



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

# DIRECTORY OF FORMER FELLOWS

THE OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION  
LEGISLATIVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

... LAUNCHING CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE SINCE 1963

# Legislative Service Commission Directory of Fellows

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This directory lists individuals who worked as legislative fellows as part of the long-standing Legislative Service Commission legislative fellowship program. The directory is arranged by year, and former fellows are listed alphabetically within each year of the fellowship program. Directory entries are based on responses to a questionnaire sent to former fellows, so some entries provide more detail than others. Entries list each former fellow's name, a photograph if available, the university and the degree(s) received prior to becoming a fellow, the most current business address available, and any comments included about the fellowship program.

Until 1971, the fellowship program followed the academic year beginning in the fall and ending in July of the following year. Since 1971, the program has begun in early December and ended on December 31 of the following year, more closely matching the legislative year.

In May 2010, the program was renamed the LSC Legislative Fellowship Program from the LSC Internship Program to more accurately reflect the educational and professional goals of the program.

The number of fellows listed varies from year-to-year due to additional fellows being hired to fill vacancies as well as the Commission's decision to periodically change the number of fellowships based on available program funds.

Upon completion of the LSC fellowship, many fellows attend graduate or law school. These post-fellowship achievements are not listed in the directory unless included in the fellow's comments. LSC does include this information in the LSC Fellowship database.

Printed copies of the Directory of Fellows are available to former fellows. Unlike the Internet version of the directory, the printed version includes home addresses and phone numbers for fellows who responded to this project as long as they authorized their inclusion.

Fellows may update their information by completing a Fellow Directory Update Form available at the links for the Fellowship Program and then the Directory of Fellows on the LSC web site, [www.lsc.state.oh.us](http://www.lsc.state.oh.us), or by contacting LSC at:

Fellow Directory Project  
Legislative Service Commission  
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# 1963-1964 Fellows

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**Robert W. Adams, Ph.D.**

Deceased

A Wright State University Professor of Political Science and a supporter of the LSC fellowship program who wrote many letters of recommendation for aspiring fellows.

(revised 2/28/06)

*“Among the many benefits of the LSC [fellowship] was the sense of being a participant in the legislative process. I gained an appreciation for the influential role of staff. I was asked (and trusted) to contribute to early attempts to fashion the first Ohio legislative reapportionment plan following Baker vs. Carr (one person, one vote) and helped do research for an urban education study. It was exciting, fun, and rewarding and gave me a real sense of being an “insider,” albeit, a very junior one!”*

*- Robert W. Adams, Ph.D.  
1999*



**James F. Barnes**



**Douglas M. Bloomfield**



**James C. Cissell**



**Sue Ellen McNaughton**

# 1964-1965 Fellows

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**Charles W. Chance**



**Richard M. Delon**



**Robert B. Nelson**



**Jack L. Noragon**



**Sally S. Ramsey**



**Higdon C. Roberts, Jr.**

# 1966-1967 Fellows

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**Frank Bednarek, Jr.**



**Jack Lee Bricker**



**John C. Comer**



**Larry Crouch**



**John Gibson**



**Allan Goldfarb**



**Marvin Hershiser**



**Michael A. Steadham**



**Charles J. Wilhelm**



**Jerilyn Lazear Wolman**

# 1967-1968 Fellows

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**Richard E. Masek**

B.A. Political Science  
Northwestern University

M.A. Political Science  
The Ohio State University

J.D. from  
Capital University

Business:  
Retired after 42 years of public service.  
Former Associate Director of the  
Ohio Legislative Service Commission.  
(revised 07/23/10)

*“A note to new and future [fellows]: As you start your [fellowship], don’t try to “force” anything. Like any relationship, a good [fellowship] takes time. Time for the legislator to assess the [fellow] and time for the [fellow] to understand from whence the legislator is coming. I know the [fellowship] lasts only one year, so time seems at a premium, but a couple of months up front may mean an enjoyable remaining ten months.”*

- Richard E. Masek



**Hubert Harry Basehart**



**Walter F. Libby**



**Robert Pralle**

# 1971 Fellows

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**Ray Anderson**



**Kathy Anderson**



**John Carey**



**Gayle Cozens**



**Tony Distefano**



**Alan Foster**



**James Humphreys**



**Diane Liptack**



**Grace Mullen**



**Robert Nader**

# 1972 Fellows

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**Douglas G. Boyd.**



**Donald Allen**



**Catherine Ashley Crawford**

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*"The LSC [fellowship] program gave me an appreciation for the importance and complexity of state government in our daily lives."*

*- Douglas G. Boyd*



**David Fairbanks**



**Lawrence Furbish**



**Steve Harris**



**James Jeffries**



**Karen Kloss**



**George Rogerson**



**Tim Shay**



**Peggy Siegel**



**Ralph Tyler**

# 1973 Fellows

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**Becky Bowling**



**Glen Forrester**



**Kathy Goater**



**Herb Jones**



**Mark Krausz**



**Gary Kubina**



**Ray Miller**

Former Ohio Senator

(revised 02/13/14)



**Rich Murray**



**Julia Renner**



**Linda Smith**



**Carol S. (Spohn) Norris**

*“The LSC [fellowship] opened up employment opportunities for me in the state legislature.”*

*-Carol S. Norris*



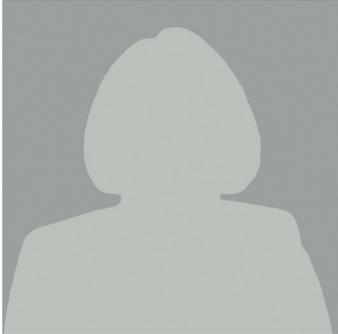
**Elizabeth “Betty” Squeglia**

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# 1975 Fellows

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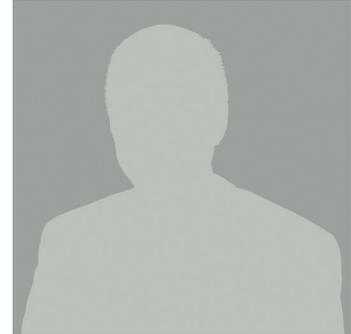


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*“The intimate understanding of governmental and political processes I received from my experience as an LSC [fellow] have been very useful in teaching American History as a college teacher.”*

*-M. Christine Anderson*

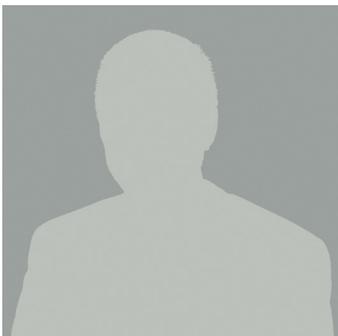


**Robert Blair**

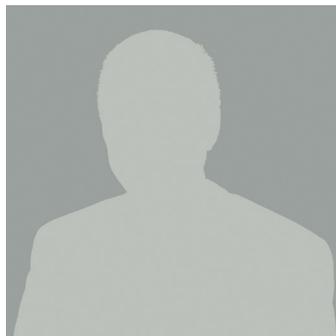
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Department of Administrative  
Services  
Director  
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*“The LSC [fellowship] program is truly a great learning experience. It tempers idealism and enthusiasm in building the character and experience one needs to meet the goals of life.”*

