

2019 40 and 50 Year Biographies

Corporation Commission-

Ed Schumacher-

My employment with the State of Kansas began in 1980, with the Department of Health and Environment as an Environmental Technician in District #4. This was a few short years after I graduated from Fort Hays Kansas State College, with a Bachelor of Science Degree. While completing my degree I was also a member of the basketball team where I received All-American honors and recently was inducted into the Hall of Fame class of 2018.

Fortunately for me, the District #4 office is located in Hays, Kansas which happens to be my home town. District #4 encompasses 19 counties in Northwest Kansas and my job duties were primarily associated with regulatory compliance in the Oil and Gas Industry.

In June of 1986, my position with the Department of Health and Environment was transferred to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Conservation Division (Oil & Gas), with a new title of Petroleum Industry Regulatory Technician. Throughout the years I transitioned from the title as a Regulatory Technician, to a Compliance Officer and to what is now my current position as an Environmental Compliance and Regulatory Specialist.

I've been married to my wife Mary, for 40 years and we share 2 adult children together. Our daughter Traci and son Scott. Both reside in Hays as well.

I would like to thank all the individuals with the Kansas Corporation Commission, Conservation Division, along with the Department of Health and Environment, Division of Environment. Especially to those who personally shared their professional knowledge and support throughout these 40 years, thank you!

Department for Children and Families-

Janice Cartwright-

Several months out of high school and not wanting to go to college yet, I went to Winfield State Hospital & Training Center, filled out an application and was hired that day as Health Service Worker. MY starting hourly wage was \$3.15 an hour. While attending classes on campus, I looked out the window and saw the man who would become my husband 2 ½ years later. I continued to take classes and was promoted to a supervisor for 7 years before leaving in January 1995 to relocate to Olathe, KS. This was back when you were paid once a month . I began working as a Long Term Care worker in the Olathe office and did that for about 1 year. I then applied for Office Assistant with Child Support Enforcement and remained there for 1 year. After that worked in the Child Protection Unit as a program support worker until taking my current position in July of 1999, as Human Services Specialist.

I have a husband John, a cat Marshmallow and 2 birds, Kiwi and Peanut. 3 wonderful children, Heath and Mandy, Justin and Kaci and Ashley and George all who live close by. Also 7 grandchildren: Parker, Toby, London, Nathan, Audrey Evelyn and Abbey. In my spare time I enjoy hiking, traveling, volunteering at the church and spending time with family and friends and playing with the grandchildren. Am looking forward to retirement.

Loretta Fletcher-

Loretta Fletcher began her career in August 1978 with the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (now Department for Children and Families - DCF) in Kansas City where she was employed as an Income Maintenance Worker for one year. She continued in that position when she moved to Wichita where over the past 40 years she has served in various positions with DCF, including Income Maintenance Supervisor, Child Support Enforcement Supervisor, Low Income Energy Assistance Program -LIEAP Supervisor, consultant liaison when LIEAP was privatized in 2010, Human Services Specialist processing medical assistance cases and then returned to her favorite and current position of LIEAP Site Manager serving Sedgwick County and nine surrounding counties. Loretta has been involved in LIEAP from the start. She has seen it evolve from a program issuing vouchers for fans in 1981 to the current program that helps low-income elderly, disabled and families with children keep their heat on in winter. "This job has fulfilled my desire to help others not only the low-income applicants of the programs, but also my staff who are temporary hires new to the agency. I enjoy working with them and helping them move on to permanent positions within the agency. In the future when I retire, I will be able to look back and honestly say that I have genuinely enjoyed working with DCF.

Gerald (Jerry) Meredith-

Jerry has 40 plus years of State Service contributing to a total of almost 43 years KPERS membership.

Jerry's initial State of Kansas employment starting as a KNI Storekeeper, then to DOC as a Corrections Officer, then to the SRS warehouse as a Storekeeper, and ultimately landing at DCF Administration Building as an Administrative Specialist tasked with Agency Procurement Asset Management for approximately 20 years until he retired.

During Jerry's tenure with the State of Kansas, he has memories of times before the computer where today's "copy/paste" was called carbon paper and when most staff had an ashtray located on their desk!

When State Budget started exploring cost effective ways of doing business, Jerry devised a cost-effective method of disposing confidential documents by selling the shredded documents locally to pay for an agency \$18K shredder.

Jerry has been a dedicated State Employee and appreciates all his Management, Supervisors and co-workers assistance over the years.

Cheryl Seymour-

Graduated from Kansas State University in Manhattan in 1978 with degree in Social Work and Early Childhood education. Started employment at the Ottawa Social and Rehabilitation Services office on November 18, 1978 as a Social Worker I doing protective services, foster care, In home family services, adoption. Promoted to Social Worker II and worked until 1991 when I took a job doing Adult Protection, evaluations for Home and Community Based

Services, and KanWork. From March 1994 to November 1994 I did in home services to families to reintegrate

Children from foster care back home. I became a Supervisor for the KanWork Unit in Osawatomie in November 1994. In March 2002 I transferred to the Overland Park office as a Supervisor over the Economic and Employment Services Unit. In July 2007 I took the job in The Ottawa DCF office as a supervisor of the EES unit there. I plan to retire on 12/13/19. I have been married since 1982 and have three daughters and plan to babysit my first Grandchild when I retire. Every year I am contacted by former foster children and they Want to let me know how they are doing. A few weeks ago I was contacted by a young girl I had in foster care who was a run away, doing drugs, etc. She was placed in a group home Facility in Lawrence. She wanted to let me know she appreciated my help. She told me she is A Protective Service Worker in the great state of Texas. She is doing well and has a family of Her own and said she appreciated the tough love we gave her. When I started in 1978 I only Planned to work 4-5 years and go back to school to get my Masters. Plans changed. 40 years of memories. What a ride it has been.

