

50 Years of Service

Department of Transportation- George Dockery-

Graduate of the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Was first employed by Kansas Highway Commission on February 1, 1967. After completing a 2-year rotational training program, was assigned to the Iola Construction Office. In 1976, was promoted as the Resident Engineer in Pittsburg. In 1978 was promoted to be the Area Engineer in Area 4-District Four at Pittsburg. (one of the first Area Engineers in the state and has the most years serving as an Area Engineer.) Served on numerous state wide transportation committees. Served 30 years on the Advisory Board of the Construction Technology Program at Pittsburg State University. Married with three children and eight grandchildren.

40 Years of Service

Adjutant General- Kimberly Adams-

I began my career with the State of Kansas in October, 1974 at the age of 18 in the Department of Revenue. In December of 1976, I accepted a position with the Adjutant General's Department, Division of Emergency Preparedness. In 1986, I accepted a position with the Director of Facilities Engineering. Soon after that, I was offered a position in the Environmental Section as an Environmental Technician III. My husband, Eric, and I have been married for 43 years and we have two children, and 6 grandchildren. Last year, my daughter Andrea suddenly died 3 weeks after giving birth to her 4th child. Her four children have lived with us since that time. My life has drastically changed since then in ways I never imagined. With that being said, I want to thank my co-workers, my work family, the Adjutant General's Department for their support in every way, be it understanding when I had to just stop and leave, for emotional support, for being here to give me a smile or a quick hug. It's those little things that mean a lot. In this day and age, forty years with the same employer is rare but I'm grateful to have had this opportunity to share this honor. We've lost a lot of co-workers over the years but we are strong as a family to carry on and support the Kansas National Guard and I'm proud to have been a part of it.

Department for Children and Families- Jim Fox-

Being a lifelong Kansan, I grew up in rural Valley Center, and graduated from Wichita State University. Not soon after graduating, I began my career with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. I was hired by the Disability Determination Services, where my ability play softball on the department team seemed as important as my budding professional skills. After four very educational years adjudicating Social Security disability claims, I moved on to SRS' Data Processing. Like SRS changing names to DCF, DP is now called ITS, and I have been involved with DCF's computers ever since. From coding computer programs, to supervising, being technical manager of the Child Support KESSEP project, and finally to my current duties as a

database administrator, I have a long employment history with the State and serving the children and families of Kansas.

Brenda Parrish-

Job title: Human Services Specialist

Description of responsibilities: Interview and determine eligibility for Federal Eligibility Programs: TAF, Food Stamps, Childcare

Length of time in current position and time with the agency: 37 years as a worker and 40 years with SRS/DCF

Any previous positions you've held in the agency Started out as a clerk/steno II on 05-17-77. Switched to a worker position in January, 1980. Was an I.M. Supervisor in Great Bend for 11 months in 1990-1991. Then went to an I.M. worker II position due to reorganization and a cut in supervisor positions. Transferred from Great Bend to Lawrence in July, 1992 due to husband getting a job in Topeka and went back to a worker position.

First job with the State, any other positions you've held within the State: Clerk/steno II

Anything special the person has done in the workplace (Forward this question to your superior to fill out): Brenda started working in the Lawrence office as an Elderly and Disabled worker. She was a valuable resource for policy and process during the time we had separate caseloads. She was of great assistance in the move to KanCare and KEES as she was able to help troubleshoot system coding issues between the various systems. She continues to be a valued member of the Lawrence staff.

Life outside of work: My husband, Rob, works for U.S. Bank in Lawrence. My son, Thomas, lives in Derby. He works for Oxy-Chem. He is married and has a daughter, Emma, who is 20 months old. My daughter, Sarah, is currently finishing up her accounting degree and will hopefully, be able to find a job once done! We have 2 dogs, Wyatt and Bentley.

Where did you grow up: Abilene, Russell and Great Bend

What has been your favorite thing about working for the State: When we had caseloads, you had clients and their families that you dealt with for years. So it was a good feeling to be able to help them. It was also enjoyable to have relationships with our community partners and be able to help each other out when had a client or their family that had a need.

Department of Corrections-

Carolyn Grillot-

Carolyn Grillot, administrative specialist, started her career at the Pittsburg Parole Office on June 29, 1977 as a secretary doing administrative work for parole offices. She has seen numerous changes in her 40 years with the Department of Corrections. At the time she started, the only office equipment was an electric typewriter. She was responsible for typing everything for all the Parole Officers in Pittsburg, Emporia, Ottawa, Independence and Winfield.