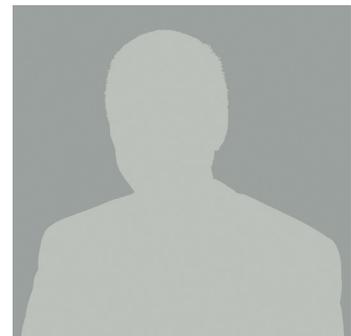
*-Robert Blair*



**Chris Burnett**

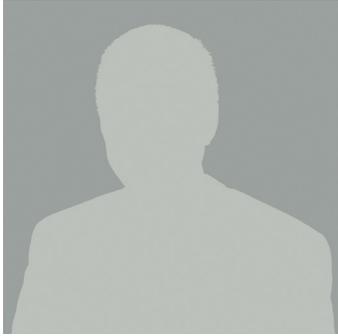


**Jean Diemunsch**



**Joseph Elton**

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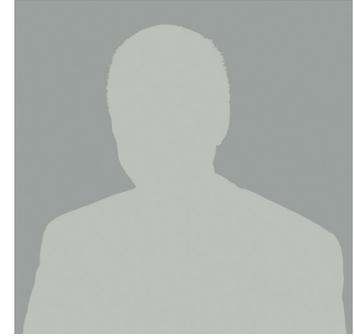


**Terry Freeman**

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Ohio Department of Job  
and Family Services  
Human Services Developer 2  
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*“The LSC [fellowship] program provides a very unique perspective on the inner workings of the Ohio General Assembly and Ohio government in general. It’s an experience that prepared me very well for a career in state government (so far more than 23 years). Knowing (and seeing) the process firsthand is half the battle.”*

*-Terry Freeman*

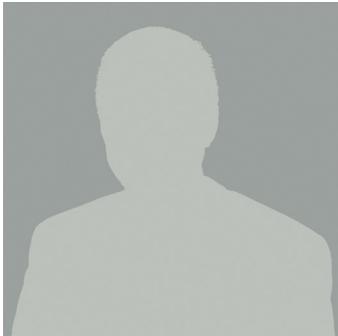


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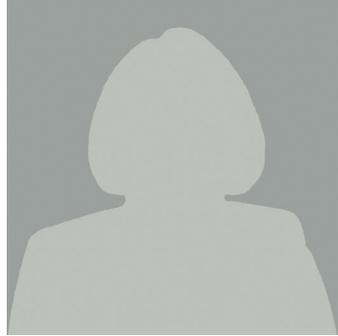
*“I have not found any position in business or government that could possibly expose a recent graduate to more varied subjects, or more opportunities to make a real difference in people’s lives and public policy than the LSC [fellowship]. This program leapfrogs participants ahead of their peers with experience and responsibility.”*

*-Larry Heckner*

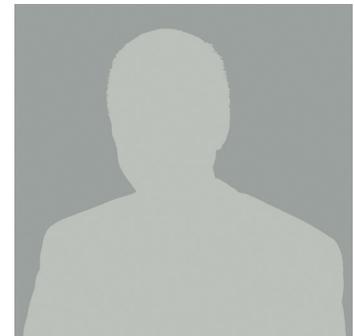


**John R. Kasich**

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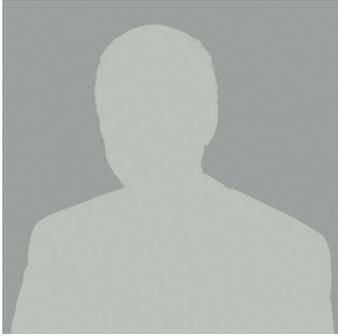


**Vivian Lermonde**



**Jan Long**

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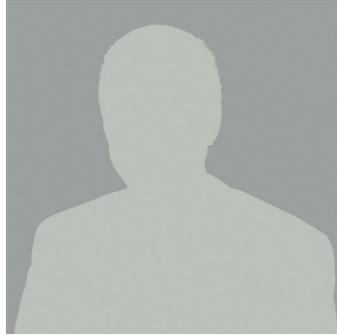
**William Muhlenfeld**

Sold Chicago-based company and enjoying life in Montana

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*“LSC was instrumental in helping me to recognize the inherent difficulties of the democratic process.”*

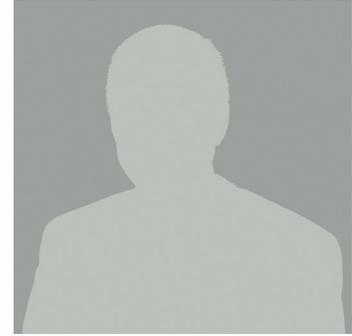
*-William Muhlenfeld*

**Gilbert Price**

Deceased

Former Chief of Staff for the Ohio Senate Minority Caucus

(revised 07/23/10)

**Scott F. Sturges**

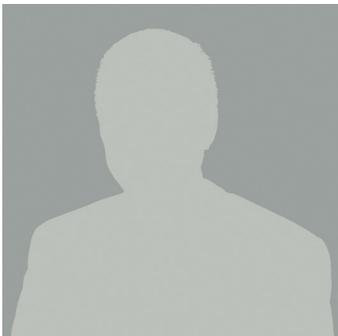
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**Reginald Surmon**

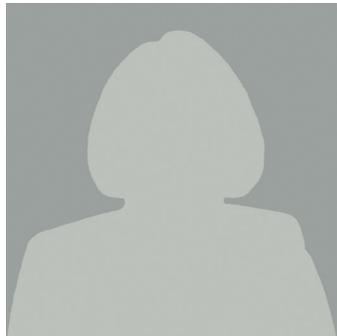
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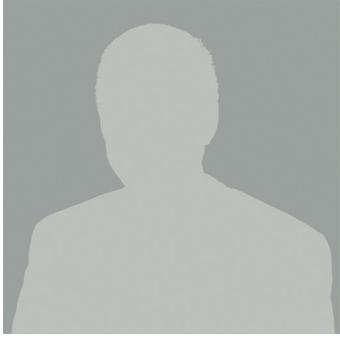
**Linda Taylor**

*“The Legislative Service Commission [fellowship] is a terrific foundation for careers because the program quickly immerses [fellows] into varied opportunities that include public policy, public relations, constituent relations, and the chance to work with talented and diverse personalities.”*