Department of Administration- Dan Carroll-

-Born, 1947, KC, Mo. Hometown Leavenworth, married, two children, seven grandchildren.

-1965, graduate Immaculata HS, Leavenworth.

-1969, B.S. degree, Business Admin., KSU.

-1969-71, U.S. Army, Artillery Officer, Germany and Vietnam.

-1973, M.S. degree, Business, KU.

-1974-76, Admin. Asst, KUMC.

-1978, J.D. degree, Oklahoma City Univ.

-1978-79, private practice Leavenworth, Municipal Judge Linwood and Basehor.

-1979-present, Staff Attorney, Dept of Administration.

Department of Education- James Fritton-

Jim graduated from Washburn University in 1978 with a Bachelor in Business Administration. Jim's major was Marketing with a minor in Accounting. Having worked in a couple retail jobs in college, he decided to try a government career with its better hours and benefits than a retail career. Jim found out early on, that state government has excellent benefits, and part of the reason why he decided to start and continue with a career working at a state agency. Jim started his career as a State Auditor with Social Rehabilitation Services on July 31, 1978. He transferred

to the Department of Education on October 1, 1981, also working as a State Auditor for this Department. Jim lives in Lawrence and loves to travel during vacation time, having visited 46 states, as well as Canada, Mexico, and the Bahamas. Jim also has hiked a number of the 54 over 14,000 peaks in Colorado. Having a nephew in Denver as well as a close friend in Littleton to visit, he goes to Colorado every summer and always gets some hiking in. Jim has three sisters that live in Kansas, as well as ten nephews and nieces, with most of them also living in Kansas. Working with all the wonderful people he meets in his position as an Auditor, his love of travelling the State of Kansas, and the exceptional benefits the State of Kansas offers its employees, are a large part of why Jim has remained in his position for 40 years.

Department of Health and Environment- Debbie Clure-

Debbie has work at three different state agencies in her career with the state. She worked at the Governors Committee on Criminal Administration for nine months and then the Kansas State Board of Agriculture - Division of Water Resources for 9 years working on water right use permits and then at KDHE since 1988 to the present in Bureau of Environmental Remediation issuing permits for underground and aboveground storage tank facilities. She enjoys spending time with her granddaughter and family and at her family cabin in Conifer Colorado.

Fran Seymour-Hunter-

Fran Seymour-Hunter started her employment with the State of Kansas at Fort Hays State University as a Nursing Instructor. Upon moving to Topeka, she began work at the Shawnee County Health Department, which was considered State employment at that time. (While still employed there, the Health Department transitioned to oversight from the County.) Her return to State employment began again when she moved to a nurse position at Topeka State Hospital. During her tenure at TSH, she served in several clinical positions and was the Director of Nursing at the time of closure. Wishing to retain State employment, she transitioned to work for Medicaid. State Employment has allowed use of her nursing background in a variety of ways and with each opportunity, there has been professional growth. Public service seems to be “hard-wired” as she has volunteered for numerous community activities. She has been awarded the KSNA Volunteer of the Year designation along with a Topeka Community Volunteer Award of the Year. Fran is a proud lifetime Kansan which is also true for her husband Russ (who is also a nurse.) She has two married sons. Aaron is a nurse serving with the Army and Brian is a High School Mathematics teacher.

Department of Revenue- Gail Blackburn-

Gail started her state career with the Kansas Department of Revenue on 2/08/1979 as a Clerk I in the Income and Inheritance Tax Department; when all the processes were manual, all of the desks were lined up in rows in one big open area, and the associates could smoke at their desks. Over the years, Gail promoted into various positions within the Department of Revenue. In 1981, Gail worked as a Secretary for the Bureau Chief in Income and Inheritance Tax and then in 1983 moved on to a position as a Secretary in Legal Services where she provided administrative support for the attorneys; when all typed legal documents had to have at least 3 carbon copies. In 1987, Gail

promoted into the position of Office Supervisor for Collections Legal and then became the Office Supervisor for Legal Services in 1991, working with the attorneys again. In May 1995, Gail promoted into the Administrative Officer position reporting to the Director of Taxation. She was the liaison for Taxation's personnel transactions, managed the Administrative Support staff in the Director's office, and assisted the Director with daily operational functions. Gail worked in the Director of Taxation's office from May 1995 – March 2017 and during those years worked for 6 different Directors. In March 2017, Gail moved into the position she is currently in as a Human Resource Professional for the Department of Revenue's personnel office. She provides Human Resources support to all the Taxation staff (approximately 300 people), coordinates recruitment for Taxation as well as provides guidance to the managers. Over the years, Gail has volunteered and assisted with the Department's participation with United Way and Project Topeka.

The majority of Gail's career, 38 years, has been in the Department of Revenue/Taxation and she is now furthering her career in Office of Personnel Services. She has really enjoyed her career with the state and the opportunity to meet and work with so many people over the years. Gail's interests outside of work include traveling, reading, and she is an avid sports fan of football and basketball.

Greg Martinez-

Greg Martinez first started working for the State of Kansas in October of 1977. He started out as a temporary employee for the Kansas Department of Transportation as a Storekeeper in the stockroom. He worked as a temporary employee for about a year, then he was hired on as a full time, permanent employee. He worked for KDOT until January of 1979.

