

Woman Watch

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Women pick up seats in the MO House; Double in U.S. House Delegation

On Nov. 2, Missouri defied the national trend by electing more women to the General Assembly than the number serving currently, 44.

While the number of women in the Missouri Senate will decrease to five, 41 women were elected to the Missouri House, topping the all-time high of 40, reached in 2001. Missouri, which lagged behind nationally, will now meet the national average when 46 of 197 legislators will be women (or 23.3 percent).

The Center for American Women in Politics at Rutgers predicts that the number of women serving in state legislatures will decrease in 2011, when just over 23 percent of the nation's 7,382 legislators will be women, down from 24.5 percent in 2010.

Following the pattern of Republican victories nationwide, the election of Republican women to the Missouri House largely explains the increase. Nine Republican women won open seats, three beat Democratic in-

cumbents and six won re-election, for a total of 18 Republican women who will be sworn in when the legislature convenes on Jan. 5.

This matches the number of Republican women who served in the House in the late 1990s, and reverses a steady decline in Republican women's representation since then. Ten Republican women serve currently in the House.

Even though their numbers will decrease, Democratic women still outnumber their Republican colleagues. Twenty-six Democratic women serve currently; that number will drop to 23 in January.

Seven Democratic women won open seats and 14 incumbents were re-elected. In addition, two women challengers defeated Democratic incumbents in the primary election and were unopposed in November.

Term-limited State Rep. **Maria Chappelle-Nadal** (D-St. Louis) was the only woman elected to the Senate, bringing the

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For a complete list of women elected to the Missouri Legislature, see page 3

UMSL women students prepare to LEAD

Their majors include Spanish, Biology, education, psychology and public policy (to name a few). They come from Illinois and Missouri, Bosnia, Malawi and Peru. They have played college sports, started non-profit organizations, and studied abroad. Some are moms.

The 19 participants in the "UMSL Women LEAD" program have different backgrounds, goals and personalities, but this semester they have at least one thing in common: They want to be leaders.

UMSL Women LEAD is a new program offered by the Sue Shear Institute to support and encourage civic engagement of students at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and instill in them a passion for women's public sector leadership.

According to Institute Manager Dayna Stock, the program is long overdue.



UMSL student Alicia Green, right, visits with Michelle Sherod, District Director for U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, at the Women's Networking Series at UMSL on October 27. Green is a participant in the Institute's newest leadership program, UMSL Women LEAD.

"We've always known that we wanted to start a leadership program for UMSL stu-

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★ Election Recap ★

For the first time since 1979, the number of women in the U.S. Congress will decrease. The number of women in the Senate will stay the same at 17, but the number of women in the House will decrease by one, to 72. ★

Hawaii elected women to both of its House seats, making it the first state in the country to have an all-female House delegation (except for states with only one district). ★

Three states elected new women Governors in Nov.; all were Republicans and two won woman-versus-woman races. Two of the new governors are women of color, the first women of color to head state governments. ★

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Brazil elects first woman president

Former Brazilian Minister of Energy and Chief of Staff to three-term president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, first-time candidate **Dilma Roussef** was elected President in an October runoff, making her the highest ranking woman and Brazil's first female head of state. Some polls indicate that more men voted for her than women.¹ Roussef will head Latin America's largest economy, and will prepare Brazil to host the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics.

Editor's Note: The summer issue of *Woman Watch* failed to mention a sudden change in leadership that resulted in **Julia Gillard** becoming the first female Prime Minister of Australia. A total of 15 women lead nations as presidents or prime ministers; Finland is the only country where women serve in both positions.

Women to assume leadership roles in Missouri General Assembly

Following the Nov. 2 General Election, lawmakers gathered in Jefferson City to elect leadership for the upcoming session. Seven women were elected. In all cases, they will assume roles as assistant leaders or caucus secretaries: Sen. **Jolie Justus**, Kansas City, Asst. Minority Leader; Sen. **Robin Wright-Jones**, D-St. Louis, Minority Caucus Secretary; Rep. **Jeanie Riddle**, R-Mokane, Asst. Majority Floor Leader;

Rep. **Shelley Keeney**, R-Marble Hill, Asst. Majority Whip; Rep. **Sue Allen**, R-Town and Country, Caucus Secretary; Rep. **Tishaura Jones**, D-St. Louis, Asst. Minority Leader; and Rep. **Sarah Lampe**, D-Springfield, Caucus Secretary.