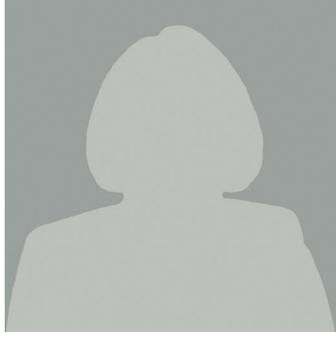
*-Scott F. Sturges*

*“The LSC [fellowship] program was my entry into the legislative process. I served as Legislative Assistant to the late Senator William F. Bowen for several years and watched the passage of a lot of significant legislation.”*

*-Reginald Surmon*



**Richard Tomlinson**



**Sally Van Meter**

# 1976 Fellows

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**Christy (Angerer) Rickel**

B.S. Biology & Political Science  
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**Rick Ayish.**

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**Janet (Gentzler) Studer**

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**James W. Hart**

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*“The Legislative Service Commission [fellowship] program gave me great insight into the legislative process and the program motivated me to attend law school.”*

*- James W. Hart*



**Candace S. Hughes**

B.A. Journalism  
The Ohio State University

Graduate student in English  
at Arizona State University



**Sue Kussrow**

B.A. Sociology & Urban Studies  
Wittenberg University



**Mary Ann (Lampe) Randolph**

B.A. Sociology  
Edgecliff College



**Beth (Monroe) O'Brien**

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**Hal Murray**

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*“Thanks to the LSC [fellowship] program, I gained a great introduction to politics and government—something I use everyday in my work.”*

*-Hal Murray*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] program provides valuable insight into career options in government and related areas and helps you form partnerships to achieve your career goals.”*

*-Dale B. Norris*



**Sharon Simmons**

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**Cindy (Smith) Schneible**

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**Connie Wirtz**

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# 1977 Fellows

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**Victoria Belfiglio**

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*"I believe my experience as an LSC [fellow] had a direct effect on my subsequent decision to attend law school. The experience helped me as a law student, because I had a clear understanding of the legislative process. My experience as an LSC [fellow] had an effect on my choice of careers within the law—that is, federal service. I have found I am the most comfortable working for the public good as a government employee."*

*-Victoria Belfiglio*



**Marian Bontempo**

B.A. Diplomacy & Foreign Affairs  
Miami University

*"I made several contacts in state government which are still beneficial to me. The LSC [fellowship] helped me explore career options in the legislative arena and state government."*

*-Jeanine Ellis*



**Jeanine Ellis**

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**Jeannette (Feihel) Oxender**

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**John R. Jacobs**

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*“The LSC [fellowship] was a great experience for me even though I decided that I did not want a political career. I went to business school after completing the program.”*

*-John R. Jacobs.*

**Kathy LaVanche**

B.S. Social Work  
University of Dayton

*“The LSC [fellowship] program was a great introduction to government, politics and terrific people.”*

*-Donald B. Leach, Jr.*

**Donald B. Leach, Jr.**

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*“The LSC [fellowship] provided the basis for my career. I served ten years as Assistant Director of the state oil and gas trade association and started my own private lobbying firm in Wyoming. The [fellowship] allowed me to learn the legislative process and establish credibility in the field of lobbying.”*

*-Wendy Lowe*



**Sue Matthews**

B.A. Journalism  
The Ohio State University

Deceased



**Peg O'Connell**

B.A. History & Political Science  
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**Margaret "Peggy"  
(Oshuns) Isquick**

M.A. Education/  
Ph.D. Education  
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Business:  
Cuyahoga County Public  
Defender Office  
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**Susan (Perkins) Botsford**

B.S. Biology  
Miami University

*"Not only did I learn about the legislative process during my LSC [fellowship], I learned how to write press releases, work with constituents and research legislation. These skills have assisted me in my work as a lawyer."*

*-Margaret "Peggy" Isquick*



**Sarah (Schleder) Gudz**

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*"As an LSC [fellow], I learned an incredible amount about the workings of state government which has served me well ever since. I learned problem solving and sharpened my analytical skills. I learned how to network. I gained wonderful memories from the experience."*

*-Susan Gudz*



**Kent E. Studebaker**

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*“The LSC [fellowship] offers an excellent opportunity to experience the inner workings of state government. The program encourages both professional and personal growth and maturity. The friendships I have made through the program have been long-lasting. There seems to be a common bond among participants long after the [fellowship].”*

-Kent E. Studebaker



**John Van Doorn**

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# 1978 Fellows

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**Michael L. Bateson**

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*"My year as an LSC [fellow] gave me the opportunity to become familiar with a wide range of public policy issues and to better understand the process in which those issues are resolved."*

*-Michael L. Bateson*



**Kara Bredemeyer.**

B.A. Government & History  
Oberlin College

*"Twenty years later, the learning and the personal relationships developed during my LSC [fellowship] remain foundational to my work life."*

*-Eric L. Burkland*



**Eric L. Burkland**

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Miami University

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The Ohio Manufacturers' Association  
President  
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Stay-at-home parent

**Brad Cole**

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*“It’s a long way from LSC to PTO, but as this former LSC [fellow] and present mom left a recent meeting, the subject of state legislatures came up, and the three other PTO presidents I was with all revealed they, too, had been legislative aides or [fellows] at some point in their lives. Public service (and politics) must get in the blood.”*

*-Blair Adams*

**Sandra Hallet**

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**Mari-Jean (Oswald) Siehl**

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National Housing Corporation  
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*“The LSC [fellowship] program provided me with invaluable experience and insight into the workings of state government and the legislative process. What I learned during the 13-month program has served as a foundation for my entire career in public service.”*

*-Mari-Jean Siehl*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] established my adult career path and provided me with valuable contacts and dear friends.”*

*-Debbie Tavenner*

*“The LSC [fellowship] is a wonderful opportunity to learn about state government in a hands-on, up-close way.”*

*-Ann M. Spicer*



**Ann M. (Trainer) Spence**

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Executive Vice President



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# 1979 Fellows

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of Commerce

(revised 09/09/13)

*“The LSC [fellowship] has meant contacts, contacts, contacts ... plus good friends.”*

*-Rod Anderson*



**Melissa (Barr) Snider**

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Communications  
Otterbein College

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Public Policy Research and  
Writing Consultant

*“The LSC [fellowship] gave me a birds-eye view of the workings of the General Assembly and state government. Terrific experience!”*

*-Melissa Snider*



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- Ruth Silverman

*“The job was a great learning experience and gave me the opportunity to meet a lot of great people. The best thing has been meeting friends who are now among my best friends.”*

-Cynthia Cole



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*“As someone who has helped to administer the [fellowship] program, I’m always impressed with the enthusiasm each group of [fellows] brings to the LSC [fellowship]. [Fellows]’ accomplishments before they enter the program are incredible, and given the level of talent in each group, it doesn’t surprise me at all when I hear of their remarkable achievements after the [fellowship]. It’s a unique opportunity that leads to many career possibilities. In my case an added benefit has been the lifelong friendships I formed during my [fellow] year.”*

