Primary Election Recap:
Women poised to capture record number of seats in the Senate

In an election that reminded us that the ceiling in the Governor’s office is made of thick glass, women made strides toward a record number of seats in the Missouri Senate.

Overall, 74 percent (67 of 91) of women candidates for state and federal offices won their primary election contests on August 5.

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan (D) was the only woman major-party candidate for statewide office to win (out of nine total) and advance to the November general election. She is running for a second term.

State Treasurer Sarah Steelman (R) was unsuccessful in her bid for the Governor’s Office, and State Rep. Margaret Donnelly is awaiting the results of a recount in her race for the Democratic nomination for Attorney General. Both were seeking to be the first women to occupy these posts.

On a more positive note, two women state representatives won competitive primaries in bids for the Senate: Rep. Robin Wright-Jones (D-St. Louis) and Rep. Jane Cunningham (R-Chesterfield). Wright-Jones does not have a Republican opponent in the general election, and will replace outgoing Senator, Maida Coleman. Cunningham is running to replace Sen. John Loudon, another Republican, so a victory in November is anticipated. Her election would result in a net gain of one woman in the Senate (bringing the total to 8, an all-time high).

In addition, former State Rep. Joan Barry (D-St. Louis) is the nominee for the open 1st District seat currently held by a Democrat. A win by Barry would bring the tally of women in the Senate to nine (up from seven). The newcomers would join four women senators not on the ballot this year, as well as incumbent Sen. Yvonne Wilson (D-Kansas City) who is unopposed in the general election. Another incumbent, Sen. Luann Ridgeway (R-Smithville), faces a woman challenger, Sandra Aust (D-Kansas City), so regardless of the outcome that seat will be continue to be held by a woman.

The end is only the beginning
2008 Fellows learn the power of the Academy network

Hardly 90 minutes had passed at the 2008 21st Century Leadership Academy before this year’s Fellows heard first-hand accounts of the power of the Academy network.

“Suzanne Struglinski Broadfield, who you will meet at the keynote dinner on Thursday, helped me find my apartment when I moved to Washington, DC,” said 2004 Fellow Jennifer Drake, who relocated to DC last fall. “I had never met her,” Drake said, “but we were both Fellows and she helped me out.”

2003 Fellow Heather Lasher Todd, who recently moved back to Missouri from DC, recounted how she and Broadfield made a connection through the National Press Club, and then realized that they were both Shear Fellows.

But the week was more than six-degrees of separation with Suzanne Struglinski Broadfield.

On May 18, the Sue Shear Institute welcomed 36 Fellows to the Pierre Laclede Honors College on the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus for a week filled with presentations, panels, group discussions and projects led by women leaders shaping public policy as elected officials, government leaders and policy advocates. Drake and Todd were among the half dozen former Fellows
NAMES IN THE NEWS

Institute welcomes new board members in Kansas City

The Institute is pleased to welcome Jackson County Legislator Theresa Garza Ruiz and full-time community volunteer Joanne Collins to the Advisory Board in Kansas City. Ruiz, a graduate of the Institute’s “Pipeline to Local Office” program, holds the 1st District at-large seat in Blue Springs, Mo. She served five years in the Navy, and was a legislative liaison for the Legislature before being elected in 2006.

Collins was a member of the Kansas City City Council from 1974-1990, and served on the U.S. Commission on Human Rights. She is a member of 40 organizations and currently serves on 20 boards and committees. Collins was recently featured in the Institute Update, available on-line at www.umsl.edu/~iwpl/Enews/July08.htm.

Rollins appointed to head St. Louis County Housing Authority

Susan C.J. Rollins has been name executive director of the Housing Authority of St. Louis County. She is a former executive director of the St. Louis Community Development Agency, and served as president of the St. Louis Police Board. Most recently, Rollins was the assistant dean of graduate programs for University College, the evening division of Washington University.

Pillay named Human Rights Commissioner for UN

South African Judge Navanethem Pillay, co-founder of the international NGO Equality Now, which campaigns for women’s rights, has been confirmed as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. Pillay was the first woman to start a law practice in Natal Province, South Africa. She has served the last five years on the International Criminal Court in the Hague, and before that, spent eight years with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (including four years as President). She replaces Louise Arbour, and will serve a five-year term beginning Sept. 1.

