

Department for Children and Families-

Jackie Aubert

I started my State career working for the Department of Revenue, Driver Control as a senior in high school in August 1974. My first job was to file (paper) traffic tickets. I took a year off to attend Emporia State University.

I returned to work for the Department of Revenue in June of 1976 in Driver Control and then in Legal Services. I held various positions from Clerk Typist I to Secretary II. All work involved some phase of driver's license suspensions. Total work time with Revenue was 9 years.

I started working for SRS at Topeka State Hospital as the Business Administrator's secretary in November of 1984. This position started my budgeting experience. With the closing of Topeka State Hospital, I promoted to the SRS Central Office Budget Unit in January 1997 as the Executive Secretary for the Budget Director. I have held four different positions in the budget unit: Executive Secretary, Public Service Administrator II, Management Systems Analyst II and now Management Systems Analyst III. This year I will help prepare my 31st budget. Total work time with SRS/DCF so far is 32 years.

Debbie Guernsey

I worked for one year at Wichita State University; 39 years at the Department for Children and Families. It is interesting to have worked in one place so long that many of the employees were not even born when you started working there!

At DCF I started as a CPS Investigation Social Worker, then CPS Intake Worker, Adult Protective Service Social Worker, Supervisor of the Foster Care Payment Unit for 30 years, and currently Quality Assurance Case Reader. I've gone from the years of no computers, to being a computer trainer teaching others how to use a computer mouse, to appreciating all the new technology we have now.

I was lucky to have had the opportunity to split my job and work half time for several years when my two children were young and lucky to have a husband that tolerated the later years when I worked over 40 hours!

Flexibility in work schedules is a key in retaining experienced workers and rewarding those that do good work. It has been an interesting and challenging journey. I hope I've made a difference along the way.

Katherine P Harris

I began working for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, now Department for Children and Families in 1975 in the IT Data Entry section.

In 1977 I left the State for a brief three months and returned to the same position. In 1978 I began working in IT Computer Operations on the evening shift moving to days after 2.5 years. In 1984 I became the Supervisor of Computer Operations. In 1997 I moved to a Database Administrator position and then Supervisor of the Database and Software tools section in 2000.

As a supervisor for many years, I appreciate the commitment and support of each team member I've worked with and their dedication to serving the citizens of Kansas

Pam Jacob

Pam graduated from the University of Kansas in 1975 and started her career in the Kansas City SRS office in 1976. Pam worked as an Income Maintenance Worker for four years and then an Income Maintenance Supervisor for three years before coming to Central Office in 1983 as the Food Stamp (later Food Assistance) Program Manager.

During that time Pam directed or assisted in the implementation of many changes to the Program, including the implementation of KAECSES in 1988, the implementation of EBT in 1996 and the implementation of simplified reporting in 2003.

Pam worked as the Program Manager until 2013 when she transitioned to the KEES project where she continues to work to work on insuring the KEES system is implemented according to Federal FNS guidelines and regulations and to assist in the implementation of the Phase 3 FNS Pilot and other food assistance related activities.

Beverly L. Stultz

My first job with the State of Kansas was at Farrell Library on the K-State campus in May, 1976. After six months, I changed to the Department of SRS in my home town of Abilene. When the Abilene SRS closed in May 2011, I worked one year in Junction City SRS, & then transferred to Salina DCF. My main job duties have been EES/front desk support.

I have been married for 32 years to Walter Stultz. We have two dogs, Spice and Kate. My interests include reading murder/mysteries, doing counted cross-stitch, camping & trail riding in our UTV, working on my family genealogy, & spending time with family & friends.

Through the years, SRS/DCF has had lots of changes, which has kept the job interesting. I have enjoyed meeting/working with a variety of DCF co-workers and have had fantastic supervisors.

Claudia Taylor

Claudia grew up in Atchison and began working for the KU Police Department while she was in college and started working full-time in 1976.

In February of 1977, she began working for Hiawatha SRS as an Income Maintenance Worker (now EES). In 1983 she transferred to the Lawrence SRS office and shortly after became an IM Worker II. In 1985 she took over a supervisor's role as an Income Maintenance Worker III.