*-Kathleen Luikart*



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*-Priscilla Walker*

*“The LSC [fellowship] was a terrific experience that has become more and more valuable over time. Getting familiar and comfortable with the legislative process, the diverse actors involved, and the range of policy situations has been useful every step of the way since “graduation.”*

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*-Leslie Leff*



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*“I think my LSC [fellowship] was the most wonderful experience in the world. I was exposed to the legislative process from the inside and was fortunate to meet the “movers and shakers” in Ohio.”*

*-Eric F. Whitehead*



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*-Patricia George*



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*-Catherine Runyan*

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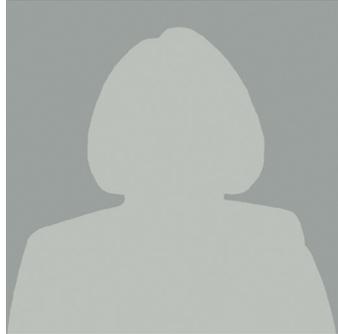
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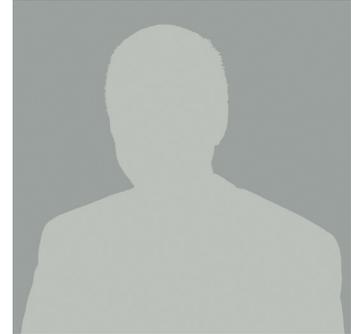


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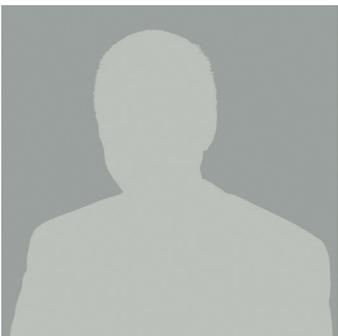
*“The LSC [fellowship] program gave me an excellent opportunity to do what I always wanted to do . . . work in government. My [fellowship] was a great year which led to 14 years of working in the Ohio legislature.”*

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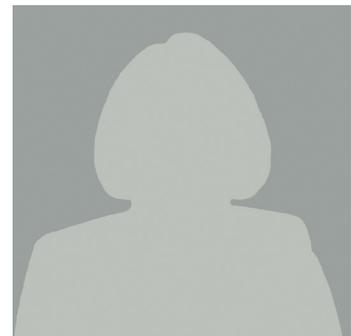
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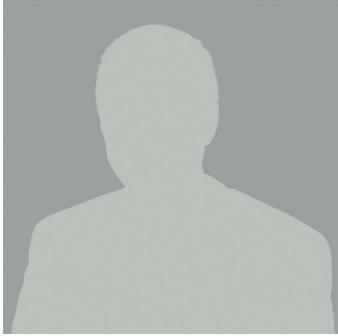
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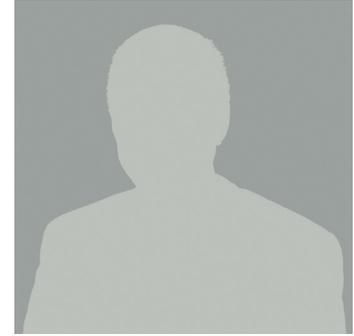
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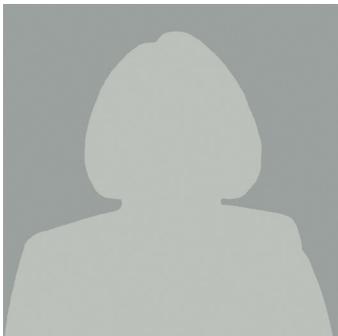
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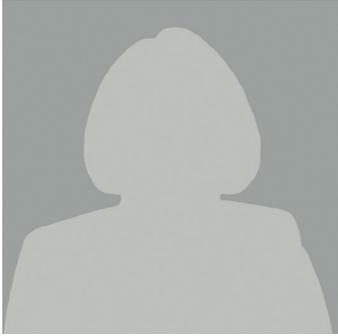
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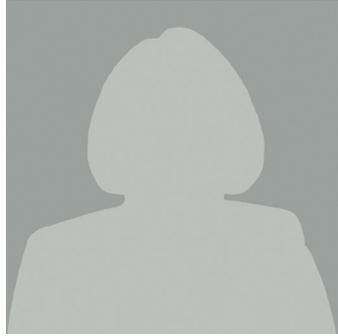
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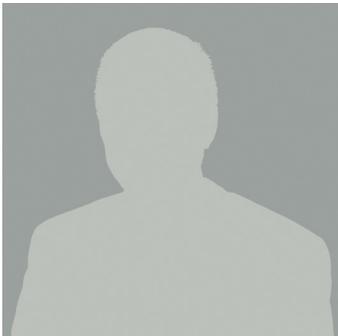
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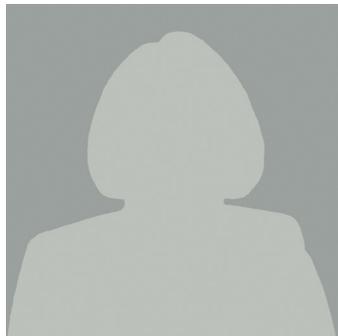
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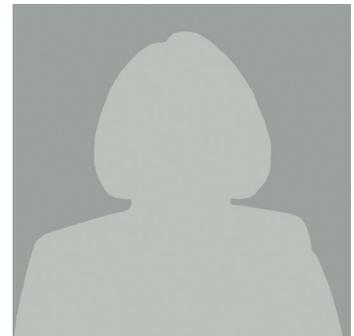
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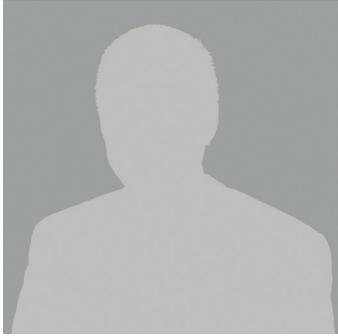
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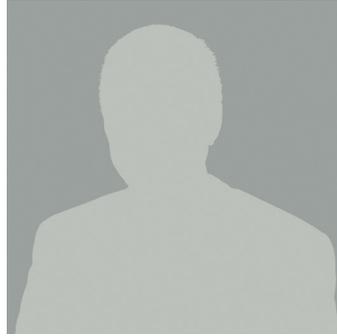
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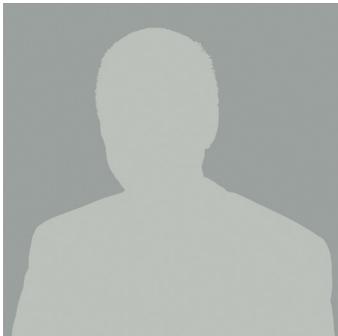
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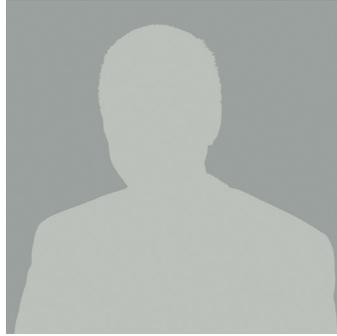
*“The primary benefits of the LSC [fellowship] program were gaining an understanding of how state government functions and meeting so many bright and talented people. Another benefit was learning to juggle a number of legislators’ assignments simultaneously. The LSC [fellowship] was a great preparation for a lifetime of service to others.”*

