



Where Are They Now?

For more on updates on past MU McNair Scholars, including over 131 doctoral degree holders, please visit:
<http://mcnair.missouri.edu/wherearethey.php>

1989 - 1990

Heidi (Davis) Waldo is the education manager for the School of Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University.

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

1990 - 1991

Dr. Michael Barnett is a Professor in the Management Department at Rutgers Business School and is currently on sabbatical at Seton Hall University.

Dr. Candace Korasick is an Adjunct Professor for the University of Missouri and Stephens College.

1992-1993

Chanel Watkins was in a PhD program in Rural Sociology at MU but passed away last fall.

1994-1995

Dr. Mary Clark is the Director of Ademic Advising at Houstonic Community College.

Dr. Michelle (Newhart) Walker obtained PhD in Sociology at the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2013.

1994-1995

Dr. Susan (Dixon) Renoe is the Director of the Broader Impacts Network here at MU and instructs MU McNair Scholars in the Preparing to be a T.A. class.

Dr. Susan Eckerle Curwood is a research associate for a hospital in Toronto.

1996-1997

Amy Dill looks to complete her PhD in Classics/Archaeology at Florida State soon.

1998-1999

In Boston, **Ebony Reed** is an Assistant Bureau Chief for the Associated Press.

Dr. Shani Settles earned PhD in Women's Studies from Emory University in 2014 and now a faculty member at Haverford College.

1999-2000

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

Dr. Timika Edwards earned her PhD in Counseling Psychology in 2014 from the University of Georgia and now a psychologist in St. Louis.

Dr. Joseph Kay is a electromechanical engineer for ThinGap in Ventura, California.

2001-2002

Dr. Thierra Nalley is an adjunct professor in Paleoanthroplogy at Southern Illinois University.

Paul Ladipo is the Academic Services Coordinator with the McNair Program at the University of Kansas.

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

2003-2004

Dr. Crystal Buckner is a chief operating officer for a cattle operation in Indiana.

2004-2005

Christopher Chable' was recently named poet laureate at UMSL where he is pursuing his MFA in Creative Writing.

Venita Cooper a director with Teach For America in Oklahoma.

Dr. Jenny Flatt is a 4-H Youth Specialist for the East Central region of Missouri.

Jamaal Glenn obtained his MPA at Harvard and is now an entrepreneur in New York City.

Neville Miller is a Meterologist with KMBC in Kansas City.

Dr. Charles Smarr obtained his PhD in Immunology at Northwestern University last December and now is a post-doc at Virginia Mason.

Scott Winton works for the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C.

Carmen Washington is a Research Program Manager for the Institute of Global Tobacco Control at Johns Hopkins University.

2005-2006

Amber McCadney continues to pursue her PhD in Counseling Psychology at Pennsylvania State University.

Dan Hannken is the director of a Columbia area prisoner rehabilitation center.

Dr. Dustin Langewisch obtained his PhD in Nuclear Engineering at MIT in 2014 and is now a thermal hydraulics analyst in Seattle.

Stephanie (Raney) Wisdom is the Director of Post-weaning Operations at Illini Farms.

Amber Wiewel is a Research Assistant for the Northeast Amphibian Research Initiative with the US Geological Survey.

2006-2007

Ashley Acevedo is continues to pursue her PhD in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology at University of California - San Francisco.

Dr. Marcus Adair is performing his residency in general surgery at the University of Toledo.

Bridgette Adams is a Business Administrator with GLOVIS in California.

Amber Bell continues to pursue her PhD in Social Work at the University of Alabama.

Michelle Capentier works in a law office in New York City.

Dr. Sam Grinter obtained his PhD in Informatics from MU in 2014 and now works as a data analysis for Milbank Manufacturing.

Dr. Atim Enyenihi is a postdoc researching cancer cells at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm.

Dr. Stanley Ikpe is an aerospace engineer for NASA in Virginia.

Tracy Johnson is an executive liaison for the Missouri Division of Tourism.