In 1986 she transferred to SRS Central Office as the Food Stamp Administrator. While in Central Office, she also assisted in preparing the yearly budget for SRS. In 1994 she transferred to Topeka SRS in the Child Support Unit. In 1999, she became a Systems Analyst for the IT Department of SRS and remains there now for DCF.

While working for SRS, Claudia was active with the Kansas Conference on Social Welfare. She held many offices and served as the President of KCSW in 2000.

In her spare time, Claudia enjoys her 22 year old twin daughters and her one year old granddaughter. She also enjoys her dogs and is a devoted fan of KU Basketball.

Department of Administration

Regina Mannell

I started my employment with the State of Kansas in August of 1975 at age 19 as a temporary Data Entry Operator for the Department of Administration. I was excited because I had just recently gotten married.

I eventually became a permanent employee in February of the following year. In the fall of 1978 I was promoted to a Data Control Tech position and from there I held various positions within the Division of Accounts and Reports and DISC as we were known back then.

Today, after serving over 40 years with three kids and one husband (yes the same one), I work as a Computer Operations Supervisor here in OITS.

I have been privileged to work with some great people throughout the years here and have seen lots of changes. I'll never forget that old computer with the Orange terminal screen where we had to load cards into a hopper. We prayed we didn't drop any while we were loading it. Every card had to be in order and we are talking about a lot of punch cards. I have seen the cards go away to be replaced by terminals and then PC's.

Data Entry is a thing of the past. Instead of loading tapes on a drive manually we now have Virtual Tape drives and Dasd, and now we are talking the Cloud. The Harris, AS400, and print shops are long gone in our area and new server technology has moved in. Instead of two or three floors we occupy one first floor building and two data centers.

I appreciate all the people who helped me along my journey and hope for a few more years to help others and continue to pass along what I have learned.

Thanks for the memories and for recognizing me today.

Charlotte Thompson

Hi, I'm Charlotte, I been married for 30 years and I have three, a daughter and two sons, and I have four grandkids, one boy and three girls.

I'm a fan of KU football and basketball. I love going antiques shopping and going to the flea market. My favorite shows: *Antiques Road show*, *America Pickers*, *How to Get Away with Murder* and watching classic movie. And I love reading mysteries stories.

Sunday is family time is to spending time with my kids and grandkids and it makes my day to have the family over and we have a lot of fun doing it.

Department of Agriculture

James Bagley

James Bagley is a Professional Civil Engineer in the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Water Management Services Program. He began his state service at Kansas State University's Evapotranspiration Laboratory in February 1976.

In September 1977 he began working with the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Water Appropriation Program. In 1983 he was appointed head of a newly formed Technical Services Section which

subsequently became part of the Water Management Services Program. He has worked on a variety of matters: interstate water issues, impairment complaints, the water banking program, aquifer storage and recovery projects, and the water rights database, which he helped to migrate from a main-frame computer database to a relational database in 1996.

Because he has continued throughout his career to increase his technical job skills and deep knowledge of the history of the statutes, rules, and regulations that help Kansas manage its precious water resources, Jim has become a precious resource in his own right. Division staff and management, and even other agencies, rely heavily on Jim's advice, informed by history and sound engineering reason, and his ability to use the wealth of data that the division has collected and meticulously stored over decades to answer complicated but vital questions about water management.

We would like to have Jim for another 40 years, but that would be unfair after he's served Kansas so long and so well; so we'll settle for another 20.

Department of Labor

Sheila Morelock

I started my employment with the Department of Human Resources on December 12, 1976. I was fresh out of Vo-Tech's secretarial office training class. Little did I know at that time I would continue my employment with the State of Kansas for 40-plus years.

I began working in the Interstate Claims Unit as a clerk. All work flows were paper and we did not have a PC yet alone a telephone on our desk. We had CRT's (cathode ray tube) that were shared with other employees as well as one phone for the entire Interstate Unit. Yes, I said shared, with other employees.

In 1981 I was promoted to a data entry operator keying in initial unemployment claims, weekly claims and wages. After about a couple of years I was then promoted back to the Interstate Unit as an adjudicator issuing decisions to pay or deny benefits to applicants.