*-Mary Beth Merklin*



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*-Michael L. Bennett*



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*“Though I was a social work major, I always had an interest in politics and policy development. The LSC [fellowship] program allowed me to gain firsthand knowledge and experience in both. That experience made me a more poised, polished, and well-rounded professional and taught me how to work more effectively at creating solid health care policy. I have accomplished a lot since I was an LSC [fellow], and I strongly believe I have the [fellowship] to thank for preparing me.”*

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*-Lori Essman*

*“The LSC [fellowship] gives participants an insider’s view of how laws are made and also provides a good overview of all the workings of state government.”*

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*“The LSC [fellowship] program is a great first, after-college job. I met my husband while discussing a piece of legislation, worked with smart people, and saw politics from the inside. I learned to perform independently in a professional environment. I was given all the responsibility and challenge one proved able to handle.”*

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*“As with many of my colleagues, I had both full-time employment and academic experience prior to the LSC [fellowship]. However, the [fellowship] was the single most valuable working introduction to the legislative process and public policy in general, I ever experienced. It has served me well throughout the succeeding 16 years (and still counting!) of working with governmental policy issues on the local, state, and federal levels.”*

- Mark E. Seifarth

*“The benefits of an LSC [fellowship] are too numerous to recount, but chief among them is the exposure to a myriad of issues and interesting people. It is a learning experience you can’t get anywhere else.”*

- Amy Showalter



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*“The LSC Fellowship was not only an eye opening and enjoyable experience, it also provided the ideal path to my long and rewarding career in state government in my field of study.”*

*-Jean Backs*



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*“The contacts I made during my LSC [fellowship] were invaluable. The [fellowship] gave me a bird’s eye view of state government which has been extremely valuable in my career. My career has been diverse: two branches (legislative and executive) and three agencies (OBM, EPA, DOD). I’ve enjoyed this path very much and feel the LSC [fellowship] exposed me to things which have helped me make good career decisions.”*

*-Jeanne Barrett*

*“During the LSC [fellowship] program, I met a lot of great people and learned a lot about the legislative process, politics, budgeting, and diplomacy.”*

*-Paolo A. DeMaria*



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*“Working within the legislature provides an opportunity to be at the heart of the action, since all state agencies are affected by state statutes. Also, the LSC [fellowship] program provides contacts not only within state government but in the private sector as well. It’s a good starting point to find permanent employment.”*

*-Jim Lynn*

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*-Anne E. Goodge*



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*-Nadine Baccellieri*



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*"I learned everything I know about politics in the LSC [fellowship] program."*

*-Bob Schaffer*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] program provided me with the foundation needed to work and interact with legislators, staffers, and other governmental officials. It was also an invaluable opportunity to learn about the real philosophical and practical workings of the government. Most of all, I will never forget the relationships formed with my former [fellows].”*

*-Rodney Williams*

*“I owe most of my success to the LSC [fellowship] program and the 15 months I spent coming to work everyday at the State House. Having the opportunity to learn so much about the legislative process and state government was a tremendous privilege.”*

*-Jamie Young*

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*“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.”*

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*“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.”*

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*“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.”*

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*“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*



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*“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*



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*-Elizabeth M. Connolly*



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*-Bridget Gargan*

*“Having to communicate with constituents from all walks of life is great preparation for a career in any industry.”*

*-Roseanne Hauer*

*“The LSC [fellowship] was a valuable introduction to the “real” world of politics and public affairs. The lessons learned and the ability to balance multiple interests, compromise effectively, and read between the lines have served me well in all aspects of life.”*

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*“I so much enjoyed my LSC [fellowship] as it gave me the opportunity to learn about the legislative process and meet the persons involved in drafting legislation. Following my [fellowship], I had several good job opportunities that came about as a result of my participation in the LSC [fellowship] program.”*

*-Colleen (Shay) Murray*



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*“The experience of the LSC [fellowship] program led directly to my various professional opportunities. Without the [fellowship], I would not have been able to follow the career path I have taken in government relations and association management. As a [fellow], I developed multiple skill sets that I still utilize to this day, which, along with the contacts I have made, have shaped my professional life.”*

*-Timothy A. White*

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*“I can think of no better portal in which to enter state government than through the LSC [fellowship] program. The knowledge, friendships and insights I gained through this program served me well throughout my subsequent 19-year tenure in state government. The best indicator of this program’s success may simply be the number of times that I have fished for new employees in the pool of current and former [fellows]!”*

-Kate Bartter



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*“The LSC [fellowship] program provides a comprehensive overview of state government—the legislative process, working with state agencies, and learning about both political parties.”*

-Tom Bulgrin



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*“The LSC [fellowship] program prepared me very well for public service and enabled me to enjoy my time as a state legislator, albeit term-limited. It also allowed me to get the most out of a great institution—the Ohio House of Representatives. I shall be forever grateful.”*

*-Sean D. Logan*



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*-Joni Morrow*



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*“Many years after completing my LSC [fellowship], I’m still here!! I think that says it all!!”*

*-Jennifer A. Parker*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] program provides a wonderful view of the inner-workings of our government; a great group of [other fellows], and fantastic networking! Thanks LSC!”*

*-Margaret “Christy” Tull*



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*“The LSC program was the starting point for learning about the workings of state government and from there, along with the many quality individuals I have met and worked with over the years, I have benefited greatly in intellectual growth and understanding of the governmental process.”*

- Pamela J. Vest



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*“The LSC [fellowship] program is invaluable in that it provides the first professional experience for many people who devote their careers to public service. Although I ultimately chose to pursue a career outside of state government, I feel that I am a much better-informed citizen because of the experience.”*

-Kristie Barbour



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*-Richard Kobe*

*“As an election law lawyer, I’m immersed in politics on a daily basis. The LSC [fellowship] enabled me to better understand the political process and prepared me for a public service career.”*

*-Todd Lang*

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*-Holly Saelens*



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*“My work as an LSC [fellow] helped prepare me for my first position as a publicist.”*