Dr. Sara (Mijares) St. John is post-doctoral fellow at the University of Miami.

Dr. Njabulo “Jay” Ngwenyama is a resident physician in Cleveland, Ohio.

Katherine Speichinger is in a Medical Pharmacology and Physiology PhD program here at MU.

2007-2008

Here at MU, **David Aguayo** is in a Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis PhD Program.

Valeska Araujo is a Petroleum Economic Advisor in Houston, Texas.

Dr. Danielle Graef earned her PhD in Pediatric Psychology at the University of Florida in Dec. 2014 and is now a health psychologist for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Lindsey Lanfersieck is ABD for her doctoral degree in English from Indiana University.

Dr. Miriam Galenas obtained her PhD in Geological Sciences at the University of Maryland-College Park in 2014 and is now works for the USGS.

Kamara Jones is a press secretary for the US General Services Administration.

In Detroit, **A. Olga Mafotsing Fapoussi** is a Regional Epidemiologist for the US Center for Disease Control.

Dr. Renae Mayes is an assistant professor and director of the School Counseling Program at Ball State University.

Brittany Smotherson is a residence hall coordinator here at MU.

2008-2009

Sarah Brandt is a school psychologist in Denver, Colorado.

Phuong “Rylee” Do is in medical school at St. George’s University.

Carolina Ebeid is in the first year of a PhD program at the University of Denver with an NEA fellowship.

Paul Ferguson is an architect with HNTB corporation.

Christopher Kirkendall expects to complete his PhD in Computer Engineering at Mizzou this December.

Bryant Harris is a Computer and Electrical Engineer at Statcom Technologies.

Last year, **Alyssa Hollins** obtained her Master’s in Urban Studies at Fordham University.

Janine Ingram obtained her master’s in speech pathology from Mizzou.

Toloan “Lexie” Ly is in a graduate program at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Ashley McDonald is a school psychologist for the Fort Bend Independent School District in Texas.

Stephanie Morriss is pursuing her PhD in Plant Biology at Iowa State.

Ashley Price is pursuing a PhD in Public Affairs here at MU.

Dr. Aaron Rosengren is a post-doctoral research fellow for Italy’s National Research Council.

Jenniffer Stetler obtained her MS in Biochemistry here at MU in 2013, and is now at Georgia State University in a doctoral program in the same field.

An NSF GRFP awardee, **Catera Wilder** continues her PhD program in Biomedical Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

2009-2010

Lorien Hayden has completed her third year of a PhD program in physics at Cornell University.

Kelli King is a recruiter and coordinator for healthcare staffing company.

Dr. Blossom Nwaneri obtained her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from New York University in Fall 2013.

Dakota Raynes is in a doctoral program in sociology at Oklahoma State University.

Ashley Shaw is in a doctoral program in nursing here at MU.

Diliana Stoimenova is in medical school at Creighton University.

Solida (Wise) Kolasinac obtained her Master's in Sociology at Oklahoma State University and now lives in St. Louis.

2010-2011

Joshua Brinkley is a Children's Service Worker for the State of Missouri and pursuing his Master's of Public Affairs at UMKC.

Marcone Cangussu is in Austin, Texas working for the Department of Defense.

William "Joe" Cochran is entering his third year of his PhD program in Geology at Virginia Tech University.

Shane Hoffman is an assistant professor at Oklahoma State University.

DJ Jordan is an adjunct professor of music at Columbia College.

Calvin Lewis continues to pursue his MD and PhD in Chemistry here at Mizzou.

Brittany Long is a research assistant for MarketCast in Boston, MA.

Long Pei is an actuarial analyst for a health insurance plan in Florida.

Shannon Schipper obtained her MA in Gender Studies at Arizona State University in 2014 and is currently in a PhD program at the same institution.

Anoff "Nick" Cobblah completed his third year of his PhD studies in Literature at the University of Michigan.

Nicole Hams is entering her fourth year of a PhD program in Biochemistry graduate at Oregon State University.