Greg left the State for a year to attend classes at Kaw Area Vo-Tech where he received a certificate in Litho-Printing. When Greg got out of school, he came back to work for the State of Kansas in February of 1980, as a Printer for the Kansas Department of Transportation print shop. He worked there until March of 2001 and then went to work for the State Print Shop for the Kansas Department of Administration. He left there in November of 2005 and went to work for the Kansas Department of Revenue as an Administrative Assistant Senior in the Office Services Division which is where he is currently working and will most likely retire from within a few years.

As for his family life, Greg's wife Bridget, is also a State of Kansas Employee with the Kansas Department of Administration. He has three children, two daughters and one son and a grandson. His oldest daughter, Laura works for Blue Cross Blue Shield and has one son, Greg's grandson, Christian, who is 8 months old. His youngest daughter Monica, is a student at Iowa State University, where she is working on her Master's Degree. She just recently graduated from the University of Kansas with high honors. Greg's son, Luis, is a junior at Hayden High School, which is also where Greg went to high school. Luis plays basketball and runs track and is also an honor student.

Kevin McDonald-

Kevin started as a Laborer I in the Dept. of Rev. stockroom in Nov. 1978. In Sep. 1979, he took a Tax Examiner position in the Income Tax Bureau. He worked as a tax examiner until Feb. 1985 when Kevin was hired as a Programmer in the Data Processing Bureau. In Sep. 1985 the Department created the Information Resource Center to bring desktop computers into the department. Kevin took a position of Information Resource Consultant in the IRC and provided

software, hardware, networking, and training support. In early 1999, he took a position as a Database Administrator with the Department and this is what Kevin does today.

Karon Powell-

Karon Powell has been with the Kansas Department of Revenue since August 1979. She is a Customer Representative with the Mineral Tax department and has held this position since 1999. She began her career as a temp. in channel opening mail. She became a permanent employee with KDOR working in Titles and Registration, and later with the Motor Fuel Refund department. Karon enjoys working with the many people she has met throughout her years of service. Outside of work she enjoys working at her orchard and gardening at her farm with her brother and sister.

Department of Transportation-

Charles Baker-

AKA-Charley. Charley has spent a lifetime making the roads of KDOT safe for the citizens of South East Kansas.

Charley started his career on 5/25/1979 as an EO I, 10/18/1980 promoted to an EO II, and 12/18/1997 promoted to an EO III. In 11/11/01 became an EO Senior. 01/20/2002 promoted to an EO Specialist which he remained until 7/30/2006 when he promoted to Highway Maintenance Supervisor at the Erie KDOT subarea.

Charley spends his time outside of KDOT with family and friends riding horses in National Forests in different states each year and camping under the stars.

Mark Becker-

I started my career with KDOT as summer help immediately after graduating high school in May of 1978, then started full time in the fall of 1978. I am currently the supervisor in Stockton. I grew up on the family farm east of Plainville, which my wife and I now own and operate. I am proud to say the farm has been in the family for over 100 years. My wife Denise and I have one son David who lives and works in Salina. I am blessed with three wonderful siblings. Finally I have enjoyed working my 40 plus years at KDOT, but the best thing about KDOT are the great people that work here.

Dan Blanchat-

Dan started in February 1979 for KDOT; over the last 41 years Dan has gave his all. He has always been here, willing to help and share his knowledge with others. Dan has found great joy in working the special crews and getting to know other state employees. Thank you, Dan, for your service and dedication to KDOT.

Rick Gitchel-

I started work with KDOT on August 18, 1978 as an EO I on the Phillipsburg area crew. After 5 years I transferred to the sub-area where I have worked ever since, working my way up to supervisor. I have 4 sons, and 7 grandchildren. When not at work I enjoy spending time with family, camping, and riding motorcycles. I enjoy traveling, and try to take at least one long trip a year, preferably on my motorcycle.

John Hrenak-

John is a loyal dedicated KDOT employee who has spent his whole career in District 4. Following graduation from the University of Missouri – Rolla with a degree in Civil Engineering, John started his career with KDOT on 6/1/1979 as an Engineer in Training in the Fort Scott office. In March of 1982, he promoted to the position of Area Construction Engineer in the Fort Scott office and later moved up to the position of Area Engineer in this same office in April of 1986. Following closure of the Fort Scott Area office in 1995, John transferred to the District Office in Chanute to accept the position of District Staff Engineer. On 10/4/1988, he promoted to his current position as the District Maintenance Engineer

John and his wife Sandy continue to reside in Fort Scott. His life outside KDOT involves, fishing, bowling, and both of them are deeply involved in auto racing, both as past owners and currently as just fans.

As a steward of our highway system, John has experienced the most satisfaction when we are able to improve the system that was passed on to us. Pulling together and working with co-workers to achieve a positive outcome to difficult situations has been the most rewarding part of his career with KDOT.

Wayne Marsch-

Wayne started with KDOT in 1978 at the Leavenworth sub-area shop and has been there his whole career. Wayne is a very dedicated worker and is usually one of the first people his supervisor will call when an emergency situation comes up after hours or weekends, holidays or middle of the night.

Raymond McIntosh-

Started with KDOT in June 1979 in Dighton, KS.

Promoted to ET III

Accepted promotion to ET IV in Pratt, KS in 1983

Plans to retire in December of this year.