Rogers named interim OH Attorney General

Ohio State University Law School Dean Nancy Rogers has been tapped by Gov. Ted Strickland to serve as the state’s attorney general. Rogers will lead the office for about six months, but does not plan to run in the November election.

Baker to lead Missouri Appeals Court

Judge Nanette Baker has been elected to a one-year term as chief judge by her 13 peers on the Court of Appeals—Eastern District. She succeeds Judge Patricia Cohen and is the first black woman to assume the post. Baker was appointed to the Court in November 2004, and twice has been nominated for the Supreme Court. In her new position she will also serve as chairwoman of the 21st and 22nd judicial circuit commissions.

In the Western District, Judge Thomas Newton was elected to a two-year term as chief judge. He is the first black judge to lead the court in the western district. This marks the first time that the Missouri Court of Appeals has had black chief judges in two of its districts simultaneously.

Edwards elected Maryland’s first black congresswoman

Donna Edwards, a lawyer and nonprofit executive, won a special election in June to become Maryland’s first black congresswoman. Edwards replaces former Rep. Albert R. Winn, who resigned after losing to Edwards in the February Democratic primary. She is the co-founder of the National Network to End Domestic Violence.

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

Institute welcomes Rhiannon Reynolds to the staff

If you have called the Institute lately, you may have heard an unfamiliar voice on the other end of the line. Meet Rhiannon Reynolds, the Institute’s new administrative assistant.

Rhiannon joined the staff in early May, just in time to put her skills to use in preparation for the Leadership Academy (so much for easing into things). She has since settled into the role of web mistress, and keeps the office running smoothly. She is a graduate of MU, where she obtained bachelor’s degrees in English and Political Science. Before coming to the Institute, she worked as a paginator at the Belleville News-Democrat. She has also worked as an information specialist at the State Historical Society where she was assistant editor for the Missouri Historical Review.

When she is not at work Rhiannon enjoys photography and hanging out with her son, Elijah, who starts kindergarten this year. We are happy to have her on board!
What’s Next? Kansas City seminar helps women hone leadership skills

Are you at a turning point in your life and career? Itching to get more involved in your community, but not sure how? Struggling to find your passion?

If so, rest assured that you’re not the first woman to wonder, “what’s next?” And rest easy knowing that the Sue Shear Institute has a suggestion.

“What’s Next? Women Making a Difference in Their Community,” is a six-week program designed to help women explore their personal “next step.” Sponsored by UMKC and the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life at UMKC, the Park University Center for Leadership, and the Mid-America Regional Council, the program is a must for women who want to increase their community and civic leadership skills.

“What’s Next?” will help participants identify their personal passion and develop a plan for leadership in the local community. The session will address the skills and abilities that can be applied to leadership positions, the role of public policy in communities and how public meetings are conducted.

Julie Warm, Manager of the Sue Shear Institute at UMKC, is among the core faculty for the program.

“We are finding that women who have thrown themselves into work and families are discovering that they are in a place in which they want to use their accumulated skills and wisdom to give back to the community,” she said. “This program gives them both the permission and the road map to drive their own future and that of their community.”

Other faculty include former Kansas City Mayor Kay Barnes; Laurie DiPadova-Stocks, dean of the Hauptmann School for Public Affairs; and psychologist and Hauptmann Fellow, Linda Moore.

Barnes is the founder of The Center for Leadership at the Hauptmann School for Public Affairs at Park, and is a distinguished professor for public leadership there.

She is also the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 6th Congressional District.

The cost is $75 for the entire six-week program and includes all materials and expenses, other than transportation and parking. A certificate of completion will be awarded. “What’s Next” participants can choose from two locations and times:

**Park University’s Downtown Kansas City Campus Center**
- 911 Main, 9th Floor
- Sept. 15 through Oct 22
- Monday and Wednesday from noon-1 p.m.

**Or**

**University of Missouri–Kansas City**
- Administrative Center, 5115 Oak
- Thursdays, Sept. 18 through Oct. 23
- 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Students will be asked to pick either the Park or UMKC location allowing for a cohort-group experience. The teachers, curriculum and resources will be identical between the two locations.