She was one of the first people in a parole office to enter information into OMIS and is called upon by KDOC staff across the state when they have a question regarding OMIS movements. She has been on many committees and interview boards through the years. She has helped train numerous Parole Officers and Parole Supervisors during her 40 years. She was the Southern Parole Region Employee of the Year in 2001.

Carolyn has been married to her husband Dave, for 38 years. They have 3 sons, 2 daughter-in-laws and 4 grandchildren. When her children were younger, she spent 12 years volunteering as a

4-H project leader and club leader as well as being active in the Pittsburg High School Band Boosters. She served on the Crawford County Extension Executive Council for 4 years. For the past 10 years, she has been a volunteer with the Kansas Guardianship Program. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, crafts and spending time with her family.

Department of Health and Environment-

Michael Cochran-

Mike Cochran graduated from the University of Kansas in 1976 and began work with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment as a Geologist in the Water Well Program in 1977. He became the District Geologist in Chanute in 1979, and then served as the Kansas Corporation Commission Division Liaison in Wichita in 1980. Mike accepted the role of Chief of the Oil Field Section in the KDHE Office of Environmental Geology in 1986. In 2001, he was assigned as the Geology and Well Technology Section Chief in the Bureau of Water where he administers all aspects of the Underground Injection Control, Underground Hydrocarbon Salt Cavern Storage Well and Water Well Licensing, Water Well Construction and Abandonment Programs, and provides hydrogeologic support to other programs in the Bureau. Mike has been a Licensed Professional Geologist with the State of Kansas since 1999 and is a member of the Kansas Geological Society. He is also a representative on the Kansas Corporation Commission's Oil and Gas Advisory Committee and has served as a state representative on the Environmental Protection Agency's National UIC Technical Work Group, the Ground Water Protection Council Board of Directors, and as Chair of the GWPC Class V Injection Well Committee.

Linda Cottrell-

Linda Cottrell began state employment as a Social Worker in the Manhattan SRS Office (now DCF) in November of 1975. In 1976, she obtained a Social Worker I position in the Holton SRS Office. Linda provided foster care services for a tri-county area which encompassed Jackson, Jefferson and Brown Counties. In the fall of 1979, Linda moved to Salina for a position as a full-time Social Worker II with Child Protective Services. While working in the Salina Office, Linda married and was blessed with a daughter, Christina, and subsequently added another daughter, Sara, in 1984, and a son, Brian, in 1986. Linda moved to Wamego in 1987 and left state employment for 9 months. In 1988, she joined a team of Social Workers stationed out of the SRS Central Office in Topeka where she was part of the first unit to conduct statewide auditing of services provided to Kansas children. She later returned to direct services with foster care and protective services in the Wamego SRS Office. A staff training and customer services position opened in the Manhattan SRS Office in 1997 and she held that position until SRS reorganized. Linda then obtained employment with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in 2001 as a Public Service Administrator II in the Child Care Licensing and Regulation Unit in the Bureau of Family Health.

Patti Croy-

Patti Croy attended Brown-Mackie School of Business in 1973. She began her career working for the State of Kansas in 1976 in the Inventory Section of the Kansas Department of Transportation. Patti transferred to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to work as an Environmental Technician in the Bureau of Water- Municipal Section, located at Forbes Field, in 1979. In 1984, she moved into the position of Environmental Technician III in the Permits and Compliance Section. Patti moved in 1994 to the Compliance/Data Management Unit in the Bureau

of Water and became an Environmental Technician IV. She is currently working in the Public Water Supply- Capacity Development/Enforcement Unit. Patti enjoys gardening, sewing, and reading.

Alda LaCrone-

Alda LaCrone started with the Department of Administration, Division of Personnel, in 1976 as a Clerk-Typist I. One of her job duties was to type and mail out test scores for people taking the State Civil Service Examinations. In 1977, she received a promotion as a Clerk Typist II with the Department of Revenue. Alda eventually transferred to the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in 1978. From 1982 to 1985, Alda worked for the Board of Agriculture, Division of Inspections. In April 1985, she started working for the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Materials and Research. Alda was promoted to Administrative Assistant with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Environmental Remediation Storage Tank Unit in November 2001. Alda lives in Topeka with her husband Jeff. They have two grown children and three granddaughters.

