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.

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.

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 Academic Advising at Houston Community College.

1994-1995
Dr. Candace Korasick is an Adjunct Professor for the University of Missouri and Stephens College.

1994-1995
Dr. Michelle (Newhart) Walker obtained PhD in Sociology at the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2013.

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.

1999-2000
Dr. Khadar Abdi is a post-doctoral researcher at Duke University in Cell Biology.

2001-2002
Dr. Thierra Nalley is an adjunct professor in Paleoanthroplogy at Southern Illinois University.

2004-2005
Christopher Chable’ was recently named poet laureate at UMSL where he is pursuing his MFA in Creative Writing.

2005-2006
Amber McCadney continues to pursue her PhD in Counseling Psychology at Pennsylvania State University.

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.

Dr. 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.

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

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

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

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2003-2004
Dr. Crystal Buckner is a chief operating officer for a cattle operation in Indiana.
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 Viewel is a Research Assistant for the Northeast Amphibain Research Initiative with the US Geological Survey.

2006-2007
Ashley Acevedo is continuing 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.

Chirstopher 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.

Diliiana 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.

Marccone 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 an 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 Illinios, 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 her 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
Tammy (Workman) Brazeal
Edward Blakey
Doris Tagg Bowers
Anthony Campiti
Kimberly Rogers Crouch
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 Mckelvey
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) Reno
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
Antwan Smith
Robin Roberts
Elizabeth Yepez
Sarah Townsend
Botswana Toney
Blackburn
Khadar Abdi
Ryan Brunner
Eryca Neville
James Browning
Jason Steward
Jennifer Frericks
Michael Barnett
Melissa Herzig
Paul Verslues
Paula Boettler
Rebecca Lynn
Robert Rodriguez
Ruben Valadez
Sarah Lancaster
Tracy Davis
Marcia Chatelain
Jenny Tone-Pah-Hote
Sean Stoneking
Charlotte McClosey
Raul Camacho
Mary Starke
Jacqueline Fairley
Odessa Roberts
Jarrett Dickerson
Jessica Goin
Alias Smith
Lori Wilcox
Brian Sandoval
Johanna McCants
Emily (Broeckling) Lai
Candace (Wilson)
Koraclick
Mary Clark
Taisha Jones
Nancy Olivares
Kara Keedy
Benetta (Fairley) Johnson
Robert Mahon
Paula Boettler
Atim Enyenihi
Crystal Buckner
Jenny Flatt
Lauren Lewis
Susan Curwood Eckerle
Rick Hendrix
Joseph Kay
Marcus Adair
Michelle Carpentier

New Doctoral Degrees:
Michelle Walker
Timika Edwards
Thierra Nalley
Terry McClure
Atim Enyenihi
Samuel Grinter
Stanley Ikpe
Robert Jinkerson
Lauren Lewis
Sarah Mijares
Dustin Langewish
Miriam Galenas
Renae Mayes
Aaron Rosengren
Blossom Nwaneri

☆ 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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