

Woman Watch

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Special Election victories restore record number of women to Missouri House

Voters elected three women candidates in special election contests on Tues., Nov. 8, restoring the total number of women in the Missouri House to a record-tying 41.

In the 83rd District in St. Louis County, **Tracy McCreery** won 44 percent of the vote in a three-way race to succeed Jake Zimmerman who was elected county assessor in April. **Chrissy Sommer** won a seat in the 15th District in St. Charles County, replacing Sally Faith who left Jefferson City in April after being elected mayor of St. Charles; and in Kansas City's 39th District, former teacher **Judy Morgan** was elected to replace Rep. Jean Peters-Baker, who left her House seat last spring to become Jackson County Prosecutor.

Forty-one women were elected to the Missouri House in the 2010 General Election, an all-time high at the time. But just months after the election, the number fell to 38 with the resignations of Peters-Baker and Faith, and the election of Rep. Shalonn "Kiki" Curls to the Missouri Senate.

"You can never take the gains for granted," said Institute Director Vivian Eveloff. "Even though the three vacancies were the result of women assuming other elected offices, the impact was a loss of women in the House which we can hardly afford. Thankfully, it was temporary."

Sommer, a Republican, is a longtime businesswoman, community leader and volunteer in the St. Charles area. She serves on the St. Charles County Republican Central Committee as the Zumbuhl Township Committeewoman, and is chair of the 15th District.

Morgan was a teacher and guidance counselor in the Kansas City School District for 29 years. She retired in 2009 after 10 years as leader of the union that represents teachers and staff at the District. A Democrat, Morgan won 77 percent of the vote to defeat another woman candidate, Republican Jamie Barker



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In special elections, there is no primary election. Instead, party committees choose their nominees. Both Sommer and Morgan were chosen

by their respective party committees to run. McCreery, on the other hand, ran as an Independent when the Democratic party chose someone else as their candidate. A long-time district aide for State Sen. Joan Bray (D-District 24), McCreery's resume includes extensive service to a number of progressive causes.

All three women will be sworn into office when the legislature convenes in January, and will face re-election in 2012. The Nov. 30 release of the new district lines following reapportionment puts McCreery in a district with incumbent Rep. Jill Schupp, and Morgan in a district with Rep. Mike Talboy, complicating their re-election calculations. Sommer appears to face no such dilemma. ❖

LEAD participants lend hands to Almost Home



Participants in the 2011 UMSL Women LEAD program pause from their community service project for a quick pic. Back, from left: Claire Regnier, Amie Rice, Kristen Weber, EeTerrica Reeves, Carol Robinson, Dawn Schulte and Melissa Douglass. Front, from left: Patience Naa Kai Kanyi, Joanna Woolens, Emily Spacaj, Courtney Williams and Brittany Pumphrey. To learn more about LEAD, see related story on page 5.

Briefly: The Impact of Redistricting on Women Incumbents

Long-awaited redistricting maps were released on Nov. 30. Preliminary analysis of the newly-drawn lines suggests:

- ★ Twelve women House members are grouped with at least one other incumbent: three are Republicans and nine are Democrats.
- ★ Three House districts have women grouped with other women incumbents.
- ★ Only one woman Senator appears to be affected by the new lines: Sen. Jane Cunningham's district moved out of St. Louis County, but she has indicated her intent to run for the vacant 27th.



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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Garza Elected to National Women's Political Caucus Executive Board

Jackson County, Mo., Legislator **Theresa Garza Ruiz** was sworn in at the National Women's Political Caucus Convention to a two-year term as the National Membership Vice President. She is a graduate of the Institute's Pipeline to Public Office program.

Green Elected Vice-Chair of State Party
Darlene Green has been elected vice-chair of the Missouri Democratic Party. Green has served as comptroller for the City of St. Louis for 16 years.

Liberian President Among Nobel Prize Winners

Liberian President **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Leymah Gbowee and Tawakkul Karman** have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2011, in recognition of their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's right to full participation in peace-building work.

Sirleaf, Africa's first democratically elected female president, was elected in 2006 and has contributed to securing peace in Liberia and to

strengthening the position of women. Gbowee mobilized and organized women across ethnic and religious dividing lines to bring an end to the long war in Liberia, and to ensure women's participation in elections. Karman has played a leading part in the struggle for women's rights and for democracy and peace in Yemen.

The three will share the prize equally.