Department of Revenue-

Belinda Clark-

Belinda lives in Hoyt, Kansas. All of her 40 years have been with KDOR. Her first position was a Clerk Typist in Dealer Licensing. She typed up dealer licenses and then filed them. Belinda promoted to a Secretary position in the Driver License Examiner office and then promoted to a Driver License Examiner position. In 1989, she promoted to a Programmer position in Information Services and then to a Programmer II and then to her current position of Applications Programmer III.

Belinda says she enjoyed working with the public in her position as a Driver License Examiner and also enjoys the challenge of writing a program and seeing it work in her current position. She has many memories throughout the years and has seen many changes. She remembers when what we now call email consisted of typing up an office memo and sending it to other associates through the office mail system. She also remembers when as a new Programmer, she had to share terminals with other programmers while writing and testing code. There are some things about the old days that Belinda misses, such as the Docking Building cafeteria, but she doesn't miss sharing a computer.

Peggy Frye-

Peggy lives in Topeka. She graduated from high school in Fulton, Missouri and moved to Topeka shortly afterwards. She took some classes at a local business school and was hired by the Department of Revenue in April of 1977. Her first position was as a Clerk Typist I typing drivers license renewals on a manual typewriter.

In October of 1978, Peggy promoted to a Clerk Typist II position at the Kansas State Historical Society working with census related documents. In 1983, she transferred to the Department of Transportation where she performed secretarial duties for a unit which included four regional geology offices. She promoted to a Secretary I and then a Secretary II position. In 1994, Peggy accepted a promotional opportunity at the Department of Health and Education as a secretary to

the Bureau Director. In 2000, she returned to KDOR as a Revenue Customer Rep and promoted to her current position of Revenue Customer Rep Senior in the ABC Licensing area.

Brenda Haya-

I started my employment with the State of Kansas on August 18, 1976 at the age of 17 as a Clerk Typist I for the Kansas Department of Revenue. I worked in Driver Control typing form letters, suspensions and reinstatements. In August 1979 I was promoted to a Clerk III working for Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). I typed salesman's licensing cards and liquor store and clubs licenses. In February of 1980 I transferred to another position in ABC and worked in the marketing area, marketing labels for liquor bottles. In June of 1981 I transferred back to Driver Control area being a secretary for John W. Smith I was then promoted to a Clerk IV position still in Driver Control as a supervisor. In December of 1986 I started working for Drivers Licensing ordering and mailing out all forms to law enforcements throughout the State. In April 2001 I was promoted to an Account I working for Budget/Purchasing (now office of Financial Management) doing refunds and then in July 2004 I was promoted to an Account II auditing travel expense and paying bills. This is the position that I currently hold. I have been with the Department of Revenue for the entire 41 years.

Department of Transportation-

Sherri Bain-

Sherri Bain, Administrative Assistant in Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Right of Way, Environmental Services Section has achieved a career milestone and is celebrating 40 years of service to the State of Kansas. Sherri began her state career with the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in 1977 as a Key punch Operator. In 1987 Sherri was promoted to an Office Assistant position with the Kansas Department of Transportation. She and her husband, Bryson have a son, Aaron who began his first year of college at Kansas State University this fall. They reside in Holton.

Kenton Bahr-

Kent started with KDOT on September 13, 1976 as an Auto mechanics helper
November 1977 promoted to auto mechanic 1
October 1982 promoted to Equipment Mechanic 1
October 2011 promoted to Equipment Mechanic SR
Kent has worked in the district shop on 21st his whole career

Gretchen Gleue-

Career started in Aug. 1976 with SRS in Food Programs. Promoted to Fraud & Recovery, then Topeka Area Office as AFDC case worker. Promoted to KCC- Consumer Affairs as Investigator, then Management Analyst - developing the agency's records management program.

KDOT career started in 1995 in Office of Engineering Support. Promoted into Office of Management & Budget, reassigned to Office of Chief Counsel, then ended Kansas service in Transportation Safety & Technology.

Michael Montgomery-

Mike started with KDOT on January 10, 1977 as a Custodial Worker. Mike promoted on June 2008 to a custodian specialist. Mike has worked in the district shop on 21st his whole career.