*-Meg Varley*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] allowed me to gain an experience that few other Ohioans have. The unique skills and knowledge developed during the [fellowship] and my subsequent time as a legislative aide and budget analyst continue to open doors for my career. Many of the relationships started during the [fellowship] continue, in fact a group of us still meet for a whole weekend together at least once a year.”*

*-Randy Cole*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] taught me the basics of the legislative process and gave me solid legal research skills. I also learned how the state’s administrative offices function and how to network within that system.”*

*-Kimberly McConville*



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*“I feel that the LSC [fellowship] is one of the best first “real” jobs for a college graduate. It provided me with the confidence to work well with a variety of people and adapt to new responsibilities. This helped when I moved to New Zealand without much of an idea of what type of job I wanted. Currently, I assist with a study abroad program for American students who come to New Zealand for a semester.”*

*-Carol DuBois-Wright*

*“The LSC [fellowship] program enabled me to participate in state government which helped me obtain a policy position within a state agency and ultimately gave me the skills and credentials for my current position.”*

*-Elizabeth Futryk*



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*“During the LSC [fellowship], I gained experience in community relations and working with different levels of people.”*

*-Tracy Fuchs*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] program helped me to understand state government, politics, and constituent services. I really enjoyed the experience it gave me in learning how to help people with difficult problems and being able to become friends with all types of different people regardless of our various opinions and goals.”*

*-Cathleen McComas*



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*"Meaningful, lasting friendships and realistic exposure to politics, that's how I benefited from the LSC [fellowship] program."*

*-Greg Moody*

*"I had a great experience in the LSC [fellowship] program, which introduced me to the legislative and political processes. It also prompted me to enter law school. As a 1996 graduate of the Howard University School of Law, I realize how my knowledge of the legislative process helped to prepare me for law school."*

*-Damon Scott*



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*“The lessons I learned about how laws are made help me both in my career and in my personal life. The networking skills I learned as an LSC [fellow] continue to make an impact on how I do my job.”*

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*"I learned a lot about state government and the state legislature. I worked for one representative, so I got a lot of great exposure to the legislative process and had a lot of varied and interesting responsibilities which prepared me for other jobs. I also made a lot of nice friends. I think the LSC [fellowship] program does a great job of helping people develop professional skills and personal relationships."*

*-Jodi Glaser*

*"I would not have the career I have today if not for the LSC [fellowship] program."*

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*"The LSC [fellowship] experience was invaluable in terms of what I learned, who I met, and exposure to all elements of politics and state government."*

*-Willa J. Ebersole*

*"I have found different kinds of benefits from being an LSC [fellow]. On a personal level, I am a much more educated and active participant in the democratic process. Professionally, I have been able to use this understanding to emphasize the importance of an active citizenry to students that I have taught. I have also been able to incorporate these ideas in materials that I develop for national classroom use."*

*-Manisha Hariani*



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*"It was great to be able to see how state government works in another state."*

*-Amy Sobieski*

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*-Kate Hartland*



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*"The LSC [fellowship] was an opportunity to get a firsthand look at how government operates, a perspective most citizens don't have. I also enjoyed the occasional field trips to various parts of the state—they were eye-opening and informative. The LSC [fellowship] was an experience for which I will always be grateful."*

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*“The LSC [fellowship] gave me insight on the practical application of political and government theory that I feel I could not have obtained anywhere else. It helped round out my education and was the perfect bridge from higher education to the unique and challenging environment of state government.”*

*-Joe Savarise*



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*-Christopher E. Wasson*



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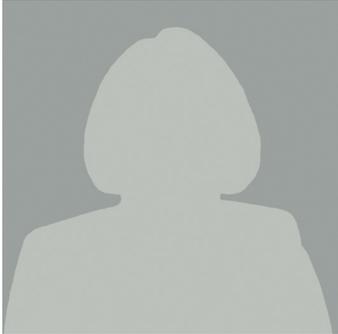


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*“The LSC [fellowship] program was extraordinary! It allowed me to meet so many people involved in our state government and opened my eyes to the legislative process and how government is delivered to the people. It motivated me to become more involved in our government and help ensure democracy and freedom!”*

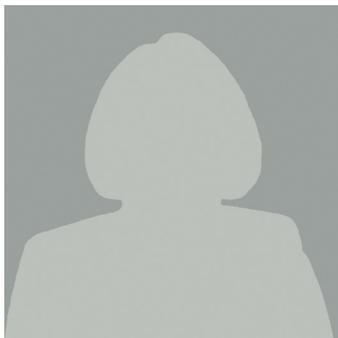
-John A. Bocchieri

*“The LSC [fellowship] program provides one with hands-on experience which cannot be acquired in a classroom.”*

-JoAnn Abele

*“I made long-lasting friendships. It was a great first job, and I learned a lot about myself.”*

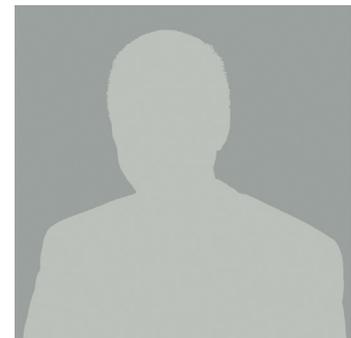
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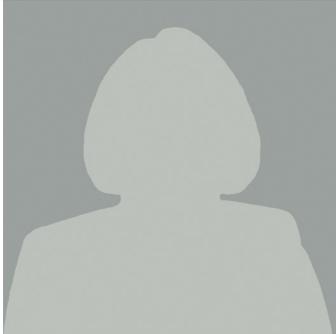
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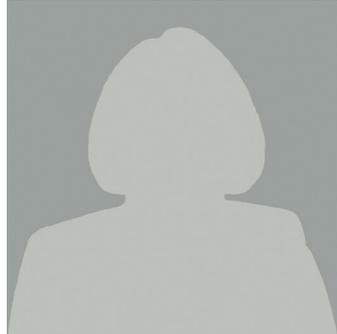
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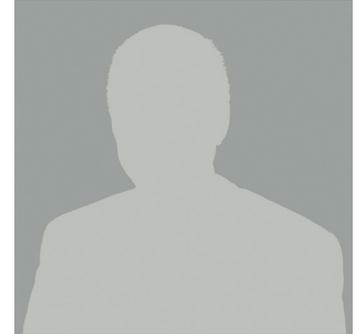
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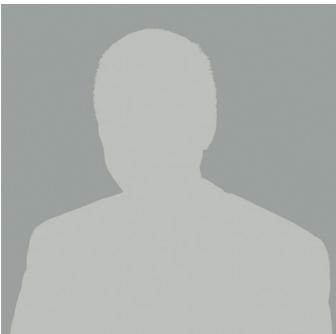
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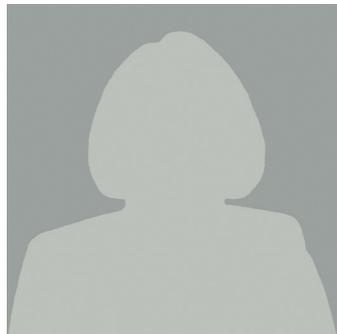
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*“Participation in the LSC [fellowship] program confirmed that I wanted to work in the public sector. It also served as a wonderful springboard for my professional career after college.”*