St. Francois County Prosecuting Attorney Named Associate Circuit Judge

Gov. Jay Nixon has appointed St. Francois County Prosecuting Attorney **Wendy Wexler Horn**, of Farmington, as the new Associate Circuit Judge for the county. Wexler Horn has served as the county prosecuting attorney since 2001. She was appointed to that position by Gov. Roger Wilson in 2001, and was elected in 2002, 2006 and 2010. Prior to being prosecuting attorney, Wexler Horn was an attorney in private practice in Farmington.

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Pipeline participants practice, prep for 2012

A group of aspiring candidates, including one with her sights set on the U.S. presidency, attended the "Pipeline to Public Office" program, Nov. 11-12, to prepare for the upcoming election season.

The program started with a reception Friday evening hosted by 2009 Local Pipeline graduate, Rose-Lynn Sokol. Participants got their fill of homemade soup with a side of inspiration courtesy of a panel discussion of women leaders who were generous with advice and inspiration for the campaign trail: Rep. Marsha Haefner (R-100), former Rep. Hope Whitehead (D-57), and former Rep. and current Lindbergh Board of Education Trustee Vicki Englund.

On Saturday the 12th, participants convened at UMSL to learn the basics of campaigns, including how to write a campaign plan, targeting, and fundraising. They also got a crash course in campaign communications from Laura Egerdal, Dir. of Communications for Secretary of State Robin Carnahan.

Several of the participants were eyeing legislative seats, but their decision to run hinged on



Pipeline participant Crystal Lovett (center) practices "dialing for dollars" while Brianna Lennon (left) and Ethel Byndom (right) look on. All three were participants in the Institute's "Pipeline to Public Office" program, Nov. 11-12, 2011.

the outcome of the redistricting process. Others are preparing for races for school board, alderperson, and mayor.

The Institute's next Pipeline program, "Pipeline to Local Office" will be held Jan. 23 & 25 at UMSL. See page 1 for details. ❖

Center for American Women and Politics laments failure to gain ground in 2011

The election of three women state representatives in Special Elections on Nov. 8 boosted the number of women in the Missouri House enough to tie a record, but belies the reality that elsewhere, women failed to gain ground.

"With legislative contests in four states, even if every outstanding race is decided in favor of a woman, the national total will drop from the current number of 1740," observed Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

"The national total of women elected state-

wide will increase by just one — to 72 — as a result of elections in three states. It's discouraging that we're nowhere near the peak statewide number of 92 women, achieved in 2000."

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Director, CAWP***

Eighteen of the nation's 100 largest cities held mayoral races, and women were candidates in just eight of those contests.

Women mayors were elected or re-elected in three of those cities, and will join six holdover women mayors who were not up for re-election this year. ❖



In addition to collaborating with national organizations to encourage women to run for public office (see related story on page 4), the Sue Shear Institute is an ally of the Infinity Project, an effort to increase the gender diversity of the federal bench to ensure the equality of justice in the Eighth Circuit.

The Project is led by the Center on Women and Public Policy at the University of Minnesota's Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs. It emphasizes diversity on the U.S. Court of Appeals, but is also concerned with increasing the representation of women judges on the federal bench within the Eighth Circuit.

Progress was made in one of the states in the Eighth Circuit recently, when President Obama nominated Kristine Gerhard Baker to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas. A partner at the law firm Quattlebaum, Grooms, Tull & Borrow PLLC in Little Rock, Baker received her J.D. from the University of Arkansas and her B.A. from Saint Louis University. She was one of three candidates forwarded to the White House for consideration; all were women and one was an African American.

Other states in the Eighth Circuit include: Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. In Missouri, five women serve as federal judges currently: Four (of eight) in the Eastern District, and one (of nine) in the Western District. Additionally, three women serve as magistrate judges. ❖

MO, IL lose seats in Congress

When the U.S. Census numbers were released in December, 2010, Missouri was one of ten states to lose a Congressional seat. Illinois was another.

Both states will drop one seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, giving Missouri eight seats instead of nine (and reducing Illinois to 18).

It seems unlikely that the 8th District, held by Rep. JoAnn Emerson (R), or the 4th District, held by Rep. Vicki Hartzler (R), will change enough to preclude either woman running for re-election. In the 2nd, U.S. Rep. Todd Akin (R) has announced that he will challenge U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill (D), and at least one woman, Ann Wagner, has signaled her intent to run for his seat. Wagner is a former Chair of the Missouri Republican Party and Co-chair of the National Republican Committee. She served as U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg during the Bush Administration. This is her first run for elective office.

A total of six women have represented Missouri in Congress, and the record for number of Missouri Congressional seats held by women simultaneously is three. Two women have served in the U.S. Senate — Jean Carnahan (D) and Claire McCaskill (D) — and former State Treasurer Sarah Steelman (R) is angling to be the third; she is also seeking the Republican nomination to challenge McCaskill in 2012. ❖

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For a list of boards and commissions in Missouri, visit the Governor's website at <http://governor.mo.gov/boards/>

The following lists include women who have been appointed to boards and commissions since August 2011:

St. Louis City

As of press time, no new appointments had been made in St. Louis City.