Thomas Wendell-

I started at the Beloit subarea on January 3, 1977, as an EO1 when I was 23 years old. I grew up on a farm south of Beloit and Beloit has always been home to me. I'm the proud father of 2 daughters, Amber and Mariah, and a son, Joshua, and two grandsons, Addison and Oliver. I own about 80 acres around the Beloit area and I continue to live on a farm where I enjoy raising cows and sheep and occasionally goats. I look forward to retiring from KDOT next year and starting a new chapter in my life.

Emporia State University-**Gloria Swift-**

Gloria Swift was born and raised in Emporia, Kansas. A December, 1975 graduate of Kansas State Teachers College, now Emporia State University, Gloria began working for the State of Kansas in October, 1976 in the ESU Business Office. She transferred to the Office of International Education in July of 1978 and continues to work in that office. She has served on the numerous committees at ESU, is a member of NAFSA: National Association of International Educators, KIE: Kansas Association of International Educators, and Sigma Delta Pi Honorary Spanish Society. A former bowler, Gloria coached the ESU Bowling Team from 1988 until 1998. In 2007 she was named the ESU Classified Employee of the Year. Gloria spends her free time gardening, hunting, fishing, and being outdoors in general. She and her husband, Larry, like to travel and spend time with their children and grandchildren.

Fort Hays State University-**Jane Rajewski-**

Jane grew up on a small farm in the rural Vincent community 20 miles southeast of Hays Kansas. She attended a one room school house for 8 years being the only one in her class. She was a first generation college student, along with her 7 siblings, attending Fort Hays State University where she received a bachelor's degree in Business in 1975 and was one of the first women to get an MBA at the University in 1977. Working at FHSU first as a student employee, Jane accepted a full-time position in 1977 upon graduation as a Computer Programmer at her alma mater. She has held various positions over the last 40 years at FHSU including Programming Manager, Information Center Manager, and Institutional Research Manager, her current position. When not at work, Jane enjoys spending time with her two daughters, both graduates of FHSU, and her grandchildren.

Insurance Department-**Karen Evans-**

Karen started with the Kansas Insurance Department in our Agents and Broker's Division in June of 1977. Since that time, she has seen a lot of change within the Kansas Insurance Department. Karen began as a Clerk I and went on to work as a Clerk Typist and Keyboard Operator Karen is currently a Senior Administrative Assistant with our Licensing Division.

Glenda Haverkamp-

I started my employment with the State of Kansas on July 18, 1976 at the age of 17 as a Clerk I for the Kansas Corporation Commission. One month later I began working for the Kansas Department of Revenue as a Clerk Typist I, where I issued restricted licenses for those who received DWI's. Less than a year later, I made a lateral move and started working for the Kansas Insurance Department as a Clerk Typist I in the Consumer Assistance Division, typing letters from a Dictaphone machine. A little over a year later I was promoted to a Clerk III in the Fire & Casualty Division (now Property & Casualty). In that position I stamped any property lines of rates, rules and forms approved or disapproved. A little over 6 years later, my position changed to an Office Assistant IV, where I issued Certificates of Authority for any property and casualty companies becoming licensed to do business in the State of Kansas in the same division. A little over a year and half later I was promoted to a Secretary III in the Consumer Assistance Division where I supervised the clerical staff. Nine (9) years later, I moved to the Government and Public Affairs Division as an Executive Secretary (now Senior Administrative Specialist) working for the Director of Public Outreach, the Public Information Officer and the Assistant Insurance Commissioner. This is the position that I still have today. During my time at the Kansas Insurance Department, I have worked for five (5) insurance commissioners.

Judicial Branch-**Debbie Lemieux-**

Debbie Lemieux's career started in July of 1974 as secretary for the adult probation office under a grant from the Governor's Committee on Crime and Administration, with the Chanute City Court. Court unification was in 1977 and that is when Debbie started with Neosho County Court Services which was with the 11th Judicial District then later with the 31st. Debbie then began to travel to work in Allen County in the mid-nineties and continues to work in both Neosho and Allen counties as secretary for Court Services. She has held the same position with the State of Kansas for over 40 years. Over that period she has worked with and "trained" 18 court services officers!

Donna Oswald-

Donna Oswald started her 40 year career with the court system in Atchison County May 1977 as a secretary to the probation officer. She has served in various positions as a Trial Court Clerk, Court Transcriptionist, Administrative Assistant to the District Judges, and in 2000 was promoted to the Clerk of the District Court in Atchison County. While serving as Administrative Assistant for Judges Philip C. Lacey and Martin Asher, she recorded court hearings in the 1st Judicial District for both Atchison and Leavenworth counties. Donna has always said she learned more about life from being in the courtroom than she could have ever learned out of a text book. Donna received her B.S. in Organizational Management and Leadership from Friends University in 2000. In 2008, she served as President for the Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators (KADCCA). Donna enjoys working with the public and has served on various committees in her community and her church. In her spare time she enjoys gardening, genealogy, and dancing.