In 1986 I was promoted to a supervisor in the local office here in Topeka. The local office is where all applicants reported to "in person" to file their unemployment claim. After a week of training, my manager went on vacation for a month. During that month I learned more "on the job" than I think any training would have taught me. I supervised employees in our Topeka office as well as in four itinerate locations. I also continued adjudication work during this time. I truly think this position was my favorite position due to the interaction with all the claimants we served and the busyness of the position.

In 1998, I accepted a position in our administrative office as the area trainer and UI/IT Coordinator. During my first few weeks in this position it was decided to consolidate our seven local offices down to three call centers. Keeping track of employees who were moving from one of the closing local offices to one of the call centers was a full time job. Oh, and we can't forget the very early morning call I received from the Kansas City Manager stating the call center building had fell in. It was later discovered that the building we occupied was built on a closed limestone mine and with the heavy rains we had experienced the mine had started to collapse. The next few days were spent trying to rescue office equipment, supplies and employees personal belongings from the building.

In 2004 I was chosen as a subject matter expert to work on our unemployment insurance modernization project. Once the project ended in 2008, I returned to the Benefits Section and was later promoted to the chief of benefits.

As you might expect during my 40 year tenure many, many work flows have changed, for the better I might add. From the phone ringing maybe five times a day in the interstate unit, the first snowfall in the local office with a line of claimants out the door and around the building wanting to file for unemployment, to all our business conducted by phone or Internet today.

I truly have some amazing memories during my tenure at KDOL.

Pam Radford

I started working at the Employment Security Agency in June 1976 as a Clerk-Typist II, in the CES (current employment statistics) unit of Research Analysis. 40 years later-after many agency name changes, department name changes and building renovations, I am still in the same building, on the same floor, within the same unit. I am presently working for the Kansas Department of Labor, as a research analyst, in the Labor Market Information Division, as the CES unit.

Rachel Sangalang

I stated in the Kansas Department of Revenue in September 1975 while still in high school. I came to the Kansas Department of Human Resources (now Department of Labor) on July 18, 1976, and have worked for Unemployment Insurance Contributions in various positions most of that time. I worked for about one and half years for the Kansas Advisory Committee on Hispanic Affairs in the early 1990s when it was under the Kansas Department of Human Resources.

Department of Revenue

Elizabeth (Betty) Parhomek

Betty lives in Topeka and all of her 40 years of state service have been with the Kansas Department of Revenue. She started in June 1976 right after her high school graduation.

She worked in titles and registrations on the title corrections desk as a clerk typist. She gathered the information to correct titles that were printed incorrectly. In 1977, she moved to audit services as a Clerk Typist II. She typed field audit reports which involved trying to decipher the hand written documentation of the auditors. In April 1983, Betty promoted to a Tax Examiner I position in the Sales Tax Department.

When the collections area was started in November 1989, she was chosen as one of the initial team members. While in collections, she promoted to a Tax Examiner II and supervised a diverse group of people to say the least. After 16 years in collections, Betty promoted to her current position of customer Representative specialist in audit services where her favorite things to work on are self-audits and Voluntary Disclosures. She has also enjoyed being able to assist other teams whenever necessary or requested.

She has seen many changes over the years and is happy about most of them. She remembers when adjustments to accounts were written on a paper document and would not post for 4 to 6 weeks. Employees used to smoke at their desks in a shared workspace and now they have to stand a certain distance away from the doors of the building. Five or six people used to share one computer and now most people have two monitors on their desks.

She has worked most of the past 40 years in the Docking State Office Building. The saddest part about the changes she has seen is the up-coming closure of the Docking State Office Building. She has made

many friends throughout the years, even those who didn't necessarily work for the Department of Revenue, but in which she saw in the building and on the elevators. It is not unusual for someone to come up to Betty while out and about after work or on the weekends and say they use to see her in the Docking Building all the time.

When not at work, Betty enjoys spending time with her family including her mother and her siblings, but especially her two sons, her new daughter-in-law and her 4-year-old grandson.