St. Louis County

Patti Kelly

St. Louis County Children's Service Fund Board

Christine Ney

Productive Living Board

Maureen Ramshaw

Boundary Commission

Dr. Diane Sanford

St. Louis County Children's Service Fund Board

Kate Tansey

Retirement Board

Jane Thomas

Commission on Disabilities

Janet Wilding

Boundary Commission

Status of women on courts, commissions

Since the Summer 2011 *Woman Watch*, the Hon. George Draper III has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court of Missouri. Three women applied for the position, but none were nominated by the Judicial Commission for the panel of three submitted to Governor Nixon.

Draper is only the second African-American to be appointed to the Court; Judge Ronnie White was the first.

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Iron County Circuit Clerk

There are new vacancies in the 7th Circuit (Clay County) and the 21st Circuit (St. Louis County). Three women applied to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Circuit Judge Donald Norris in the 7th, and one, Karen Krauser has been nominated for consideration by the Governor. Krauser is the deputy chief assistant prosecuting

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Institute aligns with national partners to urge women to run

The Sue Shear Institute has become the "go-to" state partner for several national initiatives that share the goal of expanding women's representation in Missouri.

In early 2010, the Institute became an ally of the 2012 Project, a national, non-partisan campaign to increase the number of women in Congress and state legis-



latures by taking advantage of the once-in-a-decade opportunities of 2012. To do this, organizers and allies around the

country are working to engage accomplished women in the private and public sectors who have not previously considered running for office.

The Institute hosted a kickoff for the 2012 Project in Missouri in June 2010, and is a lead partner in the Project's Missouri-based effort to mobilize local organizations to find and recruit women candidates for 2012.

Early this fall, the Institute partnered with another national effort, She Should Run, to provide resources and encouragement women need to consider and start their path to public office. The goal of She Should Run is to ensure that women have multiple contacts with organizations that specialize in training and supporting women to seek public office, to significantly increase the likelihood that they will consider becoming a candidate.

To learn more about the 2012 Project, or to nominate a woman because you think "She Should Run," visit the Institute's website at www.umsl.edu/sueshear. We know that women are 50 percent less likely than men to seriously consider running for office, often because they are not asked. Why not be the one to ask? ❖



Service, skills and sisterhood are hallmarks of 2011 LEAD program

On Dec. 2, participants in the 2011 UMSL Women LEAD program celebrated the end of a successful semester of service, skill-building, and sisterhood.

The 2011 “leading ladies” enjoyed a fajita feast and a stress-free time out before heading into finals week. Nineteen students completed the program, led by 2010 LEAD alum and UMSL senior, Claire Regnier.

The purpose of the LEAD program is to support and encourage civic engagement among students at UMSL, and expose them to women leaders in the public sector. Participants are selected through a competitive application process, and commit to attending all sessions of the program. Thanks to a grant from the UMSL Women’s Leadership Initiative, and sponsorship from the Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM), there is no charge for students to participate.

The 2011 LEAD participants met for the first time on Sept. 16. Just days later, they attended the \$tart\$mart Salary Negotiation workshop, hosted by UM Extension at UMSL, where they gained the confidence and skills they need to earn fair compensation. In October they did a community service project at Almost Home, where they also had the opportunity to meet Asst. Minority Floor Leader in the Missouri House, State Rep. Tishaura Jones. Rep.



LEAD participants are all smiles after a successful afternoon at the Women’s Networking Series on Nov. 15. From left, Joanna Woolens, Brittany Pumphrey, Jasmine Harvey, EeTerrica Reeves, Dacara Bolden, Emily Spacaj and Leanna Bales.

Jones briefed the students on legislative issues – including funding – that organizations like Almost Home and its clients face.

On Nov. 15, the students practiced their networking skills at the Women’s Networking Series, hosted by the UMSL Executive Leadership Consortium. After the event, many of the LEAD students signed up to participate the Women’s University Mentoring Project next spring.

In addition to practicing leadership skills, the students also learned about their individual leadership strengths using the *StrengthsFinder* online assessment, and developed a network to support their future leadership pursuits.

“With the great resources and ladies introduced to me in LEAD, it has shown me that I can and will be a leader,” said senior Kristen Weber. “I am grateful for the ‘push’ I feel came over me while working the program and am looking forward to the path I will now follow.” ❖

The Institute thanks the UMSL Women’s Leadership Initiative and ASUM for their financial support of the LEAD program, and the Gender Studies program for providing the space for the gathering on Dec. 2.