Kansas Neurological Institute-

Gwen Jones-

Gwendolyn (Gwen) Jones' first day as a Kansas Neurological Institute employee was May 17, 1977. She remembers being paid for one day of pay on her first paycheck; \$25.25. She worked as a Mental Health Developmental Disability Technician (MHDDT) on night shift and went to school in the day as a music major at Washburn University. When she graduated, she was making more money than a beginning teacher so she stayed at KNI. She started out working on Meadowlark Lodge but spent several months working on one of the old ramps from the VA before Honey Bee Lodge was built. She then worked the locked security unit when Norton closed their unit and the guys were moved to KNI. During that time, her grade school age son told his friends I was a wrestler due to the number of times she came home with torn clothes, bruises and broken glasses. She continued to work nights on Sunflower Lodge until being promoted to Client Training Supervisor (CTS) in November of 2006 and being assigned to the Sunny Meadow home. She is approaching her 11 year anniversary as the CTS of Sunny Meadow. When away from KNI, she serves as Director of Music at Potwin Presbyterian Church and enjoys swimming regularly.

Kansas State University-

Gary Johnson-

Gary Johnson began working for Kansas State University on August 24, 1976. He has worked for the Ahearn Sports Complex during his entire 40 years of employment with the university. The sports complex has held many sporting events over the years and Gary has been actively involved in making sure the facility is in excellent condition. Gary is helpful and friendly to co-workers and visitors alike. His many years of dedication to the university are appreciated.

Ronald Pope-

Ron began working for the KSU Animal Sciences and Industry Department on January 10, 1977. His position was the Research Assistant in charge of the Beef Research Unit. In January 1992 his position changed to coordinating activities between the ASI livestock units, teaching an introductory lab, advising undergraduate students and hosting various tours. He continues with these activities in addition to co-advising Block and Bridle Club, teaching Sheep Science and co-leading two study abroad trips to South Africa. He completed a PhD in Animal Science in 2000. Ron and his wife Nita have four children (all K-State alums), five grandsons, Blake, Rhett, Chisum, Bret, and Ryatt and two granddaughters, Vanessa and Kate. Their children are Russell ASI, BS 1999 and his wife Misty EDEL, BS 1999; Marie EDEL, BS 2002 and her husband Jeff Jones ASI, BS 1999; Bill ASI, BS 2005 and his wife Heather AS, BS 2005, DVM 2010 from Colorado State University; and Ronny ASI, BS 2006 and his wife Kelsey AGECE, BS 2008, MS 2009.

John Uthoff-

John S. Uthoff has served as lighting designer, scenic designer, sound designer, or technical director of more than 200 productions. These include musicals, dance concerts, operas, original scripts and many plays. He is also interested in International Design, and was involved with World Stage Design in Toronto, and has studied productions in Russia, Estonia, Finland, the Czech Republic and Canada. He has attended the Prague Quadrennial and arranged for visiting designers from the Czech Republic, Bulgaria and Canada.

Presently after serving as President and Immediate Past President of USITT, and many years as USITT's Liaison to KCACTF, John serves on the Finance Committee of USITT. John is a Fellow of the Institute and has been awarded the Joel E. Rubin Founders' Award by USITT as well as the KCACTF Golden Medallion.

Stacy Warner-

Stacey Warner has been employed by K-State Research and Extension for 40 years. She has worked in K-State's office in Pawnee County (Larned), Finney County (Garden City) and in the Extension Operations on the Kansas State University campus. Her responsibilities have included family and consumer sciences education, youth development and more recently administrative functions.

Schools for the Blind and Deaf-

Madeleine Burkindine-

Superintendent for the Kansas Schools for the Deaf and Blind

Madeleine is also formerly a teacher and principal at the Kansas State School for the Blind.

Madeleine began working summers at the School for the Blind while in college and began her teaching career full time from 1973 – 1977.

She then became a part time teacher in 1977 to 1979, before returning to a full time teaching position from September 1, 1980 through October 17, 1995.