Michael McCoy III is entering his fourth year of his PhD program in Biological Engineering at Cornell University.

Braydon Medlin is a Search Analyst with InTouch Solutions in Overland Park, Kansas.

Jerry Steward is a public school teacher in St. Louis.

Michelle Tang is entering her third year of her PhD in Plant Biology at the University of California, Davis.

Cameron Williams is in his fourth year of his in Sociology PhD program at Loyola University.

See Yang obtained a Master's in Agricultural Economics here at MU last year and now is in a PhD program at the University of Arkansas.

Si Yol Yi is a Safety and Health Supervisor for Unilever in Jefferson City, MO.

2011-2012

Brittany Bennett is a solutions specialist for Edward Jones in St. Louis.

Brittani Bungart is pursuing an MD/PhD at Purdue University

Darnell Cage continues pursuing a law degree part-time at St. Louis University and is a Structural Engineer for Boeing in St. Louis.

Marc Canellas completed his second year of his PhD in Aerospace Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Tim Cunningham obtained his Master's in Business Administration program here at Mizzou this May.

Megan Dowdle is entering her third year of her PhD in Biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Jeneé Duncan obtained her Master's in Human Development and Family Studies degree at the University of Georgia last summer.

Bethany Henry obtained her Master's in History at the University of Arkansas and is currently in a PhD program at the same institution.

Damir Kolasinac obtained his Master's in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Oklahoma State University last year and currently lives in St. Louis, MO.

Carolyn Lacey is entering her third year of a Molecular Microbiology and Immunology PhD Program here at MU.

Gerald Mitchell is in his fourth year of a PhD program in Sociology and Personality Psychology here at MU.

Danielle Mocker is at the University of Manitoba pursuing a doctorate in parasitology and ecology.

Akia Parks is in a joint PhD program at Georgia Tech and Emory University in biomedical engineering.

Rosalyn Reese is entering her second year of a PharmD program at the University of Georgia.

Antaniece Sills is at Washington University pursuing a Masters of Social Work.

Caitlin Vore is a research specialist in plant sciences here at MU.

2012-2013

Antoine Culbreath is attending Ball State University still pursuing his Master's in Applied Behaviors Analysis with an emphasis in Autism.

Stacey Frasher is pursuing her Doctor of Nurse Practice specializing in Family Nurse Practitioner here at MU.

Meron Ghidey is at Baylor University's Institute of Biomedical Studies pursuing his PhD.

Carmen Harjoe is entering her third year of a Zoology PhD program at Oregon State University.

Carrie McKinley is starting her MS in Bioinformatics at UMKC this fall.

Paulos Mengsteab is in a biomedical engineering program at the University of Connecticut.

Ashley Schultz is at the University of Georgia pursuing her masters in forestry degree.

Jessica Stokes is in a PhD program in Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Texas-Austin.

Chad Tucker is a financial relationship specialist with a credit union.

Jale't Hickmon-Rosa just completed the first year in her School Psychology Master's program here at MU.

Alicia Lorio is entering her second year of her Human Development and Family Science master's program here at Mizzou.

Shelby Manning is a behavioral therapist for a children's Autism center in Kansas City.

Sital Uprety is an NSF recipient conducting research in environmental engineering at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Zachariah Winkler is substitute teaching in Independence, MO.

2013-2014

Brandice Carpenter is at Washington University in St. Louis in pursuit of a Master's of Social Work.

Marnae Chavers is pursuing a Master's in Education from the University of St. Thomas as well as teaching in an elementary school in Houston, Texas under the Teach for America Program.

Rafael Cisneros is a physical therapy technician in St. Louis.

Amber Forbis is pursuing her Master's of Health Science with an emphasis in Speech Language Pathology at MU.

Tiffany Jerrod is in a public health master's program here at MU.

Josey Ridgway has completed his first year at Tennessee Tech University in a doctoral fisheries program.

Gloria Sipakati is in a Doctorate of Occupational Therapy program at Washington University in St. Louis.

