



Summer 2011

"Before you can make a dream come true, you must first have one." Ronald E. McNair, PhD

Where Are They Now?

1989-1990

Heidi (Davis) Waldo is pursuing her Master's in Health Administration at Missouri State.

LaTia King works as an energy specialist for the St. Clair County Government.

Jason Lovera has completed his third 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 Nkosi** has founded Ubuntu Global Village Foundation.

Associate Professor of Biology Dr. **Robert Villa** directs the Honors Program at Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL.

Dr. **Tammy Brazeal** is a psychologist in Buffalo, MO.

Donna Fisher-Brown is a public affairs specialist for an insurance company in Henderson, Nevada.

1990-1991

Dr. **Michael Barnett** is a Professor of Strategy at the Said Business School at the University of Oxford in Oxford, England.

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

Dr. Candace (Wilson) Korasick is a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Missouri.

Dr. **Michael Guzy** serves as an adjunct instructor in Environmental Sciences at East Central College in Union, MO.

1991-1992

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

Dr. Lori Wilcox is the managing director for the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute and teaches Agriculture Economics here at MU.

1992-1993

Dr. **Dana Duren** is now an Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health and Orthopedic Surgery at Wright State University.

Commander **Michael Pereira** is in a Space Systems Engineering PhD program at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Conswella Moore is a regional billing analyst for Time Warner Cable.

Dr. **Robin Roberts** is a rehabilitation specialist in the Philadelphia area.

Dr. **Gaynell Simpson** is an Assistant Professor and Gerontology Coordinator at Morgan State University.

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.

Ralph Groom is pursuing a Master's in Social Work at St. Louis University.

Antonnette Gibbs is as 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 a private practice in Jacksonville, FL.

Paula Hicks Schaefer is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Tennessee.

1994-1995

Loretta Colvin directs The Knowledge Center for the Clayton Sleep institute in St. Louis.

Dr. **Mary Clark** obtained her EdD in Educational Leadership from the University of Bridgeport this past March.

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 obtained her MS in Curriculum and Instruction at Ohio Dominican University last summer.

Michelle (Newhart) Walker continues to pursue her PhD 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** instructs MU McNair Scholars in the *Preparing to be a T.A. class* and has served on the *MU McNair Journal* Review Board.

Dr. **Jack Kottwitz** is an Associate Veterinarian in Heath, Ohio.

In Canada, **Susan Eckerle Curwood** is an advocate on poverty reduction efforts and is working on her PhD in Community Psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario.

Jonathan Herbert instructs theater arts at Ozarks Technical Community College.

Howard Norat works as a quality assurance specialist for a pharmaceutical company and is pursuing a Master of International Management at Maryland University College.

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

Dr. **Elizabeth Yepez** 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 runs an artifact lab and is an Adjunct Professor of Classics at Florida State. She looks to complete her PhD in Classics/Archaeology soon.

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

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

1997-1998

Geomicrobiologist Dr. **Jessica Goin** works for an environmental consulting firm in Portland, OR.

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

Dr. Charlotte McCloskey is a psychologist at Responsive Centers for Psychology & Learning in Overland Park, Kansas.

In Bay Pines, Florida Dr. **Jason Steward** is a psychologist with the VA
Healthcare System.

1998-1999

Associate Professor Dr. **Jason Hans** is completing his sabbatical as a Fulbright Scholar in Odessa, Ukraine before returning to the University of Kentucky.

Dr. **Kara** (**Collier**) **Keedy** obtained her PhD in Immunology at the University of North Carolina in December.

Terry McClure finished his Bachelor's degree at Edison State College and then obtained his Master's in History from Durham University where he will be entering a PhD program in Geography this fall.

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

Dr. **Benetta** (**Fairley**) **Johnson** obtained her PhD from Indiana University and runs Hope Haven Psychology in Indianapolis, IN.

Ebony Reed is an Assistant Chief of Bureau for the Associated Press in Boston.

Sonya Salazar instructs theology in Kansas City.

Shani Settles expects her PhD in Women's Studies from Emory University this summer.

1999-2000

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

Dr. **Ryan Brunner** teaches social psychology, stereotypes and prejudice at Ohio State University.

Truman and Marshall Scholar Dr. **Marcia Chatelain** is now an Assistant Professor of History at Georgetown University.

Timika Edwards expects her PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Georgia soon.

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** is an evaluation specialist for the University of Iowa.

2000-2001

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

Dr. **Johonna McCants** received her PhD in American Studies last year and is currently pursuing a Graduate Certificate in Conflict Transformation at Eastern Mennonite University.

Dr. **Paula Boettler** recently obtained her PharmD from UMKC last May and now works for a pharmacy in Neosho, MO.