Madeleine was chosen as the Principal of the Kansas School for the blind on October 18, 1995, which she served through June 30, 2006.

On July 1, 2007, she became the Superintendent for the Kansas Schools for the Deaf and Blind. Where she has served thru her retirement date of July 1, 2017.

We wish you only the best and many happy days ahead for you and your family. Enjoy your free time.

University of Kansas-

Ned Allen Ford-

Ned Allen Ford joined the KU faculty as an Associate Professor in 1976 moving from the University of Missouri. Allen was the Arthur Andersen Tax Fellow from 1980-1993 and received the Larry D. Horner/KPMG Peat Marwick Distinguished Professorship in Professional Accounting in the fall of 1993.

Allen received the Ray M. Sommerfeld 1996 Outstanding Tax Educator Award given by the American Taxation Association and was the first recipient of the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants Outstanding Educator Award. He has received numerous teaching awards including the 2011 Chancellor's Club Lifetime Teaching Award and has published in many accounting and tax journals. He is a co-author of a tax textbook in its 28th edition. Allen and his wife Joelle have four grown daughters, all Jayhawks.

Debbie Elaine Forsyth-

Debbie Forsyth initially joined KU in 1976 as a clerk typist II working for the director of the Institute for Social and Environmental Studies. She was promoted in 1977 to Secretary I and became the receptionist to Archie Dykes, Chancellor.

In 1978 Debbie transferred to Pittsburg State to continue serving as a Secretary I in the Office of Affirmative Action.

During the fall of 1979 Debbie returned to KU and served as secretary to the associate dean of the School of Business. Within the business school she advanced to her current role as senior undergraduate academic advisor. Debbie considers herself to be privileged to serve the state of Kansas for 40 years.

Rick Hermesch-

Started working at KU soon after graduating from KU. Working the entire time in administrative computing support. And being essentially on the same team, supporting the applications side of the student information system.

Linda Keeler-

Dr. Keeler served as an Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas School of Medicine after completing her residency and fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. She transferred to the position of psychiatrist on the University of Kansas campus in 1984 and has continued to provide for the psychiatric care and treatment of University of Kansas students at Counseling and Psychological Services on the Lawrence campus. She has served as resident of the Kansas Psychiatric Society and as a clinical examiner for the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. She is a Distinguished Fellow in the American Psychiatric Association, and she has three children.

Jack Porter-

Jack Porter is Professor of Mathematics at the University of Kansas where he joined the faculty in 1966. He was Chair from 1999-2009. He enjoys teaching and his research interests are in set-theoretic topology, especially in the areas of absolutes and extensions of Hausdorff spaces. He and his wife enjoy traveling and visiting grandchildren.

Thomas Skrtic-

Tom Skrtic is the Williamson Family Distinguished Professor of Special Education at the University of Kansas, where he specializes in disability policy and politics, focusing primarily on the formation and implementation of anti-discrimination disability and special education policy and institutional resistance to it. The second of two national symposia on his work was held in 2015 at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA). The first symposium, *Inquiry in Special Education: Three Perspectives on Tom Skrtic's Adoption of Critical Pragmatism*, took place in 1992 and focused on two early influential works, his 1991 book, *Behind Special Education: A Critical Analysis of Professional Culture and School Organization*, and his 1991 *Harvard Educational Review* article, "The Special Education Paradox: Equity As the Way to Excellence." The 2015 symposium, *Beyond the Nod to Justice in Disability Studies in Education: A Symposium Revisiting the Scholarship of Thomas M. Skrtic*, considered his entire body of scholarship, including his 1995 book, *Disability and Democracy: Restructuring Special Education for Postmodernity*. Professor Skrtic was recognized in 2004 in the *Encyclopedia of*

Educational Leadership as one of the most influential figures in reconceptualizing special education policy and practice. In 2009 he received two awards: Syracuse University's William Pearson Tolley Medal for distinguished leadership in adult learning, and the Senior Scholar Award of AERA's Disability Studies in Education interest group for his pioneering work in disability studies.

University of Kansas Medical Center-

Michael Parmely-

Michael Parmely is Professor of Microbiology, Molecular Genetics and Immunology at Kansas University Medical Center. He joined the Faculty at the medical center in 1977 and has served on two different occasions as Chair of the department, most recently retiring from that position in 2016. His research and teaching specialty is immunology and his research relates to host responses to the bacterial pathogen *Francisella tularensis*. Dr. Parmely intends to retire after the Spring, 2018 semester.