Department of Transportation

Michael Hahn

Mike started with KDOT in June of 1976 as a parts runner. In approximately 1982, he joined the paint crew. In 2005, he was promoted to supervisor of this crew, and remains in this same position today.

Eric Henderson

Department of Revenue; Clerk and Laborer from March 1976 to October of 1978, Department of Transportation District One South Lot as a Storekeeper from October 1978 to September 1980. Department of Transportation Research and Materials Laboratory since September 1980; as a Storekeeper in the Stockroom, as an Engineering Technician in the Aggregate section, the Chemical lab Asphalt subsection and currently in the Chemical lab Paint & Miscellaneous subsection.

Emporia State University

Janet E. Rees

Janet graduated from (then) Emporia Kansas State College in May 1976 with a degree in Business Administration. Janet held several student jobs while attending college.

She began in admissions at Emporia State in the fall of 1976 and has been in that department her entire career. She has experienced numerous changes and increased responsibilities over the years due to changes in technology, admissions requirements, policies, and procedures. Her experience in working with students to help them achieve their goals has been the motivation to stay in Admissions. She has enjoyed her work in admissions and plans to continue a few more years!

Her husband, Don, worked for ESU for 16 years and her daughter, Brittany, is currently a student at ESU, graduating in December. Her son, Andrew, holds two degrees from ESU. Go Hornets!

Fort Hays State University

Michael Lacy

Michael started employment with the State of Kansas in Topeka working for the Department of Human Resources in September 8, 1975 as a Computer Programmer. He was promoted to a Systems Programmer around 1980. Michael transferred to Fort Hays State University in July 1984 as a Technical Support Manager and still holds that position today.

Cheryl (Allen) Schmeidler

Cheryl grew up in rural Smith County, Kansas, and graduated from Lebanon High School. She attended Fort Hays State University, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

Except for 5 ½ years' employment in the Ellis County Civil Defense/Rural Fire office and Ellis County District Court office, the remainder of Cheryl's 40 years of employment with the state of Kansas has been at her alma mater in the FHSU Physical Plant and Facilities Planning offices.

Judicial Branch

Mary Kay Howe

Mary Kay graduated from Brown Mackie College in October 1975, passing the Certified Shorthand Reporter (CSR) Exam at a speed of 210 wpm. In 1980, Mary Kay passed the Certificate of Proficiency National exam (RPR) at a speed of 225 wpm. Then in 1992, Mary Kay passed the Certificate of Merit National exam (RMR) at a speed of 260 wpm.

Mary Kay started her career working as an official in Wyandotte County under the Hon. Joe Swinehart from Dec. 1975 until Sept. 1976.

Mary Kay then took an official position in Douglas County in September 1976, working under the Hon. Bill Paddock and Hon. Jack Murphy, both retiring, and she is currently working under the Hon. Sally Pokorny.

Mary Kay has served in all offices of the Kansas Court Reporters Association, spanning from 1986 until 1993, as well as serving as Legislative chairman and other various committees for many years. Mary Kay was awarded the KCRA Distinguished Member Award in 2011.

Mary Kay comes from a family of court reporters, with a sister in Wichita owning a freelance firm, a now-retired sister, who was an official in Shawnee County for many years, as well as a daughter and daughter-in-law that are official court reporters in Shawnee County presently, and a cousin in Sedgwick County, who is an official. Obviously, their family of court reporters span throughout the entire State of Kansas.

In 2014 and 2015, Mary Kay gave presentations before the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Legislature, which in turn, she was asked and made a presentation before the National Court Reporters' Association annual conference in New York City in August of 2015.

Mary Kay continues in her position in Douglas County under the Hon. Sally Pokorny or other divisions, as needed.

Jackie Lewis

Jackie Lewis began working for the court system in June of 1976. There were no computers, court administrators or jury coordinators. Records were made using typewriters or by logging items by hand onto case files or log books. The clerk's office has moved three times during her tenure with the court and she has worked for 3 different clerks and 5 court administrators. Jackie states she has enjoyed every minute working with the judges, AA's, court services, the public and co-workers ... *Well, maybe*

not every minute but most. Jackie has adult children Ann, Cory, and Jon and seven grandchildren who she loves very much.