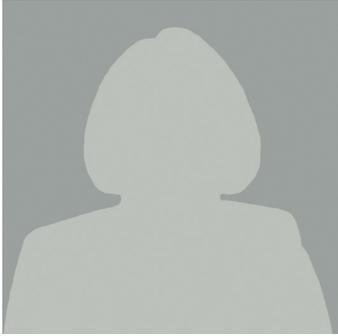
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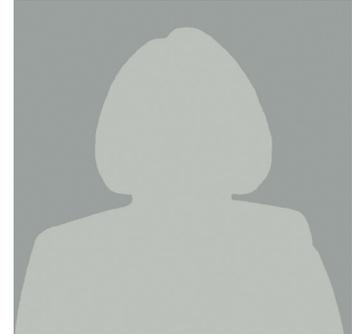
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*“The LSC [fellowship] program is excellent! Not only did it open the door to the National Conference of State Legislatures where I worked as a policy analyst for three years, it gave me the professional confidence needed to succeed in and out of the political sector.”*

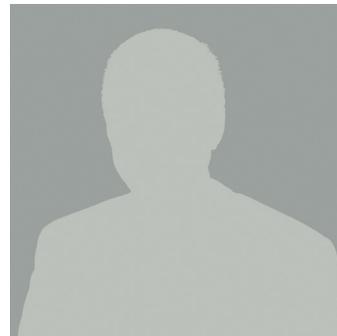
*-Kelly Hill*

*“The LSC [fellowship] program was an excellent opportunity to network and gain knowledge about the political arena.”*

*-Wanda A. Johnson*

*“The LSC [fellowship] was a definite benefit to me as it helped me to enhance my communication abilities, both written and oral. Also, it gave me exposure to many bright, talented individuals who were passionate about their work.”*

*-Wesley Miller*

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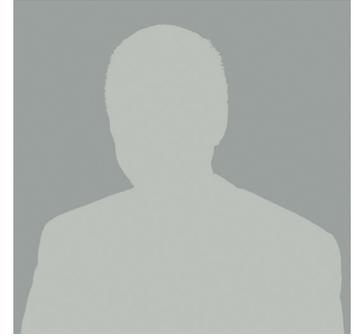
*"I gained wonderful insights into the inner workings of state government and made great contacts that have proved helpful now that I am back in Columbus. The [fellowship] provided valuable "real world" working experience between college and law school."*

-Susan Lubow

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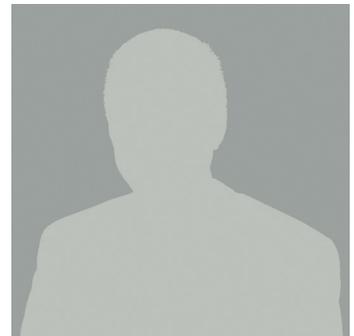
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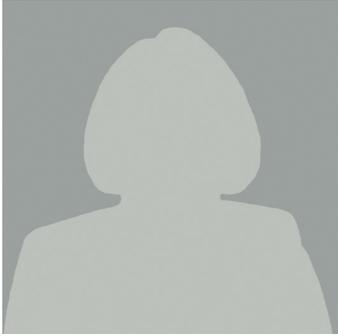
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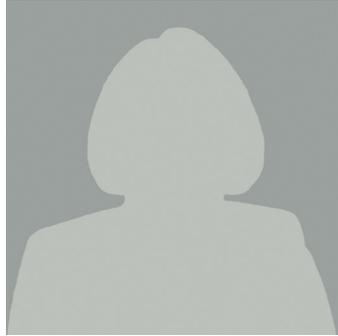
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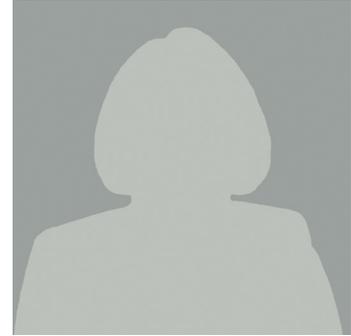
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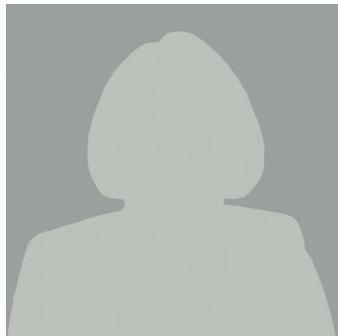
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*“The LSC [fellowship] was a great opportunity to learn about state government and see how it works firsthand. It was also a great opportunity to meet people, and I have no doubt that it was a springboard for my career in public relations/public affairs.”*

*-Rona Gilbert*

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*“The LSC [fellowship] experience opened my eyes to the legislative process and introduced me to a wonderful network of people.”*

*-John M. Cassady*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] provided me with the experience and opportunities to further my career and set my foundation.”*

*-Élise Spriggs*

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*“The LSC [fellowship] program helped teach me how to write for a legislative audience—a skill that has proven invaluable.”*

*-Brad Gregg*



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*“Much implementation of telecommunications policy occurs at the state government level. The knowledge I gained while [a fellow] in Ohio has proven useful to understanding a unique aspect of this market.”*

*-Joseph Pendry*



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*"The LSC [fellowship] gave me a unique perspective on the legislative process and the role of state government."*

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*“The LSC [fellowship] program provided me with an inside view of how our government actually works. In a short period of time, it allowed me to explore the wealth of career opportunities available in state government. While I ultimately decided to enter the private sector, I am forever grateful for the chance to learn and explore.”*

-Daniel E. Skowronski



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-Alisa Tanaka-Dodge



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*"I learned a great deal about the legislative process. I gained an appreciation for the law. I was able to focus on career possibilities and what I wanted to do with my life. I created a foundation for my current career. The LSC [fellowship] helped me to develop an interesting set of skills and a career niche."*

-Teresa Allison

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*"The LSC legislative [fellowship] program is, in my opinion, the best avenue by which to enter Ohio legislative politics. The experience provides [fellows] with the opportunity to connect with others in the same field of interest, to learn the legislative process firsthand and to join a select group of people who will serve as a useful network in the future."*

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*"I know my state government background definitely gave me a greater understanding and appreciation for what I studied in law school. I can point to several classes where my LSC [fellowship] experience made a big difference in the depth of understanding I gained. It gave law a much more definable landscape."*