Linda Redford-

Dr. Linda Redford is Associate Research Professor in Department of Family Medicine and Associate Director of the Landon Center on Aging at the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC). She has also served as a faculty member with the KU School of Nursing. Dr. Redford holds a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, Master's Degrees in Nursing and Medical Anthropology and a Doctoral Degree in Anthropology from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Redford has worked as a community health nurse, nurse educator, researcher and administrator. She is a frequent speaker at national meetings on aging and health-related topics, including issues on correctional health care for older offenders and rural long-term.

Dr. Redford is a former National Kellogg Fellow. She has served as Chair of the National Institute on Community-Based Long-Term Care, a constituent unit of the National Council on the Aging, and Chair of the National Association of Geriatric Education Centers. She has also served on the Boards of Directors of the National Council on the Aging, the American Society on Aging, the National Academy on Certified Care Managers, and the American Stroke Foundation.

Wichita State University-

Syed Taher-

Dr Syed Taher is an associate professor of Physics at Wichita State. He joined Wichita State in 1976 as an assistant professor. Prior to joining Wichita State Dr. Taher Was a visiting assistant professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for two years. He did his undergraduate studies in physics from Dhaka University in his native country, Bangladesh. He obtained M A in physics from California State at Long Beach and his PH.D in physics from Washington State in 1974.

Dr Taher's research interests have been in solid state physics and Biophysics. He has over 30 research publications in national and international journals and over 50 presentations in national and international scientific conferences. He received citations from different scientific organizations for his contributions to rare earth science research. He received fellowship grants from NSF, UNDP Tokten, NATO-ASI and grant recipient from American Chemical Society. He was a visiting scientist and a faculty participant in Ames Laboratory for a number of years and

worked there with the Rare Earth group. He had also a collaborative research program on calcified Tissues with Via Christy Orthopaedics group in Wichita. Dr Taher has been a reviewer for such scientific journals as Rare Earth in Modern Science and Technology, Applied Physics letters and BioPhysics journals.

At Wichita State, besides serving on the faculty senate, various LAS and university faculty committees over the years he served the physics Department as the Graduate co-ordinator. He has been nominated for Board of Trustees Excellence Award, Effective Teaching awards at Wichita State.

Dr Taher is married to Sabiha Taher and has just celebrated their 50th anniversary. Tahers have three daughters, all born in Wichita and three grandchildren.

Samuel Yeager-

Samuel J. Yeager, Ph.D., University of Georgia, is a Professor and the Graduate Coordinator for the Master of Public Administration degree program, Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs, Wichita State University. His teaching and research interests are in organization theory and behavior, public administration, and ethics.

Winfield Correctional Facility-

Patrick Murphy-

Pat Murphy is a graduate of Udall High School, Udall, Kansas.

His wife is Peggy Murphy and they have one daughter, Kate.

Pat began his employment with the State of Kansas on August 18, 1976 at the Winfield State Hospital as a Laborer II.

On January 18, 1980, he was reallocated to a Pro II at the Winfield State Hospital.

On December 18, 1983, his title was changed to Power Plant Operator 2.

He resigned from his employment with the Winfield State Hospital on July 7, 1988.

Pat was rehired into a position in Fire and Safety at the Winfield State Hospital on February 10, 1989.

He was then allocated to a Safety and Security Officer I in June of 1989. He remained in this temporary position until September 1989 when he once again resigned.

On January 29, 1990, he began employment as a Mental Retardation Trainee at the Winfield State Hospital. In July of that same year, he transferred into a Utility Worker position. In May of 1991, he was reallocated to a General Maintenance Worker 1. In December of 1993, he was reallocated to a General Maintenance Worker 2.

In July of 1994, he demoted to a Safety and Security Officer I at Winfield State Hospital

In June of 1997, his position was changed to a Corrections Officer Trainee for the Winfield Correctional Facility. He was promoted to a Corrections Officer I in January of 1998. In January of 2000, he was promoted to a Corrections Officer I(A). In October of 2000, he was promoted to a Corrections Officer I(B).

In March of 2010, he was promoted to a Power Plant Facilities Specialist at Winfield Correctional Facility. In August of 2010, he transferred to the Facilities Specialist position in the Laundry.

Pat was promoted to the Facilities Maintenance Supervisor in the Laundry at Winfield Correctional Facility in November of 2010. He has remained in that position to this day.