After obtaining her Master's in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, **Nancy Olivares** has now obtained her law degree from UMKC.

Justin Phillips is an Industrial Organizational Psychologist for a life insurance company in St. Louis.

Dr. **Brian Sandoval** is a post-doc at the University of Wisconsin's Clinical Health Psychology.

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

2001-2002

Arianne Hartsell-Gundy is a Humanities Librarian and an adjunct instructor at Miami University in Ohio.

Dr. **Taisha Jones** completed her PhD in Clinical Psychology from Saint Louis University last August.

Dr. **Robert Mahon** earned his PhD in Pathology from Case Western Reserve last summer.

Thierra Nalley expects her PhD in Paleoanthropology at Arizona State University next year.

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Dr. **Alias Smith** is a post-doc in Pathology at U.C. San Diego.

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 is pursuing her Play Therapy Certification from MidAmerica Nazarene University.

Amy Glasgow expects her PhD in Industrial Organization at the University of North Carolina soon.

Paul Ladipo obtained his Master's in Molecular Cellular Biology at The Ohio State University last summer and will enter another master's program in education at the University of Kansas this fall.

Christin (Hans) Fort will obtain a Master's in Teaching from Columbia College this summer.

Jarrett Medlin serves as the Executive Editor of *St. Louis Magazine* in St. Louis, Missouri.

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

Amber Walker advocates for the environment as an educator in Illinois.

2003-2004

Kimberly Adams recently entered the reporter training program with National Public Radio in Washington, D.C.

Dr. **Crystal Buckner** finished her doctoral degree in Ruminant Nutrition at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln last December.

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

Sarah Evola obtained her MSW from Washington University last December.

With the US Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., **Tiffany Julian** is a sociologist analyzing educational earning statistics.

Brian Johnson currently works for a major food company in Ohio.

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

Nikki Strong teaches special education and english in Connecticut.

Tamar Wallace works for the Tutoring Center as an AmeriCorps VISTA coordinator in West Virginia.

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.

Christopher (Walters) Chablé is translating and writing as he expands his portfolio in preparation to enter a PhD or MFA program.

Venita Cooper works for KIPP Diamond Academy as an English Language Acquisition teacher.

Jenny Flatt is entering her third year of her EdD program at MU.

Jamaal Glenn advocates for the democratization of news and information with his own media group in New York City.

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

Mark McClendon is a structural engineer 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 University

Michael Talley is an Operations Manager for the Mayo Clinic's Gastroenterology and Hepatology Center in Minnesota.

Pickering Scholar, **Scott Winton** obtained his Master's in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and currently works for the State Department in Skopje, Macedonia.

Carmen Washington obtained her Master's in Social Work and Public Health and currently works for the UIC Institute of Health Research and Policy.

2005-2006

Maegan (Reagan) Cooper is a high school Latin teacher in Marshall, Missouri.

Amber McCadney has completed her first year of a PhD program in Counseling Psychology at Penn State.

Capitalizing on his McNair and master's research, **Daniel Hanneken** is a reentry coordinator for the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Victoria Okoye is an urban planner for Spatial Solutions in Accra, Ghana.

Evelyn Okunbor works for the Healing Arts Training Center in Memphis, TN.

Dustin Langewisch obtained his Master's in Nuclear Engineering from MIT and is expecting his PhD next year.

Josh Livingston is a manager of school-based programs with the Abyssinian Development Corporation in New York City and is applying to PhD programs for next fall.

Melanie SanMiguel is a Speech Language Pathologist at The Belle Center in St. Louis.

Andrea Shaw works as a clinical coordinator for the Rainbow House in Columbia, MO.

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

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

Stephanie (Raney) Wisdom is pursuing her Master's and PhD in Animal Sciences from Purdue University.

Amber Wiewel obtained her Master's in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology this May from Iowa State University.

2006-2007

Ashley Acevedo is in a doctoral program in the Biochemistry/Molecular Biology department at University of California-San Francisco.

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

Bridgette Adams is pursuing a PhD in International and Political Economics at Claremont Graduate University.

Amber Bell is in a MSW/PhD program at the University of Alabama.

Michelle Carpentier is entering her third year of law school at Northwestern University.

Here at MU, Sam Grinter is pursuing his PhD in Informatics.

Dr. Atim Enyenihi obtained her PhD in Chemistry at the University of North Carolina last December and is now a postdoc for the Department of Medical Biochemistry and Biophysics for 'Karolinska Institutet' in Stockholm.

Stanley Ikpe is in his third year of his PhD program in Electrical Engineering here at MU.

Tracy Johnson is entering her second year of law school here at Mizzou.

Lauren Lewis is working on her MD at George Washington University.

Sara (Mijares) St. John was recently awarded an NIH grant to cover her remaining years in her 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.

