

# 1986 Fellows

---



**Rocky Black**

B.A. Political Science  
The Ohio State University

Business:  
Ohio Department of Agriculture  
Deputy Director  
8995 East Main Street  
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068  
(614) 644-8621

(revised 07/22/11)

*“The LSC [fellowship] provided me the opportunity to develop skills which have allowed me to succeed. I’ve made lifelong friends and developed strong working relationships in many arenas of government. I recommend the LSC program whenever I get the opportunity.”*

-Lisa Bateson



**Lisa (Compton) Bateson**

B.A. Political Science  
University of Cincinnati

Business:  
Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield  
Office of Government Relations  
Staff Vice President  
37 West Broad Street, Suite 980  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 438-3906

(revised 05/08/09)

*“The greatest benefit I received from the LSC [fellowship] was having a 13+ year career as a legislative staff member. That experience helped me gain my current position.”*

-Gary Dougherty



**Gail Cordial**

B.A. Political Science  
Findlay College



**Gary Dougherty**

M.A. Political Science  
Kent State University

Business:  
American Diabetes Association  
Associate Director of State  
Government Affairs



**Marcia Egbert**

J.D. Law  
The Ohio State University

Business:  
The George Gund Foundation  
Program Officer  
1845 Guildhall Building  
45 Prospect Avenue West  
Cleveland, OH 44115  
(216) 241-3114

*“The LSC [fellowship] was a tremendous, practical introduction to the “real world” of politics and government. It’s a chance to make a tangible, positive impact on vital issues early in one’s career and provides lasting opportunity and contacts.”*

*-Marcia Egbert*



**Sarah Elder**

B.S. Social Work  
University of Kansas

*“The LSC [fellowship] afforded me the unique opportunity to experience and observe firsthand the entire state legislative process. It has had a lifelong impact on my career goals in that it solidified my commitment to a public service career. It also gave me the opportunity to become acquainted with many individuals also committed to public service, many of whom I remain in contact with many years later!”*

*-Liz Flynn Vorys*

*“The LSC [fellowship] is a great program that provides excellent “hands-on” experience.”*

*-Sarah Elder*



**Liz Flynn Vorys**

J.D. Law  
The Ohio State University

Business:  
Stay-at-home Parent

*“My experience as an LSC [fellow] gave me the opportunity to see the legislative process firsthand. I have used that knowledge to help the agencies for which I have worked and the boards on which I served to advocate for issues with legislators and to prepare and give testimony. I also gained a broad perspective on state government that has helped me personally and professionally to find the right state agency to address areas of concern apart from the legislative process.”*

*-Mary Ellen Franzen*



**Mary Ellen Franzen**

M.A. Gerontology  
University of Southern Florida

Business:  
Northwest Counseling Services  
Home Sharing Coordinator



**Marlene K. Harris-Taylor**

B.A. Journalism  
The Ohio State University

Business:  
WBGUTV27  
Public Affairs Director  
Bowling Green State University  
Bowling Green, OH 43403-0060

*“My LSC [fellowship] was a great experience. It helped me understand how government really works.”*

*-Marlene K. Harris-Taylor*



**Tom Hart**

B.A. History  
Wittenberg University

Business:  
Dominion Homes, Inc.  
Vice President of  
Government Affairs  
5000 Tuttle Crossing Boulevard  
P.O. Box 5000  
Dublin, OH 43016-5555  
(614) 356-5000

*“The LSC [fellowship] gave me a great opportunity to learn about the legislature and opened the door to a career I’ve enjoyed immensely.”*

*-Elizabeth M. Connolly*



**Elizabeth M. (Huber) Connolly**

B.A. Political Science  
Mount Union College

Business:  
Ohio Senate  
Deputy Chief of Staff,  
Policy & Admin  
Senate Majority Caucus  
Statehouse, 2nd Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 466-5221  
liz.connolly@ohiosenate.gov

(revised 02/14/14)

*“My experience in the legislature as an LSC [fellow] has been useful in law school and in the practice of law.”*

*-Elizabeth Anstaett*



**Elizabeth (Laughlin) Anstaett**

B.A. Journalism  
The Ohio State University

Business:  
Dreher, Langer & Tomkies, L.L.P.  
Attorney  
2250 Huntington Center  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 628-1604



**Trish D. Lazich**

B.A. Criminal Justice  
Kent State University

Business:  
Ulmer & Berne, LLP  
1300 East Ninth Street, Suite 900  
Cleveland, OH 44113  
(216) 931-6162  
tlazich@ulmer.com

*“The LSC [fellowship] program provided a wonderful opportunity to learn and participate in state government firsthand. I continued my public sector career in state government for fifteen years after my [fellowship] before joining private practice.”*

*-Priscilla Walker*



**Christopher R. Martin**

B.A. Communications  
Capital University

Business:  
University of Northern Iowa  
Associate Professor  
Department of  
Communication Studies  
Electronic Media Division  
355 Lang Hall  
Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0139  
(319) 273-2788  
Christopher.Martin@uni.edu

*“The LSC [fellowship] program was invaluable and gave me great insight into the legislative and political processes. I draw on these experiences as I talk about the intersection of the media and public policy to my students today.”*

*-Christopher R. Martin*



**Kris (McGillivray) Shannon**

B.A. English  
The Ohio State University



**Maureen McGuinness**

B.A. Economics  
Ohio Wesleyan University



**Laura (Parker) Clemens**

B.A. English  
Kenyon College

Business:  
Capitol Square Review &  
Advisory Board  
Executive Director  
The Ohio Statehouse  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 466-8867

(revised 07/12/16)



**Barbara Patton-Walker**

B.A. Communications  
Youngstown State University



**Jennifer Perry**

B.A. Foreign Affairs  
Miami University



**Tara Ross**

J.D. Law  
Valparaiso University



**Tracy Starr**

M.A. English  
Youngstown State University



**Lisa (VanValkenburg) Rankin**

B.A. English  
Wittenberg University

Business:  
Ohio Nurses Association  
Deputy Executive Officer  
4000 East Main Street  
Columbus, OH 43213  
(614) 448-1024  
lrankin@ohnurses.org  
(revised 09/17/10)