For more information about the classes, including how to register, visit www.park.edu/women/whatsnext.aspx

Women in Leadership: Changing the Status Quo

On June 10, the Sue Shear Institute at UMKC hosted a public luncheon conversation at the Plaza Branch of the Kansas City Public Library on the topic of reform. Lunch was provided. From left: Former Kansas City councilwoman Joanne Collins (moderator), and panelists, former Independence Mayor Barbara Potts and former Mayor of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County, KS, Carol Marinovich.
APPOINTMENTS

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

If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, contact the Institute at (314) 516-4727 in St. Louis or (816) 235-1409 in Kansas City and visit our website at www.umsl.edu/~iwpl/ to complete a “Public Service Personal Profile” on-line.

For a list of boards and commissions in Missouri, visit the Governor’s website at www.gov.mo.gov/boards/boards.htm

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Missouri State University Board of Governors

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Missouri Workforce Investment Board

And then there were none:

Women’s presence on many state boards has dwindled

Since 1973, Missouri governors have used their authority to appoint members to the state’s hundreds of boards, commissions and nonpartisan courts to create a government that looks more like the population of the state. The gender and racial diversity of these policy making entities has slowly changed, but seldom accurately reflects the population of the state, especially with regard to gender.

In 2008, women’s presence on many key boards has diminished, or disappeared entirely. The St. Louis Police Board and the Missouri Ethics Commission have made newsworthy decisions lately. However, neither body includes any women. Previously, governors appointed women who not only participated in their deliberations, but served as chair of each group.

Women have also disappeared from the seven-member Air Conservation Commission and the nine-member State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts. Looking after the quality of Missouri’s air as well as the integrity of the state’s health care providers is important to women as well as men.

With the growing concern about the cost of transportation, it is truly surprising that no women sit on the governing boards of the St. Louis area’s Bi-State Development Agency or on the Kansas City Transportation Authority.

A recent report by the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society at the University of Albany, SUNY ranked Illinois 25th, Missouri 39th and Kansas 40th in the number of women appointed to top-ranking policy positions in state government (out of all states). This included heads of state agencies and senior advisers.

Missouri will elect a new governor in November, and he will surely be seeking individuals for policy making positions including board appointments. The Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life, with offices at UMSL and UMKC, maintains a database of hundreds of women who are interested in serving on Missouri boards and commissions. It has been a resource for governors, mayors and county executives who are searching for well-qualified women to serve in their administrations as well as on policy boards. To join the Talent Bank, visit www.umsl.edu/~iwpl/talent-bank/pspform.html.

For a complete list of boards without women members, visit www.umsl.edu/~iwpl/wherearethewomen.html

St. Louis County

Miranda Duncan
Tax Increment Financing Commission; St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management Dist.

Margaret Hart-Mahon
Tax Increment Financing Commission

Dana McAuliffe
Bd. of the Friends of Kathy J. Weinman Shelter

Pam Reitz
Tax Increment Financing Commission

Jackie Wellington
Tax Increment Financing Commission

Appointment information for Kansas City, Jackson County and the City of St. Louis was unavailable at press time.
To register for the Walk please visit
www.umsl.edu/~iwpl/events/
Women_Walk_08.html
Women on Top: How Hillary’s Run Stacks Up

Sen. Hillary Clinton’s campaign for the Democratic Party’s presidential nomination certainly made history. Hillary-on-the-stump was a powerful image for women of all ages who could finally envision a woman as Commander in Chief.

There is no question that it prompted more than one pollster or media person to ask, “Is America ready?” Historically, the answer has been no. When it comes to women in political leadership, it appears that the United States is lagging behind 50 other countries around the world where women have held positions of national leadership.

Putting Things in Context

Women have been running for President of the United States before they even had the right to vote. Victoria Claflin Woodhull in 1872 and Belva Ann Lockwood in 1884 were the first of many females to campaign for the presidency. Both candidates ran under the Equal Rights Party. Though neither was successful, their legacy helped the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920, granting women the right to vote.