Delane Newkirk-

Delane started working for KDOT on August 18, 2078 as an Equipment Operator. After passing through the ranks as EO 1,2,3 and Senior, he progressed to a Specialist on 12/23/2001. Delane became the sub area supervisor in Great Bend on 3/12/2006 and then transferred to sub area supervisor for Lyons KS on 7/21/2013 where he worked until his retirement. Delane retired on October 1, 2018 with 40 years of service. Delane has a positive attitude which promotes a positive and productive work environment. His subarea buildings and right of ways always appeared well maintained. When he retired in October his shoes were a challenge to fill.

Dianne Parker-

Dianne Parker in 1978 started her job career with Kansas Department of Transportation District One as a Clerk Typist I. As she was working her way up within KDOT with various job promotions her IT career was jumpstarted with KDOT purchasing its first personal computer in 1985. All 41 years with the State of Kansas has been with the Department of Transportation. She is now a Technology Support Consultant II supporting more than 250 computers and about 400 users.

Gary Rutledge-

Gary joined the KDOT Family on August 24, 1978. Gary hired on as a member of the Interstate Crew based out of the shop in Olathe. In 1985 Gary and his co-workers moved into the newly constructed facility in Gardner and he has worked out of that facility ever since. In Gary's 41 years of public service he has performed work in all aspects of Highway Maintenance in order to protect the highway investment and continue maximum benefits to the traveling public. Gary resides in Edgerton, Kansas and in his spare time he enjoys spending time at the park with his wife Linette and granddaughter Harper.

Tom Weishapl-

I started my state career in May 18th 1979 as an EO 1 in Atwood, I don't remember what year it was when I became a EO 2 while still in Atwood. Then June 12, 1986 a became a EO 3 in Garden City worked there for 9 months and then became a Sub-area supervisor in Oakley in 1987. Worked there for 6years then transferred to Oberlin as a supervisor in 1993 and still at the same place today.

Randy West-

Graduate of Jayhawk-Linn High School at Mound City, Kansas. In 1979 graduated from Kansas State University with degrees in Civil Engineer and Business Management. Upon graduation started what is now a 40-year career with the Kansas Department of Transportation. Having had the opportunity to work in District 4, Headquarters, and in District 2 has been a fantastic experience. The individuals working for KDOT truly are top notch and continually make the quality of life better for everyone by providing a reliable transportation system for Kansas. On the farm near Ellsworth is where my wife Kristi and I are at home. We have two sons, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren. For entertainment we have a big old dog and six cats to round out the picture.

Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism-**Dave Adams-**

Dave Adams began his state service at the age of 18, as an Automotive Service Worker with the Kansas Department of Transportation at the Chanute District Shop, while also pursuing an Associate's Degree in Police Science from Neosho County Community College. He transferred agencies in April 1984, and was hired as a State Park Technician with the Kansas Parks and Resources Authority at Toronto and Fall River State Parks. He promoted to State Park Ranger I at Meade State Park in August 1984. He then attended and graduated from the 85th Basic Class at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in March 1985. He transferred to El Dorado State Park in 1986 serving there until 1988 when he was promoted to State Park Ranger II at Eisenhower State Park. Governor Hayden merged the Kansas Parks and Resources Authority and Kansas Fish and Game into the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and Dave found himself at the age of 28 promoted to an Assistant Wildlife/ Park Manager and appointed Acting Park Manager of Eisenhower State Park in early 1989. The appointment was made full time permanent in June of 1989 and Dave served as Eisenhower State Park Manager for 5 years, managing park staff, operations and facilities. Dave completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Management, from Friends University during this period.

Dave then pursued a longed for position as a game warden in the Law Enforcement Division and in 1994, after 10 years of park service, he was accepted into the law enforcement division and assigned game warden duties in Lyon County. He was promoted to Natural Resource Officer II in 2006, in charge of custody and control training for law enforcement officers, parks officers and public lands officers in his region. He was promoted again in August of 2015, this time as Lieutenant, supervising other officers assigned to 8 counties in Southern and Eastern Central Kansas.

Dave holds numerous law enforcement instructor and outdoor educational instructor certifications. He has received many awards from his agency, his peers and from outside entities during his state service. He has been recognized three times by Kansas Governors for various activities. Dave also served his community as Bishop of the Emporia Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints from 1998 to 2003.

Dave and his high school sweetheart Kristie have been married for 39 years and have four children (Seth, Victoria, Emily and Annelise) and 16 grandchildren. Annelise is currently following her father's state service footsteps and is the Performance Improvement Manager at KDHE. Dave likes to garden, hunt, fish and spend time with family and friends.

Highway Patrol- Kay Biery-

Kay Elaine Bittel was born on September 25, 1955 and raised in Logan, KS. Kay graduated from Logan High School in 1973. Kay attended Northwest Kansas Technical School, graduating with a degree in Cosmetology. While attending college Kay started dating and eventually married Neil Biery in November 1973. After college they moved to Great Bend, KS. In April 1975, the pride and joy of their lives, Jennifer, was born. In 2016, after almost 42 years of marriage, her husband passed away.

After living a year in Hutchison, KS, they moved to Oberlin, KS the day Elvis Presley died in 1977. On January 18, 1979, Kay was hired by the Kansas Department of Revenue as a Motor Carrier Inspector I, stationed at the Oberlin, KS Port of Entry. On April 18, 1986, Kay was promoted to Motor Carrier Inspector II in charge of the Norton, KS Port of Entry. September 18, 1986, Kay received a promotion to Motor Carrier Inspector III in charge of the Colby, KS mobile unit and they moved to Colby, KS. On June 18, 1988, the Motor Carrier Inspection division became part of the Kansas Highway Patrol. In 1991, Kay moved to Hays, KS where she still lives. On April 27, 2003, Kay transferred to the New Entrant Safety Audit Program becoming a Safety & Health Inspector, which is her current position.