Baker appointed federal magistrate in St. Louis

Missouri Appellate Court Judge **Nannette A. Baker** has been named a federal magistrate judge in St. Louis, replacing Judge **Audrey Fleissig** who was appointed to the United States District Court this summer. Baker was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals-Eastern District in 2004 after serving five years as a St. Louis circuit judge.

Three women sit on seven-member Federal Reserve Board of Governors

For only the second time in history, three of the seven members of the Fed Board are women. **Janet Yellen**, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and Maryland State Bank Regulator **Sarah Bloom Raskin** joined former banker **Elizabeth Duke** on the board in early October. Yellen simultaneously took office as Vice Chair.

¹ Christian Science Monitor, Nov. 13, 2010.

Are you a woman in public life with news to share? Please e-mail dstock@umsl.edu or fax 314.516.6621.



Remembering U.S. Rep. Karen McCarthy

Karen McCarthy, a high school English teacher turned five-term member of Congress, died on October 5, 2010. She was 63.

In 1976, McCarthy was under 30 when she was elected to the MO House of Representatives from Kansas City. She had been recruited to run for the open seat by Sen. Tom Eagleton who recognized the intelligence and energy of this young woman educator. Although Sue Shear had just completed her second term in the House, she was decades older and assumed a mentoring role. Sue and Karen lived together during the session. They shared many policy priorities, including women's rights, quality education and protecting the environment.

Institute Board member Marion Cairns was also a member of the class of '76 and worked

closely with Karen on shared initiatives, despite being members of different political parties. Cairns remembers Karen for her hard work and intelligence.

Karen rose through the ranks of the professional organization, the National Conference of State Legislators, and was ready to assume its presidency in 1994.

However, she ran for the open 5th Congressional District seat then and moved on to the nation's capitol after her successful election. She was the first woman to represent Kansas City in Congress and held that position until she retired in 2004. Her death this fall allows the Institute to pay tribute to the glass ceilings Karen cracked and her courageous work over her 30 years of public service. ❖

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total number of women in that body to five due to the Nov. 1 resignation of Kansas City Sen. **Yvonne Wilson**, effective in December. Governor Nixon has set Feb. 22, 2011, as the date of the special election to fill her seat.

At the federal level, Republican **Vicky Hartzler** defeated 17-term Congressman Ike Skelton to represent the 4th Congressional District in Western Missouri. Hartzler served in the Missouri House from 1994-2000. She and her husband run a diversified farming operation and are owners of Hartzler Equipment Company.

Hartzler will join incumbent U.S. Rep. **Jo Ann Emerson** (R-Cape Girardeau), who was elected to her eighth term, when Congress convenes in January. Emerson had been the lone woman in Missouri's nine-member congressional delegation since 2005. Three women served in the US House from 1996-2001.

The increase of one woman serving at the federal level in Missouri was matched by a decrease in women holding statewide office as State Auditor Susan Montee lost her re-election bid for State Auditor. This leaves Secretary of State Robin Carnahan, who was unsuccessful in her race for U.S. Senate, as the only woman to hold state office. U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill is the other woman elected statewide. She was not up for election this year.

For a complete list of women officeholders in Missouri, visit www.umsi.edu/~iwpl/cand_elections/2008Officials.html ❖

Women walk before they run in St. Charles



Mayor Patty York, right, with members of the host committee for this year's "Women Walk Before They Run" event in St. Charles. From left: Councilwoman Laurie Feldman, Councilwoman Bridget Ohmes, and Lynnette York.

On a perfect fall day in September, walkers came from as far away as Riverside, Mo., to show their support for women in public life at the Sue Shear Institute's 4th Annual "Women Walk Before They Run" event.