Participants in the 2011 UMSL Women LEAD program spent a sunny Saturday in October painting a fence and cleaning a van to benefit the residents of Almost Home, an organization in the City that provides services for homeless teenage mothers and their children. Among the painters, from left: EeTerrica “Terri” Reeves, Dawn Schulte and Kristen Weber.

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attorney for Clay County in Liberty.

In the 21st Judicial Circuit, 13 women have applied for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge James Hartenbach. The commission will conduct public interviews of all candidates beginning at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 19 and 20.

In elections to fill the lawyer slots on the judicial commissions, only one woman, Teresa Woody, was elected. Woody will serve on the Judicial Commission in the 16th Circuit (Jackson County). In St. Louis City and County, Mary Anne Sedey and Debbie Champion were replaced by men, as was Nancy Mogab, who served on the Appellate Judicial Commission.

As illustrated by the table below, these are now the only commissions in the state without at least one woman member. The Appellate Judicial Commission has seven members; the Circuit Commissions have five. Note: June Bosley Dabney-Gray and Jill Shurin serve as lay members on the 22nd and Appellate commissions, respectively, though both are serving on expired terms and are expected to be replaced soon. ❖

Women serving on Missouri Judicial Commissions effective 1/1/12

Appellate Judicial Commission	Jill Shurin , lay member <i>Term expired 12/31/2010</i>
Platte County 6th Judicial Commission	Hon. Lisa White Hardwick <i>Presiding Judge</i> Judy Stokes , lay member <i>Term expires 12/31/2013</i>
Clay County 7th Judicial Commission	Hon. Lisa White Hardwick <i>Presiding Judge</i> Lisa Essig , lay member <i>Term expires 12/31/2012</i>
Jackson Co. 16th Judicial Commission	Attorney Teresa Woody <i>Term expires 12/31/2018</i>
St. Louis Co. 21st Judicial Commission	<i>No women members</i>
St. Louis City 22nd Judicial Commission	June Bosley Dabney-Gray , lay member <i>Term expired 12/31/2010</i>
Greene Co. 31st Judicial Commission	Linda Fowler , lay member <i>Term expires 12/31/2014</i> Sara Hargis , lay member <i>Term expires 12/31/2012</i>

For a current listing of all commission members, visit www.umsledu/sueshear/judicial/judicial_commissions.html



Alumni News



It is always exciting to receive "progress reports" from graduates of our leadership programs. In addition to updates from Leadership Academy alums, we're now including news from graduates of the UMSL Women LEAD program. We are proud to share their accomplishments with you! (Note: The number in parenthesis represents year of participation in the Leadership Academy.)

◆ **Rachel Anderson**

University of Missouri-Columbia ('06)
Rachel recently relocated to Los Angeles, Ca., where she is an associate consultant at Morgan Samuels, a consulting and executive search firm.

◆ **Joy Bulen**

Truman State University ('11)
Joy plans to graduate in May 2012 with a BA in Sociology and Psychology. During the spring semester, she is interning with a state legislator as part of the Missouri Government Internship Program in Jefferson City.

◆ **Jessy Chisholm**

University of Missouri-St. Louis ('10)
Jessy graduated in May and has been volunteering on Sue Schoemehl's campaign for the State Senate. She recently started a full-time job in the InterLibrary Loan Department of the Pius Library at Saint Louis University.

◆ **Carolyn Chrisman (Lumsden)**

Truman State University ('01); Amethyst Award winner ('11)
In October, Carolyn was chosen as one of the "Top 5 under 40" for the Kirksville area. She will be traveling to Romania and Moldova with the Rotary Group Study Exchange next spring.

◆ **Lovey Davis**

University of Missouri-St. Louis ('02)
Lovey will graduate in December with her

MPPA from UMSL. Since August, she has been working as a communications assistant at Nordstrom in the St. Louis Galleria, where she is responsible for employee recognition and special events, as well as customer service.

◆ **Mayra Flesner**

University of Central Missouri ('04)
Mayra and her law partner just celebrated the very successful one year anniversary of their firm, the "Law Offices of Flesner & Dyer, LLC," in St. Charles, Mo. Mayra reports that the firm goal for Year 2 is to establish a non-profit arm to focus on pro bono work, providing free or reduced rate services to low income persons.

◆ **Elizabeth Fracica**

University of Missouri-Columbia ('10)
Lizzie was just accepted into the competitive Civic Leaders Internship Program (CLIP) at Mizzou and will be interning next spring with Representative Diane Franklin in Jefferson City, focusing on public health and health policy. In the meantime, she is interviewing for medical school.