Enjoli (Sims) Avila teaches 5th grade for the Lee's Summit School District.

Katherine Speichinger obtained her MS in Cellular Biology at the University of Illinois last summer.

Mary Stilwell conducts research on teledermatology for the VA hospital in Columbia, MO.

2007-2008

Here at MU, David Aguayo obtained his MA in Counseling Psychology and is entering a PhD program this fall.

Valeska Araujo obtained her MA in Economics from Duke University last May.

Michelle Clark obtained her MS from Rush Medical College in Chicago last June.

Danielle Graef obtained her MS in pediatric psychology from the University of Florida and is continuing in her doctoral program at the same institution.

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

Tracey Latimore is in a doctorate program in School Psychology at MU.

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

Kamara Jones is a congressional fellow for the U.S. Congress.

A. Olga Mafotsing Fopoussi obtained her Master's degree in Public Health at the University of Michigan last April.

Renee Mayes is in her second year of a PhD program in Counseling Education at The Ohio State University.

Brittany Smotherson obtained her Master's in Education, Leadership and Policy Analysis last December and spent the Spring teaching in Korea.

2008-2009

Sarah Brandt is pursuing a Master's in Counseling Psychology at Mizzou.

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

Carolina Ebeid was a runner up for the Keene Prize in Literature and continues to pursue her MFA at the Mirchener Center for Writers at the University of Texas in Austin.

Paul Ferguson is entering the third year of a dual Master's in Architecture and Construction Management at Kansas and New York University. Washington University.

Christopher Kirkendall is entering his second year of a PhD program in computer engineering here at the University of Missouri.

Janine Ingram is continuing her Master's in Speech Pathology here at MU.

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

Ashley McDonald is pursuing a Master's in School Psychology here at **Stephanie Morriss** has completed her first year of her PhD program in Plant Biology at Iowa State University.

Ashley Price is pursuing her Master's of Public Health here at MU.

Aaron Rosengren received a NSF GRFP fellowship to continue his PhD program in aerospace engineering at University of Colorado-Boulder.

Rebecca Schneider teaches Agriculture Education in Meadow Heights, MO to grades 8 through 12.

Jenniffer Stetler is pursuing her PhD in Biochemistry here at MU.

In Kansas City, Missouri, Amanda **Sturm** is a case worker for the Missouri Department of Social Services

Tiffany Wheeler is an engineer for Kansas City Power & Light and looks to pursue her Master's in Engineering at UMKC.

Catera Wilder received a NSF GRFP fellowship to continue her doctoral study in a Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech.

2009-2010

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

Kelli King is attending the University of Missouri - Kansas City in a Master's of Social Work program.

Blossom Nwaneri is pursuing her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from

Ryan Torack has completed his first year of his doctoral program in sociology at the University of Pittsburgh.

Diliana Stoimenova will attend the University of Colorado at Boulderas she pursues her Master's in Integrative Physiology.

2010-2011

This fall, Joshua Brinkley is conducting post-baccalaureate research in social psychology at the University of Kansas.

Marcone Cangussu is continuing his work in the intelligence community for the Department of Defense.

William "Joe" Cochran will pursue of his Master's in Geology here at MU this fall

An alternate for the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, **Shane Hoffman** will pursue his Master's in Mass Communication and Sports Media Production at Oklahoma State University.

Darrell "DJ" Jordan will pursue his Master's in Vocal Performance with the MU School of Music this fall.

Calvin Lewis is staying at Mizzou to pursue a MD and a PhD in chemistry.

Brittany Long will attend Brandeis University in Boston, MA to pursue a PhD in socio-cultural anthropology.

Long Pei will be a teaching assistant at the University of Iowa as he pursues his Master's in actuarial science.

Shannon Schipper will attend Arizona State University where she will be a research assistant pursuing her PhD in gender studies.

Lorien Hayden will be a teaching assistant with the MU Physics Department this summer.

Bryant Harris is staying at MU to pursue a PhD in Biological Engineering.

Sydnea Redwine is working for ALDI as a District Manager before pursuing her PhD in business.

Ashley Shaw will pursue a Master's in Public Health at the University of Missouri next fall.

Non-graduating Scholars Summer Research/Internship Plans

Anoff "Nick" Cobblah is continuing his research this summer with the MU College of Arts & Science Undergraduate Research Mentorship Program.

Nicole Hams' is at Arizona State University researching microbial fuel cell applications this summer.

Kimberly Johnson Anderson is interning this summer at Hallmark in business analytics.

Michael McCoy will intern in Rutgers University's RiSE Undergraduate Summer Research Program.

Shannon Montañez will intern with the Round Lake Illinois Area Park District.