Kay and her family enjoy camping and fishing, making this many of their vacation trips. Kay enjoys bowling, bingo, walking, researching her family history with her mother, and spending as much time with her daughter as possible. They like to travel and attend Kansas City Chiefs and Green Bay Packers games.

Kay plans to retire in the next couple of years with the possibility of moving to Wisconsin to be closer to her daughter and doing more traveling.

Kimberley Sherretts-

Kimberley Sherretts, a native Kansan, was born in Meriden. She graduated Jefferson West High School in May 1978, then in September of that same year she started with the Department of Revenue, Driver Control as a clerk typist. In 1980 she transferred to the Department of Human Resources as a Secretary. Kim remained there until 1983 where she started working at the Topeka State Hospital as an Insurance clerk. It was while working at the State Hospital that Kim began her education at Washburn University. While taking Criminal Justice classes Kim wanted to expand her knowledge and also studied to become a Emergency Medical Tech. and became certified in 1990. Kim was already certified as a First Aid/CPR Instructor from 1980. In 1996, she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement.

It was January 1996 where Kim started with Capitol Police as a Capitol Area Guard. She was also trained and worked as a Dispatcher for Capitol Police when needed. She eventually stayed in dispatch where the need was greater. Kim became an Instructor for Capitol Police and as part of her duties trained countless state employees and even Girl Scouts in First Aid/CPR.

Kim remained a Communication Specialist until June 2011 where she transferred to the Motor Carrier Division of the Highway Patrol. Kim's duty station is the Eastbound Wabaunsee Scales as a certified Level II Motor Carrier Inspector.

In her spare time, she continues to volunteer (50+ years) with the Girl Scouts in the Topeka area. She enjoys crafts and working on project around the house. Upon retirement Kim plans on traveling to the few remaining states that she has not yet been too.

Judicial Branch-

Marilyn Bailey

Marilyn F. Bailey, CSR, RPR, RMR, CRR, CCR

Marilyn began her career as an Official Court Reporter for the 15th Judicial District in August, 1978. At the time the District consisted of five counties: Rooks, Graham, Sheridan, Thomas and Sherman. Later, in 1982, the 15th Judicial District changed from five counties to seven counties: Sheridan, Thomas, Sherman, Logan, Wallace, Rawlins and Cheyenne. Colby has always been her official station. Throughout her employment she has served directly under three judges: Honorable Keith R. Willoughby; Honorable Glenn D. Schiffner; and Honorable Kevin N. Berens. It has been a challenging yet rewarding career. At the time she began as Official Court Reporter, she had attained two certifications: CSR (Certified Shorthand Reporter) and RPR (Registered Professional Reporter). During her 40 years as serving as an Official Court Reporter, additional certifications have been achieved: RMR (Registered Merit Reporter), CRR (Certified Realtime Reporter) and CCR (Certified Captioning Reporter). All of these certifications are based on skills testing of higher speeds and accuracy, as well as knowledge. When Marilyn started out, she produced a transcript from her stenographic notes by typing them out on a typewriter. She then began dictating from her notes and employed a typist to assist her in transcript production. As technology developed, the use of CAT (computer-aided transcription) software, was introduced and Marilyn was quick to come on board, embracing the new technology, which has advanced to the point where now she provides a realtime feed directly to her judge at the bench, as well as any attorneys or hearing impaired litigants, if requested. Throughout her career she has served on the Kansas Court Reporters Association as a

Board Member, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-president and President, as well as various committees from time to time.

Tammara Hogsett-

I went to court reporting school at Brown Mackie in Salina, Kansas. I became a Kansas Certified Court Reporter on October 29, 1977. I was a freelance reporter for a few months, and then started my first official position in Manhattan, the 21st Judicial District, in September of 1978. I worked in Manhattan until June of 1981, when I transferred to Great Bend, the 20th Judicial District. I worked in the 20th until November of 1992, when I transferred to Lawrence, the 7th Judicial District, and have been in Douglas County District Court since that time. I really like official court reporting and working with all of the Judges, other reporters, attorneys and court staff I have worked with over the years. A very challenging, but very interesting job.

Nancy Escalante-

Nancy Escalante's career with the court began in March of 1979 in the Limited Actions Department of the Clerk of the District Court for the Third Judicial District, Shawnee County . She then moved to the Criminal Department in 1982. She was asked to help in the Probate/Juvenile Department in April 1986. Nancy became the supervisor of Probate/Juvenile in October of 1997.

Nancy has 3 daughters and 8 grandkids. Her daughter Jessica blessed her with 2 boys ages 9 and 3. Daughter Amanda blessed her with 2 boys, ages 22 & 9; plus 3 girls, twins that are 7 and a daughter that is 19. Josie has blessed her with a 3 year old girl.

Outside of work Nancy is devoted to caring for her mother and playing with her grandkids.

Kansas Public Employees Retirement System-

Alan Conroy

Started State service as part of the first Governor's Fellowship Program (year-long internship) for graduate students in 1978-1979.

Became a Budget Analyst in the Governor's Budget Division in 1979-1983. Was assigned the Department of Corrections and institutions.