This year's walk was held Sept. 12 in Frontier Park in St. Charles, and coincided with the Missouri Municipal League's Annual Fall Conference. Women and men of all ages (including some in strollers) enjoyed an afternoon of networking and walking along the Katy Trail to support the Institute's *21st Century Leadership Academy*. Some even took the name seriously and snuck in a run! Thanks to all who came — see you next year! ❖

Brynn Palmer
Patrice Shumate
Gerry Welch
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Women who will serve in the Missouri Legislature in 2011

Incumbents are listed in bold

Senate

Robin Wright Jones, D-5, St. Louis
Jane Cunningham, R-7, Chesterfield
Jolie Justus, D-10, Kansas City
Maria Chappelle-Nadal, D-14, St. Louis
Luann Ridgeway, R-17, Smithville

House

Kathie Conway, R-14, St. Charles
Sally Faith, R-15, St. Charles
Vicki Schneider, R-17, O'Fallon
Anne Zerr, R-18, St. Charles
Jeanie Riddle R-20, Fulton
Mary Wynne Still, D-25, Columbia
Jean Peters-Baker, D-39, Kansas City
Shalonn Curls, D-41, Kansas City
Gail McCann Beatty, D-43, Kansas City

Jeanie Lauer, R-54, Blue Springs
Sheila Solon, R-55, Blue Springs
Karla May, D-57, St. Louis
Penny Hubbard, D-58, St. Louis
Jeanette Mott Oxford, D-59, St. Louis
Jamilah Nasheed, D-60, St. Louis
Tishaura Jones, D-63, St. Louis
Susan Carlson, D-64, St. Louis
Michele Kratky, D-65, St. Louis
Genise Montecillo, D-66, St. Louis
Sharon L. Pace, D-70, St. Louis
Stacey Newman, D-73, St. Louis
CM Spreng, D-76, Florissant
Eileen Grant McGeoghegan, D-77, St. Ann
Margo McNeil, D-78, Florissant
Mary Nichols, D-79, Maryland Hts.
Rochelle Walton Gray, D-81, Black Jack
Jill Schupp, D-82, St. Louis

Cloria Brown, R-85, St. Louis
Jeanne Kirkton, D-91, Webster Groves
Sue Allen, R-92, Ballwin
Marsha Ellen Haefner, R-100, St. Louis
Linda R. Fischer, D-107, Bonne Terre
Wanda Brown, R-116, Lincoln
Sandy Crawford, R-119, Buffalo
Sue Entlicher, R-133, Bolivar
Melissa Leach, R-137, Springfield
Sara Lampe, D-138, Springfield
Diane Franklin, R-155, Camdenton
Shelley Keeney, R-156, Marble Hill
Donna Lichtenegger, R-157, Jackson
Ellen Brandom, R-160, Sikeston
Totals
5/34 Senators (3D / 2R)
41/163 Reprs (23D/18R)

APPOINTMENTS

In each newsletter, we will list women who have been recently appointed to public policy positions. Please let us know of other women who have joined the public policy process since August 2010.

Serving on a public board or commission is an excellent way to put your talents to use in public service without running for office.

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Patricia Bolz

Missouri Citizen's Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials

Julie Bower

Children's Vision Commission

Cynthia (Cindi) Bowman

Butler County Clerk

Janette Call

Missouri Board of Examiners for Hearing Instrument Specialists

Christine Carpenter

Associate Circuit Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit

Jacklyn J. Crow

Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

Judith Davidson

Missouri Citizen's Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials

Beverly Duncan

Linn County Public Administrator

Nancy Fisher

Cooper County Circuit Clerk

Deborah S. Fritz

Missouri State Board of Accountancy

Phylis Lee Gilbert

Missouri Citizen's Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials

Jennifer L. Gilworth

Putnam County Coroner

Dr. Dorothy Grange

Missouri Genetic Advisory Committee

Judy Grundler

Missouri Cotton Grower's Organization

Lisa Hawkins

Ozark County Clerk

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Julie Hurst

Missouri Citizen's Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials

for Elected Officials

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Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board

Dr. Kecia Leary

MO HealthNet Oversight Committee

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MO HealthNet Oversight Committee

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State Committee for Professional Counselors

Nia Ray

State Rehabilitation Council

Sharlene Rimiller

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Dorothy Rowland

Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board

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Colleen Scott

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Betty Sims

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Sheila Sweeney

Missouri Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board

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MO HealthNet Oversight Committee

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Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board

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St. Louis City

Tracy Boaz

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St. Louis County

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Fire Standards Commission

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Public Transportation Commission

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Met-ZPB Commission of the Botanical Garden Subdistrict

Julie Modde Portman

Industrial Development Authority Board

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A Declaration of Equality

By Dayna Stock

For two days in October I got to be part of history, as the "Vision 2020" congress of women leaders from every state and the District of Columbia met at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia to discuss and debate the current status of American women and leadership. Convened by Drexel University's Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, the goal of Vision 2020 is to accelerate progress towards gender equality by the centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment in 2020.