Braydon Medlin has finished his requirements for his bachelor's degree in business and is adding an additional undergraduate degree in psychology at MU next fall.

Fiona Odu will be participating in a Howard Hughes Medical Institute summer internship at Northwestern University.

Jerry Steward is continuing his undergraduate research while taking classes this summer at MU.

Michelle Tang is interning with the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis.

Cameron Williams will study in Rwanda and research the history of the genocides this summer.

See Yang is interning with FCS Financial in Jefferson City this summer.

FEATURED SCHOLAR

(From the Fall 2010 MU McNair Journal)



Jenny Tone-Pah-Hote, PhD; Post doctoral Research Associate; University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Participating in the McNair Scholars Program as an undergraduate helped me to define and start working toward my long-term career goals. It played an important role in introducing me to American Indian history, a field that I still work in as postdoctoral researcher. I also gained skills in the McNair Scholars Program that smoothed the transition from college to graduate school and that I continue to use as a scholar and teacher.

The McNair Scholars Program has played a significant role in my career because it gave me the opportunity to engage in the original, archival research that lead me to pursue a doctoral degree in American Indian and U.S. history. Through the McNair Program, I completed a research project that explored the intellectual life of Henry Roe Cloud, an early twentieth century, American Indian educator. This project was invaluable because it

showed me how to do historical research and writing. By having discussions with my mentor, Dr. Jeffrey Pasley, a historian, I learned how to negotiate and engage debates in the literature in Native history and formulate research questions. The McNair project also taught me how to navigate archives and construct historical arguments. I returned to these lessons throughout graduate school for assignments and later my dissertation.

Not only did the McNair Scholars Program introduce me to the idea of becoming a professor of American Indian history, it also provided me with a set of tools in public speaking, crafting applications, and professionalization that prepared me to attend graduate school. The workshops that I took part in focused on creating polished applications, GRE preparation, and time management, all of which gave me resources to draw from as I completed my graduate education. In addition, as a McNair Scholar, I took a course in teaching techniques. Later, as a teaching assistant, I borrowed strategies from this class to generate discussions for my own courses.

The McNair Scholars Program has been critical in my development as a researcher. As a Postdoctoral Research Associate in American Studies at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, I still use and refine the skills I developed as a McNair Scholar. And, I hope to continue engaging them as professor of American Indian and U.S. history.

A Continued Congratulations to all 108 of our Doctorial Level Degree holders

Samir Armaly Tammy (Workman) Brazeal Edward Blakey

Edward Blakey Doris Tagg Bowers Anthony Campiti Kimberly Rogers Crouch

Kimberly Rogers Cro Kimberly Davis Kevin Ferguson

Will Fortson
Joe Hensley

Chery Hendrickson Caster Paula (Hicks) Schaefer

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
Jennifer McClain
Michelle Azu
Frank Baker

Susan (Dixon) Renoe Gaynell Simpson Jason Hans Anthony Johnson Ron Irving Leyland Young Tracy Fehrenbach Douglas Steinley

Christine (Conklin) Souza

Michael Guzy

Ebonie Cunningham-Stringer

Eddie Mallot

Michelle (Klobe) Strettner

Richard Boles Darla Tharp Martha Crowley Anthony Iyoho

Jennifer (Soto) Meyer

Lisa Molix Antwaun Smith Robin Roberts Elizabeth Yepez Sarita Townsend

Botswana Toney Blackburn

Khadar Abdi Ryan Brunner Eryca Neville James Browning Jason Steward Jennifer Frericks Michael Barnett Melissa Herzog
Paul Verslues
Paula Boettler
Rebecca Lynn
Robert Rodriguez
Ruben Valadez
Sarah Lancaster
Tracy Davis
Marcia Chatelain
Jenny Tone-Pah-Hote

Sean Stoneking
Charlotte McCloskey
Raul Camacho
Mary Starke
Jacqueline Fairley
Odessa Roberts
Jarrett Dickerson
Jessica Goin

Alias Smith
Lori Wilcox
Brian Sandoval
Johonna McCants
Emily (Broeckling) Lai
Candace (Wilson) Korasick

New Doctoral Degrees:

Mary Clark Taisha Jones Nancy Olivares Kara Keedy

Benetta (Fairley) Johnson

Robert Mahon Paula Boettler Atim Enyenihi Crystal Buckner

*As of July 2011, **109 MU McNair Scholars have obtained their doctoral level degree**.

* An additional 200 or more MU McNair Scholars have obtained their master's degree.

The formula of the past 5 years, an average of 7 new doctoral degrees have been granted each year.

There are currently 46 scholars in doctoral programs and 22 more in master's programs.

For year that each student obtained their doctoral degree and from what institution please visit http://mcnair.missouri.edu/doctoralobtained.php.