Served in the Kansas Legislative Research Department from 1983 to 2012. Started out as a Fiscal Analyst and was later promoted to Chief Fiscal Analyst (serving 10 years) and then as Director of the Department (serving 10 years). Represented the Legislature on the State General Fund Consensus Revenue Estimating Committee. Fiscal assignments included Department of Corrections and institutions, natural resource agencies, Regents, and KPERS. Staffed the Senate Ways and Means Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the Legislative Budget Committee, the Capitol Restoration Commission, the Special Joint Committee on KPERS Investment Practices, the KPERS Study Commission, and the Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits.

Joined the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System in 2012 as Executive Director.

Currently serve the nine-member Board of Trustees and with the KPERS staff serve the 315,000 KPERS members. Responsible for all aspects of the KPERS daily operations.

Married the former Julie Mason of Topeka in 1984 and together greatly enjoy four children and five grandchildren.

Kansas State University-

Michael Mayo-

“Mike has held numerous positions at Kansas State University. These include managing the Office of Campus Planning and planning future capital improvement projects; teaching full-time in the Department of Architectural Engineering and Construction Management; teaching part-time in the College of Architecture, Planning and Design; and currently teaching part-time in the College of Business Administration. As a practicing architect he has designed numerous buildings and building renovations on the campus, the latest being the new building for the College of Business Administration.”

Jack Carlson-

Jack Carlson’s career at Kansas State University started in 1979 as an Engineering Technician, progressing up to his current position of Engineering Project Manager.

Carlson’s current role focuses on capital construction, maintenance, and repair projects for Kansas State University. In his 40 year career at KSU, he has worked on major projects such as the KSU Parking Structure, KSU Vet Med Chiller Plant, Campus Primary Electrical Improvements, the Central Chilled Water Plant and Distribution project, and the current Morris Multicultural Student Center.

Carlson has been recognized by his peers as Employee of the Quarter in 1998, the University Classified Employee of the Year in 2007 and, in 2016 awarded the President’s Award of Excellence for his work in orchestrating the construction and university teams for the massive Chilled Water Expansion construction project.

Linda Teener-

Linda Teener began working for the State of Kansas while an undergraduate at Kansas State University. During the 40 years she has worked for the State. Linda has worked in Housing, first as a telephone (PBX) operator then as a resident hall assistant. During graduate school she worked for the Sociology Department and then moved to Student Services, where she worked in the Counseling Center and then as a program developer for the Dean of Students. For the past 29 ½ years, Linda has been the Director of Community Outreach for K-State Global Campus, spending her time directing the UFM Community Learning Center. Linda is married and has two grown daughters, 7 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mary Winnie-

Mary Winnie, native of Beloit, KS started her journey with the State of Kansas in August of 1978. Her first employment was with the Unemployment Tax Office in Salina, KS from 1978-1983. From there she moved onto Kansas Technical Institute, which is now known as Kansas State Polytechnic in Salina, KS from 1983-1987. Her current position is with Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics in Extension Agriculture Economics where she has been employed since August of 1987.

B T Beck-

Dr. B. Terry Beck is a Professor of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering (MNE) at Kansas State University (KSU) and teaches courses in the fluid and thermal sciences. He joined the MNE faculty at KSU in January 1979. He received his Ph.D. degree in mechanical engineering from Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan in 1978. His research areas include heat transfer, fluid

mechanics, two-phase flow, and optical measurements. Funding sources include ASHRAE, NSF, FRA, DOT, NASA, DOE, AFOSR and private industry. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi, ASEE, Pi Tau Sigma, ASME, Phi Kappa Phi, SPIE, and ASHRAE honorary and professional societies.

Mary McElroy-

Mary McElroy has been part of the teaching and research faculty at Kansas State since 1978. Her area of specialty focuses on the social dimensions related to physical activity and public health. She is author of numerous articles and several books including "Resistance to Exercise: A social analysis of physical inactivity" published by Human Kinetics. She was part of the original committee responsible for developing the Masters of Public Health at Kansas State University. She has also participated in the Women's Studies program. Her current research interest is focused on the social history of African Americans in physical activity.

Jean Braddy-

My 40 years at KSU has been very rewarding in many ways. I have been working in the same department for all of the 40 years. I started in January of 1979 and at that time our department was called the Department of Data Processing and has had many names as technology has changed at KSU and now it is called the KSU Information Technology Services Department. I continue to enjoy my work and as always my coworkers and friends across the campus.

Kansas Neurological Institute-

Betty Miles-

Betty Miles began employment with the State of Kansas at the Kansas Neurological Institute in November of 1978 as a Development and Training Specialist. She remained in that role until December of 2003, at which time she took a position as Activity Therapy Technician. Betty currently still works for KNI as an Activity Therapy Technician.

Marvin Nioce-

Marvin Nioce began service with the State of Kansas in November of 1978 and has served as a Procurement Officer for the entirety of his State career with the Kansas Neurological Institute.

Lansing Correctional Facility-

William D. (Bill) Shipman-

Bill Shipman was hired by Kansas State Penitentiary on June 4, 1979 as a Storekeeper I. In 1982, he promoted to the lead of that department. In January 1991, Bill promoted to a Corrections Counselor I and began helping the inmates of this maximum custody prison with their program progress during incarceration. He promoted to Corrections Counselor II and then to Unit Team Manager. In March 2007, Bill promoted again to Corrections Manager II and was Administrator of the East Unit of Lansing Correctional Facility, a minimum custody inmate housing location that provides inmate workers to private industries in the Lansing/Leavenworth area. In March of 2012 he assumed the responsibility of Classification Administrator over the classification unit teams who service the programs and custody progress of the inmate population. Bill became the Deputy Warden of Support Services in 2013 and a Public Service