At the conclusion of this historic gathering, we signed a Declaration of Equality, outlining Vision 2020's principles. It was truly a historic moment! You can sign on too at: www.drexel.edu/vision2020.



Me and fellow Mo. delegate Rebecca Richardson (Kansas City), ratifying "for the great state of Missouri!"

Speaker series showcases women scholars

Five women political scientists shared their research on women's political participation in the U.S. and abroad in this fall's speaker series, "Women, Gender and Political Institutions" held on Wednesday nights at UMSL.

The audience for the talks included graduate students in Dr. Farida Jalalzai's "Women, Gender and Political Institutions" class and others from the campus and community, some of whom enrolled in the Institute's short course by the same name. Short course participants received a packet of readings that corresponded with each week's lecture, and were awarded a Provost's Certificate for completion of the course at the final talk on Dec. 1.

Participants were exposed to a variety of thought provoking topics

including the use of quotas to increase representation, critical mass, the intersection of race and gender, and women's representation and power.



Prof. Nadia Brown fields questions after her talk, "The Impact of Identity on the Representation of Black Women Legislators" on Oct. 13.

All of the guest speakers were recognized scholars in the area of women and politics who teach at area universities: Mona Lena Krook, Washington University; Joyce Mushaben, UMSL; Nadia Brown, Saint Louis University; Leslie Schwindt-Bayer, MU; and Jalalzai, UMSL. After their talks, they joined students in Prof. Jalalzai's class for a more in-depth discussion of their research.

The series was sponsored by the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life, the Gender Studies program, the Center for International Studies, and the Department of Political Science. ❖

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students," she said, "but finding the resources to do it was always a challenge."

The Institute made the decision not to charge students to participate, so that ability-to-pay was not a prerequisite for the program. This year, LEAD was funded largely through contributions and collaborations, but a search for continued funding is ongoing.

"We knew we were going to have to be creative, and we couldn't have done it without donors and friends," Stock said. But the need was great and the timing was right, so the Institute decided to go for it.

Two of the factors that made 2010 the right year to launch the program were student leaders Melissa Alper and Lauren Rodriguez, who agreed to design and help lead the new effort.

"We were introduced to Melissa and Lauren and knew right away that they were the right people to help us make this dream a reality," Stock said.

LEAD participants were selected through a competitive application process. They met six times during the fall semester, starting with a kickoff on Sept. 25. In October, they spent an afternoon doing community service at Emmaus Homes in St. Charles. They practiced their networking skills

at the Women's Networking Series, sponsored by the Executive Leadership Consortium, and many LEAD participants have signed up for the Women's University Mentoring Project next semester.

The students also completed an online leadership assessment that helped them identify their strengths as leaders. The program concluded with a graduation party on Dec. 2.

"It has been so inspiring to watch these women grow as leaders over the course of one semester," Stock said. Look out UMSL, they are ready to lead! ❖



Participants in the 2010 UMSL Women LEAD program, from left: Front row: Chantal Rivadeneyra, Diana Fetouh, Danielle Uding and Nickie Hill. Second Row: Melissa Alper, Apprentice; Sharon Pruitt, Jessica Findling, Alicia Green, Claire Regnier, Kristin Jordan, Annetta Canady. Third Row: Tina Miller, Ann Marie Klues, Ambumulire Phiri, Michelle Prince, Lauren Rodriguez, Apprentice; Mercedes Colon, and Ivana Aleksic. Not pictured: Melanie Gowdy, Chelsea Miller, and Sarah Palmerini.

Wendy Werner

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Hope Whitehead

State Representative (D-57)

Anne Zerr

State Representative (R-18)

For a complete list and biographies of 2010 Faculty Affiliates, visit our web site at www.umsl.edu/~iwpl



Again, our thanks to all who supported the Institute in 2010 through a contribution of time or money. Best wishes for a joyous holiday season!

Sue Shear Institute teams with WLA to offer workshop for judicial hopefuls

On Nov. 5, a room full of lawyers (mostly women and a few men) took the first step toward not only approaching the bench, but joining it.