◆ **Rachel Hassani**

Missouri State University ('10)
After running a grassroots campaign for a mayoral election in Dallas, Tx., last spring, Rachel returned to Missouri to help with the tornado recovery in Joplin. She is now back on the campaign trail, serving as Political Director for the Todd Akin for U.S. Senate Campaign.

◆ **Alana Henderson**

University of Missouri-Kansas City ('11)
Next semester, Alana will be an intern in the education department at Curious Theatre Company, a non-profit theatre company in Denver, Co.

◆ **Rebecca Holmes**

Missouri S&T ('11)
Rebecca was recently awarded the Mis-

souri S&T Woman Student of the Year Silver Award. Rebecca is a sophomore majoring in psychology with a minor in political science. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school for international relations.

◆ **Arzu Karimova**

University of Missouri-St. Louis ('05)
Arzu has founded Cervia Diagnostic Innovations, with a mission of developing a low-cost diagnostic tool to detect cervical cancer.

◆ **Kathie Kearbey**

Southeast Missouri State University ('99)
Kathie was one of three panelists for the "Faces of Homelessness" Speakers' Panel at the Missouri State Capitol on Nov. 16. The event, sponsored by the Missouri Association for Social Welfare (MASW) in partnership with the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness (GCEH), convened stakeholders to collaborate and build bridges in the struggle to end homelessness in Missouri.

◆ **Emily Kelchen (Kiddoo)**

Truman State University ('06)
Emily graduated from the University of Wisconsin law school and was admitted to the Wisconsin bar this spring. She now works for both the Hamilton Consulting Group and the Great Lakes Legal Foundation in Madison, WI.

◆ **Traci Kennedy (Harr)**

University of Missouri-Columbia ('07)
On Aug. 23rd, 2011, Traci became the administrative coordinator with Missouri Health Connection. She is working with Mindy Mazur, former Chief of Staff in the Secretary of State's Office, who Traci met during her Sue Shear Fellowship in 2007.

◆ **Brianna Lennon**

Truman State University ('06)
Brianna graduated in May, passed the bar this summer, and is an Assistant Attorney



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General in Jefferson City. She was recently appointed by Columbia City Council to serve on the New Century Fund Board of Columbia.

◆ **Katie New**

University of Central Missouri ('06)

Katie graduated with Pro Bono Honors from the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Law in May 2011. She passed the Missouri Bar Exam in July and is licensed to practice law in Missouri.

◆ **Cindy Sandoval Perez**

Southeast Missouri State University ('09)

Cindy will graduate in May 2012 with an accounting major and finance minor, and has accepted a position in the audit group at Pricewaterhouse Coopers in St. Louis.

◆ **Derecka Purnell**

University of Missouri-Kansas City ('11)

Derecka was recently appointed by City Councilwoman Melba Curls to serve as co-chair of the Emerge KC Leadership Board, which strives to mobilize and encourage people to become civically engaged and promote positive initiatives in the community. She was also selected as a member of the Teach for America Kansas City Corps for next fall.

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Institute mourns the passing of two Leadership Academy alums

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of two Leadership Academy alums, Shear Fellow Lori Gray, and Faculty-in-Residence Carla Owens Braziel.

Lori was a student at the University of Missouri-Rolla (now Missouri S & T) when she participated in the Leadership Academy in 2004. She was 31 when she passed away Sept. 29 of injuries sustained in a car accident.

Lori served on the committee for Relay for Life and was an advocate for victims of domestic violence. She will be remembered by those of us at the Institute for her quick wit and warm smile, and for the fast friendship she established with longtime Academy supporter Alberta Meyer, whom she introduced during the Governor's Mansion Lunch. Lori was wise beyond her years, making her a great companion for Alberta, who was 90 at the time (and is 97 today).

Carla was Director of Constituent Services for Missouri Governor Mel

Carnahan when she agreed to pack her pajamas and take up residence in a former convent with the Shear Fellows in 1998. She was a great resource and mentor in her role as Faculty-in-Residence and to many of her female colleagues in Jefferson City, where she later served as Assistant Director of Social Services.

Carla went on to serve as Program Director of Executive Programs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and Director of Communications and Public Affairs for the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative. In 2011 she became Vice President of Community Relations, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Lone Star, in Dallas, Tx., where she lived with her husband of two years, Dennis. She died Oct. 17 at the age of 48.

The women who knew Carla are forever inspired, and those who knew Lori are forever changed. Both of them will be greatly missed. ❖



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