Executive in 2015. During his career he has been recognized as the employee of the month twice, the Lansing Correctional Facility Employee of the Year and the Kansas Correctional Association's quarterly employee. He has been described by supervisors as someone who supports the vision and mission of the Kansas Department of Corrections. He is dependable, conscientious, organized, dedicated and trustworthy. He has great rapport with the staff and inmates and exhibits a strong work ethic. Bill graduated from Leavenworth (KS) High School and then completed a course of Auto Mechanics at the Northeast Kansas Vocational-Technical School in Atchison, KS. In 1987, he received his Associates degree in Accounting/Business and in 1995 her received an Associates degree in general studies with an emphasis on Police Science and Criminal Justice from Kansas City Kansas Community College. He also received a certificate of continuing education in Law Enforcement. His Bachelor's degree studies in Public Administration with an emphasis in Criminal Justice were from Upper Iowa University. Congratulations on forty years of service with the State of Kansas.

Colette Winkelbauer-

Colette Winkelbauer was hired as a Corrections Officer I at Kansas Correctional Institution at Lansing, the former Women's Prison, on January 2, 1979. She progressed in rank over the next eight years as an officer supervising inmate living activities on a daily basis. In March 1987, she became a Corrections Counselor working with the female inmates on their program needs and custody progress. Then in 1990, Kansas State Penitentiary and Kansas Correctional Institution at Lansing joined to become Lansing Correctional Facility. Again, Colette promoted through the levels to become the Classification Administrator for Lansing Correctional Facility in 2001. The last of the women offenders were moved to Topeka Correctional Facility in April 1995 and Colette is one of a few employees who has worked with both the women's and men's populations in Lansing. On January 2, 2001, she promoted to Deputy Warden of Support Services at Lansing. Since then she has served as a Deputy Warden of all three divisions of the prison administering the work of Support Services, Operations, and now as Deputy Warden of Programs. She has been described by her supervisors as a "can-do" person who makes a difference. Her ability, talent, knowledge, and leadership skills have served the State in an exceptional manner throughout the past forty years. She is conscientious, consistent, organized, dependable, and a problem solver. She has been recognized as an Employee of the Month and other departmental recognitions. Colette graduated from Horton (KS) High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in the dual major of Psychology and Sociology from Emporia State University and has done graduate work at the University of Kansas. Congratulations on a strong forty years and best wishes for continued service to the State of Kansas.

Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility-

Mary Ann Haynes-

Mary Ann Haynes began her career with the State of Kansas on February 18, 1979, as a Clerk Typist for the Kansas Fish and Game Commission in Pratt, Kansas and left in March 1980. She was hired as a Clerk Typist in the Personnel Department at Larned State Hospital on September 26, 1980. Her position was reallocated to Secretary II on June 18, 1991, and to Senior Administrative Assistant on November 11, 2001. Mary Ann promoted to Administrative Specialist in charge of benefits at LSH on August 3, 2003. She transferred as an Administrative Specialist in Human Resources at the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility on February 16, 2014.

She promoted to Human Resource Professional at LJCF on June 5, 2016, where she remained until the facility closed on June 17, 2017. She transferred to her current position of Human Resource Professional at Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility on June 18, 2017.

Ms. Haynes grew up in Belpre, Kansas. She graduated from Macksville High School, in Macksville, Kansas and attended Pratt Community College in Pratt, Kansas. She and her husband Brian reside in Larned, Kansas and have 7 children and 13 grandchildren.

Larned State Hospital-

Adrienne Bradley-

My first two years at LSH I worked in dietary. Since then, I have been in nursing as a psychiatric aide (MHDD) and an LMHT. I've worked every program (Children, Adolescents, Elderly Adults, Admissions/CSU, Adult Psych, State Security), except SPTP, (although I've been pulled there *many* times). After all these years, I am looking forward to the day I can retire.

Lupe Perez-

Lupe started in June of 1980 in Dietary Production and worked there for 5 yrs. Production was located in the Purchasing & Supply building. In 1985, Lupe applied for the job he now has in Purchasing's Shipping & Receiving area. So, he has been in the same building since 1980! He enjoys doing what he is doing for the patients and staff of LSH. Lupe said, "I've seen lots of changes out here...but the biggest change, is the color of my hair."

Norton Correctional Facility-

Tamara Nelson-

We want to recognize Tamara for 40 years of service to the Norton Correctional Facility and the State of Kansas. She started working at the State Hospital in May of 1976 as a Licensed Mental Health Technician. In July of 1988, she transferred to the Norton Correctional Facility as an Office Assistant. She promoted to an Office Assistant 3 in January of 1997. Her position was changed to an Administrative Assistant in January of 2001. She promoted to a Senior Administrative Assistant in March of 2007. Tamara works in our Records Office at the Norton Facility and is responsible for tracking movement of inmates in and out of Norton Correctional Facility. She has done an outstanding job for our facility for many years.

Office of Informational Technology Services-

Janet Hawkins-

Janet started working for the Department of Administration as a temp microfilming vouchers in what was then Accounts and Reports and is now working in the Office of Information Technology Services. In the last 40 years she has been a temp, a Secretary, an Accounting Specialist, a Web Developer and IT Help Desk Analyst.

Janet is married to her best friend Mike, has two grown sons and 8 grandkids. She enjoys living in a small-town community where the pace is slower and quieter.

Morris Oborny-

Morris Oborny began his career with the State of Kansas in July of 1978 working for the Kansas Department of Human Resources as a Computer Operator.

In March of 1984 Morris moved to the Department of Administration as a Computer Operator. In 1986 Morris changed position as a Data Control Technician.