NSF GRFP recipient **Sarah Swartz**, has completed her first year of her doctoral study in paleontology at Indiana University.

For more, check out our May 2015 McNair Challenger for where the 2014-2015 Scholars are headed!

A continued congratulations to all 131 of our Doctoral level Degree Holders

Samir Armaly	Jerry Bruggeman	Botswana Toney	Taisha Jones
Tammy (Workman) Brazeal	Barrington Edwards	Blackburn	Nancy Olivares
Edward Blakey	Dana Duren	Khadar Abdi	Kara Keedy
Doris Tagg Bowers	Luis Tumialan	Ryan Brunner	Benetta (Fairley) Johnson
Anthony Campiti	Jason Durbin	Eryca Neville	Robert Mahon
Kimberly Rogers Crouch	Starla (Green) Ivey	James Browning	Paula Boettler
Kimberly Davis	Jeanette Dunkin	Jason Steward	Atim Enyenihi
Kevin Ferguson	John Kottowitz	Jennifer Frericks	Crystal Buckner
Will Fortson	Jennifer McClain	Michael Barnett	Jenny Flatt
Joe Hensley	Michelle Azu	Melissa Herzog	Lauren Lewis
Chery Hendrickson Caster	Frank Baker	Paul Verslues	Susan Curwood Eckerle
Paula (Hicks) Schaefer	Susan (Dixon) Renoe	Paula Boettler	Rick Hendrix
Tara Jensen	Gaynell Simpson	Rebecca Lynn	Joseph Kay
Alexander Julian	Jason Hans	Robert Rodriguez	Marcus Adair
Ron Koder	Anthony Johnson	Ruben Valadez	Michelle Carpentier
Robert Errol Kolen	Ron Irving	Sarah Lancaster	
Irene Loe	Leyland Young	Tracy Davis	<u>New Doctoral</u>
Nicole (Armaly) Lowe	Tracy Fehrenbach	Marcia Chatelain	<u>Degrees:</u>
Donald Maxwell	Douglas Steinley	Jenny Tone-Pah-Hote	Michelle Walker
Rebecca Navarro McKelvy	Christine (Conklin) Souza	Sean Stoneking	Timika Edwards
Wesley Mills	Michael Guzy	Charlotte McCloskey	Thierra Nalley
Jason Mitchell	Ebonie Cunningham-Stringer	Raul Camacho	Terry McClure
Donna Nguyen	Eddie Mallot	Mary Starke	Atim Enyenihi
Mehl Penrose	Michelle (Klobe) Strettner	Jacqueline Fairley	Samuel Grinter
Aalece Pugh-Lilly	Richard Boles	Odessa Roberts	Stanley Ikpe
Kristen Scott	Darla Tharp	Jarrett Dickerson	Robert Jinkerson
Robert Smith	Martha Crowley	Jessica Goin	Lauren Lewis
Paul Thompson	Anthony Iyoho	Alias Smith	Sarah Mijares
Rustico Ramos	Jennifer (Soto) Meyer	Lori Wilcox	Dustin Langewisch
Robert Villa	Lisa Molix	Brian Sandoval	Miriam Galenas
Barbara Wotherspoon	Antwaun Smith	Johonna McCants	Rena Mayes
Laine Young-Walker	Robin Roberts	Emily (Broeckling) Lai	Aaron Rosengren
Kimberly Yates	Elizabeth Yopez	Candace (Wilson) Korasick	Blossom Nwaneri
Steven Schroeder	Sarita Townsend	Mary Clark	

- ★ As of July 2015, 131 MU McNair Scholars have obtained their doctoral level degree.
- ★ Over 250 MU McNair Scholars have obtained their master's degree.
- ★ For the past 6 years, an average of 7 new doctoral degrees have been granted each year.
- ★ There are currently 44 scholars in doctoral programs and 13 more in master's programs.
- ★ For the past four years, multiple McNair Scholars have earned a NSF GRFP Fellowship per year.

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

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