLoan Ly is in the second year of her Master's in Biology here at Mizzou.

Ashley MacDonald will pursue a master's in school psychology here at MU.

Stephanie Morriss will be attending Iowa State University this fall for a PhD in Plant Biology.

Ashley Price will continue the Master's of Public Health degree she started this spring here at MU.

This summer, **Aaron Rosengren** will be participating in the NASA Langley Aerospace Research Summer Scholars Program before heading to the University of Colorado-Boulder to pursue a PhD in aerospace engineering in the fall.

Starting this fall, **Rebecca Schneider** will be teaching Agriculture Education in Meadow Heights, MO to grades 8 through 12.

Jennifer Stetler will be pursuing her PhD in Biochemistry here at MU.

This fall, **Amanda Sturm** will be pursuing a Youth Development Master's program through the Human Development and Family Studies Department here at MU.

Tiffany Wheeler will begin a full-time position with Kansas City Power & Light and will pursue her Master's in Engineering online at UMKC.

Catera Wilder is a research lab assistant in a biomedical engineering lab at Georgia Tech where she will begin her doctoral program this fall.

2009-2010

Dakota Raynes will be entering a Master's program in sociology at New Mexico University.

This fall **Kelli King** is attending the University of Missouri—Kansas City in a Master's of Social Work program.

Blossom Nwaneri has accepted a Steinhardt Graduate Fellowship for a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree from New York University.

Ryan Torack is off to the University of Pittsburgh to pursue his PhD in sociology.