Brad Sherffius

My name is Bradley R. Sherffius. I am an Official Court Reporter for the First Judicial District. I live in Atchison. I am married. I have two children and three grandchildren. My hometown is Cottonwood Falls in Chase County. I have been working in my current position since May, 1976, and it was -- and has been -- my one and only full-time job.

Rachel Padilla

Rachel first came to Court Services in 1977 and worked in the records department. In 1983 she transferred to the Clerk of the District Court's office and remained there until 1994 when she returned to court services and became a secretary for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations departments.

In 1996 she became a presentence report writer and continues to be in this position plus she supervises seven staff members which became and added job duty in 2007. In addition, Rachel interprets for court services and the court.

Rachel has received many appreciation letters and memos from Judges, attorneys, staff members and others for her work and she continues to do a good job. She has been a true asset to court services and the 3rd Judicial District.

Kansas Neurological Institute

Cheryl Hobbs

Cheryl began working at KNI on August 2, 1975. She is currently the Client Training Supervisor on Northern Hills North which is home to eight individuals with intellectual disabilities. She is responsible for providing overall direction, including supervision to the direct support staff, in the home. She has been the Client Training Supervisor for Northern Hills North since 1993.

Kansas State University

Mark Barnett

Dr. Mark Barnett is a professor in the Department of Psychological Sciences at Kansas State University. He received his Ph.D. in Psychology from Northwestern University and joined the faculty at K-State in the fall of 1975.

On two occasions, he received a William L. Stamey Teaching Award from the College of Arts and Sciences. In addition to teaching over 20,000 undergraduate students, he has been a Co-Director of the department's highly successful Teaching Apprenticeship Program and has served as the major advisor of numerous graduate students who have gone on to have successful careers as instructors and researchers.

Over the years, Dr. Barnett and his students have had numerous studies on social-emotional development in children published in professional journals and presented at national conventions. Since 2008, he has been a two time recipient of a Professorial Performance Award at K-State.

Phillip W. Stahlman

Phillip W. Stahlman, PhD, is a Research Weed Scientist at the Kansas State University Agricultural Research Center at Hays. He joined K-State's Department of Agronomy in July 1975 as Superintendent of the Harvey County Experiment Field and transferred in November 1976 to the then named Fort Hays Experiment Station as Leader of the Weed Science Project. He continues in that role today.

His research has focused on integrated weed management in cropping systems, crop-weed competition, development of experimental herbicides, and benefit and risk assessments of herbicide-resistant crops. He is an international known expert on herbicide resistant weeds and has received numerous professional awards and honors.

Legislative Division of Post Audit

Rick Riggs

Rick Riggs started with the State of Kansas in 1975, right out of college. He went to the old personnel building at 801 Harrison and flipped through the big books of civil service tests until he found one he could pass.

He started at the Department of Corrections that fall, working as a Correctional Officer for a year and as a Parole Officer for six more years. He then worked for the State Corporation Commission as a Management Analyst before moving to the Legislative Division of Post Audit in 1984.

University of Kansas

Kristin Bowman-James

Kristin Bowman-James is a University Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at the University of Kansas and Director of the National Science Foundation-funded Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) for the State of Kansas.

She received her Bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees from Temple University and after postdoctoral research at The Ohio State University, came to the University of Kansas in 1975 as Assistant Professor. She was the first woman to Chair the Chemistry Department (1995-2001) and became a University Distinguished Professor in 2007.

Bowman-James actively promotes the careers of underrepresented groups. She serves on the Advisory Board of the Committee for the Advancement of Women Chemists (COACH) and co-organized the NSF/NIH-sponsored workshop *Workshop on Excellence Empowered by a Diverse Academic Workforce: Chemists, Chemical Engineers and Materials Scientists with Disabilities* (2009). She received the Kansas Dolph Simons Sr. Award for Research Achievement (2002) and American Chemical Society awards for promoting diversity (2002) and for her chemistry (2003). She was inducted into the Temple University Gallery of Success (2004) and as a Fellow of the American Chemical Society in 2010.