The lawyers were attendees at a continuing legal education workshop titled, "The Judicial Selection Process," sponsored by the Sue Shear Institute and the Women Lawyers of Greater St. Louis. The workshop covered a number of topics related to the process for becoming a judge under the Nonpartisan Court Plan. Speakers included judges, members of the judicial commissions and representatives from the Governor's Office. Much of the discussion centered around a recent Supreme Court rule that changed the process for judicial nominations, requiring interviews to be held in public, for example.

The program was followed by a reception sponsored by The Simon Law Firm, P.C. This is the third time the Institute and WLA have partnered to offer the workshop. ❖



Academy Alumni News



It is always exciting to receive "progress reports" from Leadership Academy alums, and we are proud to share their accomplishments with you! (Note: The number in parenthesis represents year of participation in the Leadership Academy.)

◆ **Marcia Chatelain**

University of Missouri–Columbia ('99); Amethyst Award winner ('09)

Marcia was recently named a 2011 German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) American Fellow, and will participate in a three-week intensive leadership program in Europe next summer.

◆ **Caroline Coulter (Mueller)**

Southeast Missouri State University ('02)

Caroline is an attorney. In May, she started a new job in the Office of the General Counsel for the Missouri Department of Corrections.

◆ **Megan Cripps**

Southeast Missouri State University ('10)

Megan was accepted into the International Business exchange program at SEMO and will spend the spring semester in Amsterdam. She is currently applying to law school for Fall, 2011.

◆ **Emily Elam**

University of Central Missouri ('10)

Emily is a paralegal at Rahm, Rahm and McVay, P.C. in Warrensburg, Mo.

◆ **Mayra Flesner**

University of Central Missouri ('04)

Mayra passed the Bar exam in July and recently partnered with a law school classmate to start her own law practice, Flesner & Dyer, LLC, in St. Charles, Mo.

◆ **Renessa Foronda**

Truman State University ('04)

Renessa is a recruiter for ZS Associates, a sales and marketing consulting firm in Chicago. She is primarily responsible for

recruiting at Purdue, the Univ. of Illinois, and the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison.

◆ **Elizabeth Fracica**

University of Missouri–Columbia ('10)

Elizabeth is juggling 20 hours of coursework and numerous leadership roles at MU, and performs in three jazz ensembles in her spare time. She was appointed recently to be the Legislative Director for student government, and will lobby in Jefferson City next semester.

◆ **Brittany Gholson**

Southeast Missouri State University ('10)

Brittany is an intern at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Cape Girardeau. She has also been nominated for SEMO Woman of the Year.

◆ **Natascha Harried**

University of Missouri–St. Louis ('06)

In December, Natascha started a new position as a case coordinator for the Riverbend Head Start in Alton, IL working with prenatal moms to children 5 yrs old.

◆ **Brittany Harris**

University of Central Missouri ('09)

Brittany is finishing up her first year of graduate school at the University of Oklahoma, where she is pursuing a M.Ed in Adult and Higher Education, Student Affairs Administration. She is a graduate assistant for the Graduate College in the Office of Admissions, and ultimately plans to earn a PhD in Organizational Leadership at OU.

◆ **Bethany Henry**

University of Missouri–Columbia ('10)

Since August Bethany has been studying Anthropology and Archaeology as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Oaxaca, Mexico, where she is a research and archaeologist assistant at Monte Alban Archaeological Zone, a World Heritage Site. She also did a Holy Land tour to Israel and Egypt studying archaeology and cul-

ture. All in all, it has been a season of "firsts" for Bethany, including being hit by a scorpion.

◆ **Tiffany Johnson**

Truman State University ('07)

Tiffany has been accepted to several law schools for Fall, 2011, and is in the process of deciding where to go.

◆ **Susan Jones**

University of Missouri–St. Louis ('09); Intern ('10)

Susan is pursuing a masters degree in leadership and management at Webster University in St. Louis and works full-time at Nordstrom Rack.

◆ **Emily Kelchen (Kiddoo)**

Truman State University ('06)

Emily is interning for a lobbying firm in Madison, Wisc., and is preparing to graduate from law school in May 2011. She is also celebrating her mother, Kathy Kiddoo, who recently won a landslide victory in her first election for Scotland County Treasurer.

◆ **Meghan Lowery**

Missouri State University ('06)

Meghan will graduate with her PhD in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from SIUC in December. She is currently living in Edwardsville, Il., looking for work as a consultant, but is also open to academic position.

◆ **Lauren Maddock**

Missouri Univ. of Science & Technology ('07)

Lauren is an engineering analyst with the St. Charles County Highway Department.