The idea of a woman president gained more traction in the second half of the 20th Century and into the 21st. In 1964, Republican Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine became the first woman to have her name placed in nomination for the presidency at a major party’s convention. In 1972 Congresswomen Shirley Chisholm, a Democrat, was the first African-American to actively seek the post. Almost 15 years later, in 1984, Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro was chosen as the vice-presidential candidate on the Democratic slate and became the first woman to appear on a major party presidential ticket. In 2000, Republican Elizabeth Dole mounted what many perceived to be the first serious challenge by a woman for a major party’s nomination.

However, as American voters passed on women presidential candidates, other countries began selecting women heads of state. Sirimavo Bandaranaike was elected prime minister of Sri Lanka in 1960. Twenty years later, Iceland became the first country to elect a woman president, Vigdis Finnbogadottir.

In total, 65 women have served as prime minister or president in 50 countries. Currently, 12 countries are led by women (see box below). Several of these elections made headlines in the United States for their historic and ground-breaking nature: Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf’s victory in 2006 made her the first woman elected leader of an African country. Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner made history (and waves) in Argentina last fall when she succeeded her husband to be the first woman elected president of the country. A prominent Senator in the national legislature, Fernandez de Kirchner’s election was unique because her husband, the former president, is still living: Historically, women who succeed their husbands do so after his death.

Ready or Not...

In their article “Beyond Hillary and Benazir: Trends in Women’s Political Leadership Worldwide,” professors Farida Jalalzai (UM-St. Louis) and Mona Lena Krook (Washington University in St. Louis) note that women presidents around the world have overcome great odds, rising to power in countries where women hold a lower status than men. Jalalzai and Krook caution, however, that not all elections are the same. The majority of women heads of state—38 of 65—rose to power through a parliamentary system, meaning they were chosen on a party list rather than by popular vote. In fact, only 12 women have come to power through popular election.

Therefore, the United States’ system of elections may explain some of the lag in electing a woman. “Ready or not,” our country’s first woman president is out there, and she is ready to join her sisters around the world at the top!

This story was written and researched by intern Rachel Perron.

Current Women Presidents and Prime Ministers

Argentina: President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, 2007 – present
Chile: President Michelle Bachelet, 2006 — present
Finland: President Tarja Halonen, 2000 – present
Germany: Chancellor Angela Merkel 2005—present
India: President Pratibha Devisingh Patil, 2007—present
Ireland: President Mary McAleese, 1997 — present
Liberia: President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, 2006 — present
Moldova: Prime Minister Zinaida Greceanii, 2008 — present
Mozambique: Prime Minister Luisa Dias Diogo, 2004 — present
New Zealand: Prime Minister Helen Elizabeth Clark, 1999—present
Philippines: President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, 2001 — present
Ukraine: Prime Minister Yuliya Tymoshenko, 2005, 2007 — present

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All 21 women incumbents who filed for re-election to the House won their primaries (15D and 6R) and 12 of them are uncontested by a major party candidate in the general election. Twelve women (7D and 5R) are running for open House seats held by their party and three of them—all from St. Louis—are uncontested in the general election: Tishaura Jones (D-63) Sharon Pace (D-70), and Rochelle Walton Gray (D-81).

At least 33 women candidates must win in November to match the number of women who served during the last legislative session (33 of 163, or 20 percent).

Eleven of 12 graduates of the Institute’s Pipeline to Public Office Campaign series won their elections (92 percent), including Rep. Judy Baker (D) who won a competitive primary to advance in the race to replace U.S. Rep. Kenny Hulshof (R) in the 9th Congressional District. For the first time since 2000, Missouri has an opportunity to elect three women to its nine-member Congressional Delegation: Incumbent Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson (R) won her primary in the 8th U.S. House District and former Kansas City Mayor Kay Barnes (D) will face incumbent U.S. Rep. Sam Graves in the 6th District in November.

For a complete list of women candidates running in November, visit: www.umsl.edu/~iwpl/cand_elections/2008General.html
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.)

♦ Caitlyn Adams
University of Central Missouri ('07)
Caitlyn is the campaign manager for Beth Grubb, Democratic challenger for the Missouri House in the 122nd District.

♦ Rachel Anderson
University of Missouri-Columbia ('07)
Rachel graduated from the University of Missouri in May, and is now an Admissions Representative at MU.

♦ Kelly Anthony
Truman State University ('99)
After several short-term contracts with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in New Mexico and Calif., Kelly is working as the field director for Miami-Dade county in the campaign to defeat a ballot initiative proposing a constitutional amendment to define and limit marriage.