One of her favorite hobbies is cars and in her spare time, she has been known to drive a rear engine dragster in regional races.

Stephen Fawcett

Stephen B. Fawcett is Kansas Health Foundation Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Applied Behavioral Science at the University of Kansas, where he joined the faculty in 1975.

He is Co-Director of KU's World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Community Health and Development. He works on community health and development projects locally, nationally, and globally (especially in the Americas and Africa).

Professor Fawcett is co-developer of KU's Community Tool Box <http://ctb.ku.edu> which last year reached over 5.8 million unique users in over 200 countries.

Leon Greene

Professor Greene came to the University of Kansas in 1975 after teaching two years at the College of Idaho and prior to that earning a Ph. D. degree at the University of Utah.

He teaches courses and serves as program director for the Community Health Program and conducts research on obesity with a team from the University of Kansas Medical Center.

He enjoys working with children in physical activity settings as does his wife, Melissa, who is a physical educator in the Blue Valley School District.

Allan Hanson

Allan Hanson has completed 50 years on the KU faculty. He came to KU after receiving his doctorate from the University of Chicago in 1966.

During his time on the faculty he has held visiting appointments in Oxford, Paris, Aarhus, Auckland, Wellington, and Bellagio. He and his wife Louise raised three children in Lawrence.

Kathy Jansen

I started my employment at KU in June of 1975. I worked in the Office Supply Store for 27 years as a Storekeeper and Manager. Then I worked in the Purchasing Office as a buyer for eight years. After that I worked in the Computer Center and at KUCR. For the past three years I have been working as an Accounting Specialist in the ESB Service Center.

I have enjoyed my career at the University and watching the Jayhawks. Both of my children are KU grads. My Husband has his doctorate from KU.

Kent Miller

Kent E. Miller began his career in the KU Libraries in 1965, after earning degrees in Latin American history and library science at KU and Emporia State University.

He has served in leadership positions in the KU Libraries since 1968 and continues today as Associate Dean of Libraries. A Kansas native, he has raised a son and two daughters, all of whom have attended KU.

At this stage of his career, his interests are focused on the university and its libraries, the genealogical aspects of Kansas pioneers in northeast Kansas, and his farm in Pottawatomie County.

Edward Morris

After earning a doctorate in psychology at the University of Illinois, Professor Morris joined KU's Department of Human Development and Family Life in 1975.

In 2000, he became the department's chairperson and, under duress, remade it into the Department of Applied Behavioral Science. He has been president of the Association for Behavior Analysis International and the American Psychological Association's divisions for Behavior Analysis and the History of Psychology. He now teaches courses and pursues scholarship on the historical and conceptual foundations of behavior analysis, chairs college curriculum committees, and is president of the Kansas Association for Behavior Analysis.

His daughter is a federal probation officer, living with her family in Overland Park. He runs and hikes as best he can.

James Orr

Jim Orr is a Professor in the Department of Molecular Biosciences at KU. He started at KU as an Assistant Professor in 1975 and has taught both introductory biology and upper level physiology courses.

His research investigated the function of the heart, lung and blood vessels. He served as the Chair of the Division of Biological Sciences for 14 years (1992 – 2006).

He was awarded an Established Investigator award from the American Heart Association (1981 – 1986) and a Chancellor's Club Career Teaching Award (2014). He and his wife, Marilyn, have one daughter (Sarah), one son (Matthew) and six grandchildren.

Kathy Stiers

Kathy Stiers started her state service in 1969 at Topeka State Hospital as a Clerk-Typist I. Although her state service did not stay continuous, she can say she worked for several state agencies in Topeka, such as KPERS, KDHE, SRS, known today as DCF. She even worked part-time at Watkins Student Health Center at the University of Kansas while studying for her bachelor's degree in journalism.

Her next career move places her as the billing secretary for Radiation Oncology – KU Medical Center. Then her last move in 1988 takes her to Environment, Health & Safety – University of Kansas, where she has remained. She enjoys her great-nephews, likes photography and crocheting.

Phillip Vannicola

Phillip Vannicola started his 40 years of service in 1976 at KU landscaping. He transferred to the Kansas Department of Transportation and worked on the survey crew from 1977-1978.