In March of 1993 Morris was promoted to a Network Control Tech 2 where he provided network management and problem resolution services to state agencies.

Since 2004 Morris has been a Network Control Tech 3 where he continues to provide network services and troubleshooting to state agencies.

In his duties besides network management, he also updated and maintained the network tools such as HP Openview, Network Automation, Statseeker and a Cisco based automation system CSCP on a daily basis.

He also worked and maintained the wireless network associated with Aruba products.

Morris is an avid bowler and enjoys playing golf.

Morris has proven to be a valuable employee to not only his agency, but to the State of Kansas as well.

University of Kansas-**David W Acker-**

D.W. is a United States Navy Vietnam Veteran. He graduated from New Mexico Junior College in 1973 and the University of Kansas in 1976 with Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees, respectively.

He began a career at Kansas Athletics in 1977: 2019 marks forty-one years. He is a Graphic Designer/Artist.

Michael Ediger-

Michael Ediger began his career in Kansas higher education in 1978 as Assistant Residence Hall Director for McMIndes Hall / Program Coordinator for the student housing system at Fort Hays State University. The position was a 10-month annual appointment, which afforded him the opportunity to work summers on the road as an Admissions Counselor for the university's summer follow-up program. In 1984, he was promoted to director of Agnew Hall, a position that he held for two years, whereupon he returned to McMIndes Hall as director. The subsequent concurrent assignment as Custer Hall interim director for one year in 1992, ultimately resulted in him having supervised three out of the then existing five campus residence halls. Michael left his twenty-year tenure at Fort Hays State in 1998 to begin a new journey as Assistant Director of International Student and Scholars Services at The University of Kansas. He served in that capacity until 2002, when he was promoted to Associate Director. He continues to retain that title under the recently

rebranded office of International Support Services. Michael and his wife Yunhi reside in Lawrence, Kansas.

Reva C. Friedman-

Reva Friedman joined the School of Education faculty as a visitor in 1978, and stayed. An Associate Professor in Curriculum and Teaching, my teaching and research interests focus on Teacher education, creative thinking, and talent development. I am currently enjoying being a new, long distance grandmother after raising a family in Lawrence. When not professing my passion is music, and I continue to perform in a variety of groups (bass and/or vocals).

Mike Kautsch-

Mike Kautsch started a media law studies program at the University of Kansas School of Law in 1997 and oversaw it until retiring in 2019. He originally came to the University in 1979 as a journalism faculty member and served as journalism dean from 1987 to 1997. He holds journalism and law degrees from the University of Iowa. His teaching and research interests included the First Amendment, intellectual property and privacy. His honors included several teaching awards, an outstanding service award from the Kansas Bar Association and induction into the Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame.

Patricia Moody-

Patricia Moody earned her Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology from the University of Kansas in 1979. That same year she began her career as a Medical Laboratory Technologist at Watkins Student Health Center at KU. She and her husband, Bob have two sons and two grand children.

Daniel Pentlin-

Started in the State system in 1978, working as a custodial man in The University of Kansas dining halls, but didn't stop there as I work my way up to a cooks helper within a year and then in another 3 or 4 years worked up to a lead cook, Then I worked myself up to a Supervisor and then to a Manager, When the two organizations combined I went to catering where I reside now Because I always wanted to do that. I got married in the Spring of 1979 to the love of my life Terri We've been together ever since. In 1983 we had our son Jeremy and he has blessed us with three grandchildren Trevor, Cora and Ella whom we enjoy being with every day we can. I have enjoyed my years at KU and will continue to do so.

Barbara Terry-

Barbara J. Terry, has been with KU at the Juniper Gardens Children's Project (JGCP) in KC for 40+ years. She started out as a student at KU and as an elementary teacher, encountered Vance Hall at JGCP. She received her Masters and Ph.D. at KU, all while working at Juniper Gardens, where she worked on many of the educational research grants in researching, developing, and evaluating programs and procedures which enhanced the educational achievements of young children and students most at risk. She particularly enjoyed the areas of teacher training, staff development, and the implementation of techniques that were proven to be effective. She is currently working as the building liaison at the Children's Campus of Kansas City, where Juniper Gardens is housed on the 3rd floor. While no longer directly involved in the research aspect of Juniper, she keeps an attentive eye on all the stellar research that Juniper Gardens

continues to produce. Barbara has had a most positive 40 year experience at Juniper Gardens and the University of Kansas.

University of Kansas Medical Center-

John Hinkle-

John graduated from Turner High School in Kansas City, Kansas in 1977.

John began his state employment in 1979 as a Duplicating Machine Operator for the University of Kansas Medical Center, Printing Services. Later becoming a Printer I, II and III as he moved from printing presses to pre-press to digital graphic arts. In 1996 he was part of the team that brought a Digital Document Management system to KUMC becoming the administrator of the system. In 2000 he and the system were moved from Printing Services to Information Resources. He continues to this day to be an imaging system administrator for KUMC.

John and his wife Karen have two children, Paul and Lindsay.

John Maksimowicz

John began employment in 1978 in his hometown of Chanute as a dispatcher with the Kansas Highway Patrol. He transferred to the Wichita Troop F office in 1984 – later supervising 11 persons in the emergency communications center covering thirteen counties of southcentral Kansas. With some anticipated reorganization of the KHP's communications sections in 1997, he accepted a position as a telecom technician with the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita campus. That role evolved with the advancement of network services to his current position as a Senior Network Engineer, with responsibilities including network infrastructure, wireless networks, security firewalls and Voice over IP implementation.