♦ Jennifer Byrd
Missouri State University ('02)
Since last July, Jennifer has been living in Chicago where she is a reporter for Pensions & Investments, a publication owned by Crain Communications. Before moving to Chicago, she covered politics for the Associated Press in Cheyenne, Wyo., Helena, Mont., and Olympia, Wash.

♦ Marcia Chatelain, PhD
University of Missouri-Columbia ('99)
Marcia recently completed her PhD in American Civilization at Brown University. She is the Reach for Excellence Assistant Professor of African-American Studies and Honors at the University of Oklahoma-Norman’s Honors College. Marcia reports that she was thrilled to write a letter of recommendation for a student applying to NEW Leadership Oklahoma, a “sister” program to the 21st Century Leadership Academy.

♦ Rebecca Clifton
Missouri State University ('06)
Becky recently started a new job as a vocational evaluator/counselor at MERS/Goodwill Career Center in Springfield, Mo. She is very happy to be working in the non-profit sector!

♦ Caroline Erickson
University of Missouri-St. Louis ('07)
This summer, Caroline worked as the campaign manager for the Iveson for State Representative campaign. Caroline transferred to MU in the spring from UMSL where she was an intern for the Sue Shear Institute.

♦ Tamila Gresham
Missouri State University ('08)
Tamila will graduate in December and plans to attend law school in Washington, DC. She is an at-large pledged delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

♦ Holley Hansen
Truman State University ('99)
Holley spent several weeks in Kazakhstan in May, doing research for her dissertation on post-Soviet elections. She spent time in Almaty (the old capital) and Astana (the new capital) and reports that the trip enhanced her fluency in Russian!

♦ Rebecca Henderson
University of Central Missouri ('04)
Rebecca graduated from Michigan State University College of Law in December and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in May. She is taking the Missouri bar exam this summer and is looking for a job.

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♦ Bridgett Johnson  
University of Missouri–Kansas City (’06)  
Bridgett is the president of student government at UMKC and is serving on the search committee for the campus’ new chancellor.

♦ Aruna Josyula, M.D.  
University of Missouri–Columbia (’98)  
Aruna and her husband are moving to Austin, Tex., where she will begin a residency position in family medicine in Aug.

♦ Lina Khan  
Truman State Univ. (’06)  
Lina is graduating from Truman State University in August and will be pursuing a Master of Public Policy degree with a concentration in international development at the Univ. of Maryland in the fall.

♦ Melinda Love  
University of Missouri-St. Louis (’02)  
Melinda completed her substance abuse counselor certification in July and recently accepted a position as a counselor at Preferred Family Health in Brentwood, Mo.

♦ Meghan Lowery  
Missouri State University (’06)  
Meghan recently presented a paper on Emotional Expression, Gender, and Workplace Appropriate Behaviors with a colleague at an international academic conference in Fontainebleau, France. She was pleased with the positive response to the presentation, and continues to conduct research on gender differences in the workplace at SIU-Carbondale, where she is pursuing a dissertation in educational leadership and policy at the University of Kansas. She and her partner are expecting their first child in January.

♦ Dianna Meyers  
Missouri Unv. of Science & Tech. (’05)  
Dianna spent her summer in Dallas, Tex. working for Dal-Tile and doing color theory. She will begin her final year at S&T in the fall and is considering law school, working in the ceramics field, or getting into politics after she graduates in 2009. Dianna has been very involved with the Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM), and currently serves as Vice President-External Affairs for the Student Council, and Vice Chair for the ISC of the UM System.

♦ Paula Mihalcik, PhD  
Missouri Unv. of Science & Tech. (’02)  
Paula recently started a new job as the technical project manager with the Leonard Wood Institute, which helps the Army identify and utilize the capabilities of researchers to perform training-related research and development, and to provide services related to current and future Army programs. Prior to the switch, she was a research engineer with MO S & T.

♦ Katie New  
University of Central Missouri (’06)  
Katie graduated Magna Cum Laude from UCM in May, and plans to attend law school at UMKC in the fall. She recently completed an internship with Missouri Minority House Leader Paul LeVota.