In 1978 he returned to KU in the Electric shop and worked as a Labor, Electrician and finally a Supervisor. In 2000 he transferred to the Sheet Metal shop. He transferred to Student Housing as a supervisor over the Stauffer Apartments in 2002.

When Student Housing was moved to zone maintenance he was moved to Zone 4 at Facilities Services. Phillip and his wife Gayle have 2 sons and 2 grandchildren. He enjoys camping, fishing and hunting.

Anthony Walton

Dr. Walton conducts research and teaches classes about sedimentary rocks and petroleum geology. His classes reach into petroleum engineering and volcanology as well. He earned a Kemper Award for teaching in 2004.

He earned a Ph.D. in geology from The University of Texas in 1972 and taught for three years at Vanderbilt University before joining the KU faculty in 1975. He served as Chair of the Department of Geology at KU from 1987 to 1999. He has been active in continental scientific drilling and in service to KU at the departmental, college, and university level.

Walton was born and raised in Moorestown, New Jersey, and graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. He has been married to the former Ann Virginia Kershner of Houston, Texas for 47 years. The Waltons have two children and four grandchildren.

Lynn Watney

Lynn Watney joined the Kansas Geological Survey in 1976 as a geoscientist and most recently, as a member with the Energy Research Section as a Senior Scientific Fellow and Courtesy Professor in the Department of Geology.

His research is focused on the subsurface of Kansas and associated resources including oil and gas. Lynn's current efforts include demonstration of the use of CO₂ to improve oil recovery, and monitoring and analysis to ensure safe and effective injection of brine and CO₂. Lynn and his wife, Karen, and daughter, Chris, are all KU graduates.

University of Kansas Medical Center

Diana Hardesty

Diana was still a student at Donnelley College and was only able to work part-time. She started working for KU Medical Center on December 5, 1975 as a Clerk I Shelver in the Clendening Library/Dykes Library, which was located in Robinson Hall.

Diana had always wanted to work in a clerical position.

After graduation, she was in need of a full time job. In 1976 she knew that the position working as an assistant to the director's secretary (Office Asst. IV), in the library, was going to be available. She applied and she's not sure if it was having worked in the library already, or what, but she got the position. Diana believes being in this position opened the doors for her as this is where she learned about the payroll system, the purchasing system and the accounting system. Of course since that time everything has changed and she is still learning about each system.

Diana left the library in 1978 and took a position as Clerk II in what was known as Medical Records, but is now known as Health Information Management which was located in Sudler Hall at the time. Diana was promoted to a Clerk Typist II while in Medical Records. It wasn't that Medical Records wasn't interesting; it just wasn't what Diana was looking for. She always kept looking for that clerical position, and finally with the help of a few collages, and just as Medical Records was making the move to their

new offices in the new Bell Memorial Hospital, she found that a clerical position (Secretary I) was opening up in Design & Construction Management part of the Facilities Planning office., 1979 she left Medical Records. She actually spent one week working for Medical Records in the new Bell Memorial Hospital.

She started as a Secretary I in the Facilities Management/Planning Department, known as Design and Construction Management, at the time. She worked for the Project Manager over construction; filing, typing, payroll, processing payments and change orders for the contractors that were making improvements around the medical center after being approved by the State. But in reality she not only worked for the project manager she worked for everyone within the department. When the secretary was away from the office on 2 Murphy where the Director's office was located, Diana would go work in that area as needed. She made trips back-in-forth from her location (Old May's Flower Shop) to Wahl Hall then to the mail room.

Diana was relocated from that location to Bldg. 48 (4125 Rainbow) which is now the site for the new Endowment Building.

In 2009, she was re-located to Rm. G083 Delp (f) with the rest of the department from Building 48

Diana went through reclassification in 1985 and was known as an Administrative Specialist.

Throughout the years of service here at the Medical Center, Diana has completed several training classes having to do with the computer and its software as well as attend the Super Trax training course in 1994. She completed Jayhawk Way in 2013. In 2012, Diana became a Coordinator for the Office of Facilities Management.

Diana recently became a member of the Business Office within Facilities Management.