◆ **Amanda Marchegiani**

Southeast Missouri State University ('08)

Amanda will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass communications in the option of Public Relations. She is currently living in Pennsylvania and working part-time while she looks for full-time work in Milwaukee.



2011 AMETHYST AWARD: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Application Deadline: March 11, 2011

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◆ **Jheel Mehta**

University of Missouri-Kansas City ('07)

Jheel is pursuing an MA in Asian Studies at Seton Hall University, and is learning Mandarin with the hope of studying abroad in China next year. She is also planning a trip to India in March.

with disabilities in low-income housing.

◆ **Danielle Siembieda**

University of Missouri-Columbia ('99)

Danielle has finished her MFA in Digital Media Art from the CADRE Laboratory for New Media at San Jose State

University. She is working for an innovative art and technology group in the Silicon Valley as well as working on a iconic landmark public art project that will measure climate change and change public behavior.

Danielle lives in Oakland, Ca.

You can check out her art at siembieda.com

◆ **Rachel Watson**

University of Missouri-St. Louis ('10)

After a summer internship with the Breakthrough Collaborative in Miami, Rachel transferred to the urban studies program and the Honors College at SLU where she was selected to participate in a new mentoring program called *Winning Women*. In addition, she is tutoring at Soldan High School and has resumed her study of the Russian language.

◆ **Sarah Welch**

Missouri S&T ('00)

Sarah and her husband moved to Boulder, Co., in May. She is a project manager at an image analysis software development firm and has gotten involved in several organizations targeted toward women in technology, including Girls in Tech and Startup Women.

◆ **Shelly Wood**

Southeast Missouri State University ('07)

Shelly is the project coordinator for the Southeast Missouri Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. She recently co-authored an article titled "An analysis of Fossil-Fuel Dependence in the United States with Implications for Community Social Work," which was published in the October issue of *Critical Social Work*.



Shear Fellows Julie Childress (McKittrick), '03, left, and Maria Gonzales '10, were among the Fellows who volunteered at Women Walk Before they Run, Sept. 12 in St. Charles. Other Fellows who volunteered but are not pictured: Anna Gourdin '05, Alex Tran '10, and Dianna Meyers '05.

◆ **Bridget Member-Meneh**

University of Missouri-St. Louis ('07)

Bridget graduated from UMSL in May and was an intern at the Sue Shear Institute this fall. She was hired recently by Kelly Services and is looking forward to a long overdue visit to see her family in Nigeria this December.

◆ **Jessica Nelson**

University of Central Missouri ('07)

Jessica relocated to St. Louis and accepted a position as an adoption and foster care case manager at Every Child's Hope.

◆ **Jessica Pace**

University of Missouri-St. Louis ('08)

Jessica will finish her MPPA in December and is relocating to Los Angeles.

◆ **Wendy Raulie**

University of Central Missouri ('05)

In August, Wendy started a new job as registrar with the newly opened ELS Language Center on the campus of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Il. ELS is an international company that teaches English to non-native speakers so they can attend American Universities.

◆ **Patrice Shumate (Hutton)**

University of Missouri-Columbia ('05)

Patrice recently relocated to St. Louis and is working as a social service coordinator, providing social services for seniors and persons

◆ **Carissa Sims (Ewing)**

Southeast Missouri State University ('02)

Carissa is a recruiter at a non-profit hospital in Kansas City. She received her PHR certification in January 2010 and was promoted to Senior Recruiter in June.

Save the Dates!

Attention Shear Fellows: Next year—2011—is the 15th anniversary of the 21st Century Leadership Academy!

Mark your calendar and plan to attend some of the events leading up to this exciting celebration of 15 years of preparing women for 21st Century Leadership:

St. Louis Shear Fellows' Happy Hour

Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011 ★ 5:00 p.m.
Bradford's Pub, Westport Plaza
rsvp to bmeneh@gmail.com

Washington DC Fellows' Dinner

★Date and Location TBD ★
e-mail Suzanne at sbroadfield@gmail.com for details



*Live somewhere else and want to organize an event?
e-mail Dayna at dstock@umsl.edu.*

Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

Fellows' Happy Hour

January 20, 2011, 5 p.m.
Bradford's Pub, Westport Plaza

Pipeline to Local Office

January 25 & 27, 2011, 6-9 p.m.
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