♦ Jessica Pace  
University of Missouri-St. Louis (’08)  
As a result of networking she did at the 21st Century Leadership Academy, Jessica was hired in June as the state office coordinator for the America Votes organization in St. Louis.

♦ Roan Peters  
University of Missouri-Columbia (’06)  
Roan will be a 5th year senior at Mizzou in the fall, where she is majoring in business administration, international studies and German. She has several jobs, including a new position as a research intern at the law office of Sarah J. Read. In addition, she holds leadership positions in three campus organizations, and plays clarinet in Marching Mizzou.

♦ Jessica Post  
Truman State University (’01)  
Jessica is the statewide field director for the Minnesota Democratic Farm Labor Coordinated Campaign.

♦ Ivana Ristovska  
University of Missouri-St. Louis (’08)  
Ivana was a summer intern for Congressman Russ Carnahan, and has been offered a job as a field organizer for his re-election campaign this fall.

♦ Lauren Ryan  
University of Missouri-Columbia (’07)  
Lauren graduated from the MU in December with a B.S. in biological sciences and a minor in leadership and public service. She recently moved to San Fransisco to pursue a master’s in Genetic Counseling at CSU-Stanislaus.

♦ Jesse Sendejas  
University of Missouri-Kansas City (’04)  
Jesse is an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Kansas City. She is currently training for the Twin Cities Breast Cancer 3-Day walk in September, and recently got a new puppy (terrier mix) named Cooper.

♦ Natalie Soltys  
Truman State University (’07)  
Natalie was selected to receive the Eisenhower Internship at the Republican Na-
Rachel Perron: Institute Intern Extraordinaire

Rachel Perron applied one of the core principles of the Sue Shear Institute, and it paid off. Without waiting to be asked, Rachel approached the Institute last spring to express her interest in being a media intern. The rest, as they say, is history. She has not only been the Institute’s media intern; she was an Academy intern, and she’s done a little bit of everything at the Institute this summer.

A junior political science and journalism double major and French minor, Rachel spent her freshman and sophomore years at Miami University in Ohio where she was a senior staff reporter for the Miami Student and intern reporter at the Oxford Press. She will attend MU this fall, and eventually plans to pursue a career in print journalism and attend law school.

“We’re glad to welcome her back to Missouri, and wish her success at MU!”

For complete bios of the 2008 Fellows, visit the Institute’s website at: [www.umsl.edu/~iwpl/08_Fellows_Bios.htm](http://www.umsl.edu/~iwpl/08_Fellows_Bios.htm)

University of Missouri–Columbia
Vicky Riback Wilson, Advisor; Melissa Austin, Robin Dieken, Nabihah Maqboul, Tatiana Mckinney, Mary Jo Ryan

University of Missouri–Kansas City
Brenda Bethman, Advisor; Jumoke R. Balogun, Tara A. Kloeppel, Sarah Johanna Linneman, LaDonna A. McCullough

Missouri Univ. of Science &Technology
Dr. Patti Fleck, Advisor; Emily Bahram-Ahi, Alexandra Niemoeller, Stephanie Rostad, Angelica Whittington

University of Missouri–St. Louis
Dr. Farida Jalalzai, Advisor; Ashley Gilpin, Jessica Pace, Ivana Ristovska, Monica Swindle

Faculty in Residence
Hon. Anna Forder

Interns
Caitlyn Adams, Univ. of Central Missouri
Rachel Perron, Sue Shear Institute

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Ashley Warren
University of Missouri–Columbia ('06)
Ashley graduated with a BS in Biology and a BA in Sociology in December 2007 and recently moved to Kirksville (with her new husband, Damon) to attend the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Future Fellows (and their male colleagues):
Ty Wesley Filley, 7/11/08
(Lacey Filley: Lincoln University, '06)
Khalil Buatte, 3/30/08
(Raegan Buatte: University of Missouri–Kansas City, '04)
Madeleine Claire Newell 6/4/08
(Mary Hoemann Newell: University of Missouri–Columbia, '98)

This issue’s Abundant Update trophy goes to MU, with 7 updates!
Yes, I want to support the Institute’s mission in helping women participate fully in public policy decision making arenas. Please place me on your mail list for notice of upcoming events and to receive the Woman Watch newsletter.

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