-Brigid Barnacle



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*-Andrew Cox*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] offers excellent training in public policy.”*

*-Nicci Crocker*

*“I’ve had many interesting work assignments throughout my LSC [fellowship] and subsequent employment with the legislature. The most notable of these was the opportunity to get involved with an NCSL program that provides training to the National Assemblies of several French-speaking African countries.”*

*-Melissa Dangaran*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] program did exactly what it sells itself on—it introduced me to state government and gave me solid experience in politics and public policy. Whether you enjoy that kind of work or not, you have a year to decide. What more could a recent college graduate want in a job?”*

*-Tracy Intihar*



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*“The benefits of this program are tremendous! The LSC [fellowship] gives you a chance to experience many different branches of the government. It is a great time to explore and discover exactly what your interests are and aren’t. For me, the most important aspect of the [fellowship] was making very special friendships. I still keep in touch with other LSC [fellows], caucus staff, and representatives. I feel very lucky to be chosen as one of the LSC [fellows] for 1994.”*

*-Emily Inman-Olds*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] provided me with a valuable opportunity and entry into state government and Ohio politics. I often reflect upon my experience as a [fellow] and the relationships I have developed with other [fellows] in my class and the bond I have with current and former [fellows] in general. The orientation process gave me the tools and knowledge of resources which I still use today. Nowhere in state government can one obtain this depth of training. I am very proud to have been an LSC [fellow].”*

*-Mary M. Leonard*

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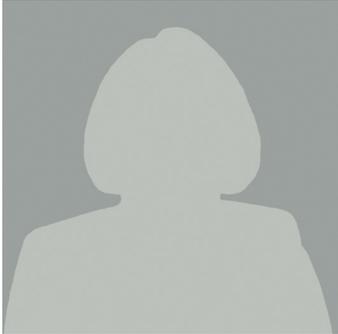
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1994 Fellows meet Senator John Glenn during their Washington, D.C. seminar

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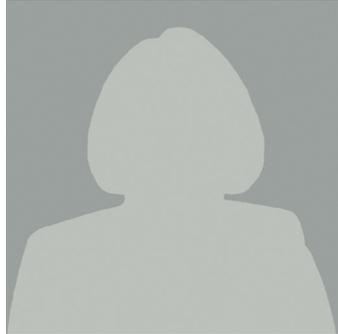
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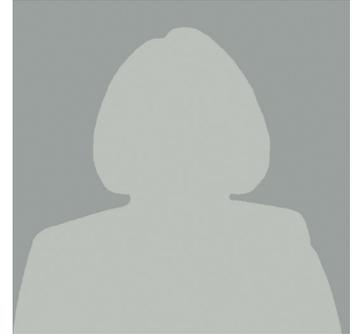
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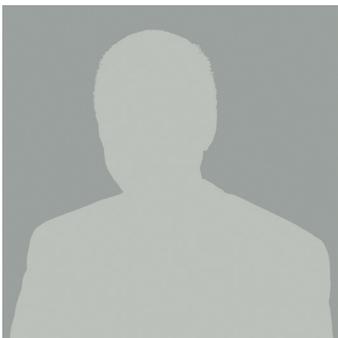
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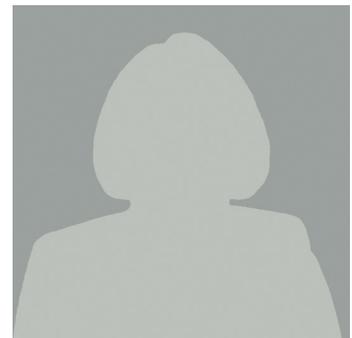


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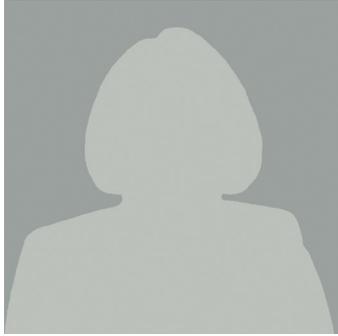
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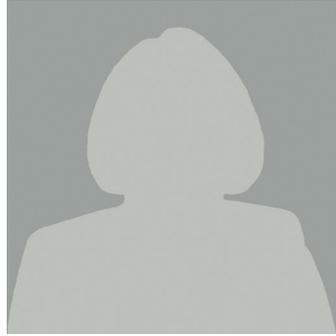
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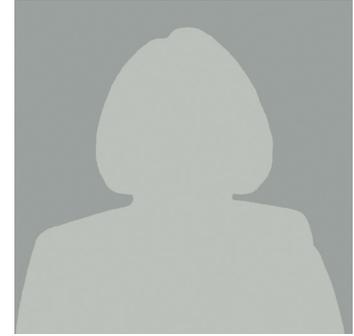


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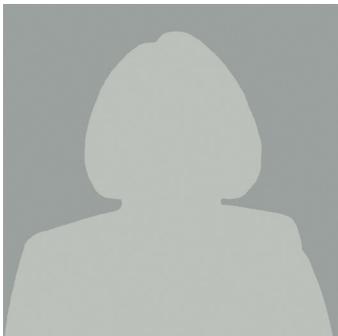
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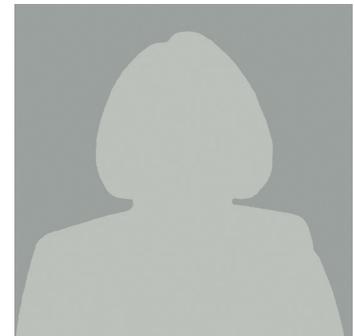


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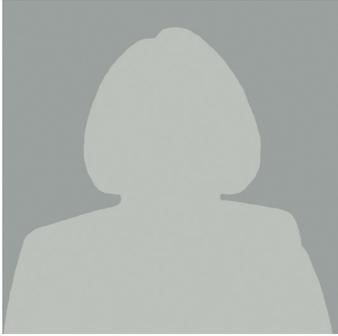
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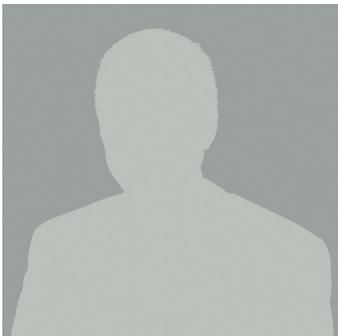
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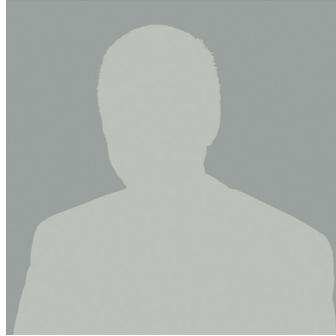
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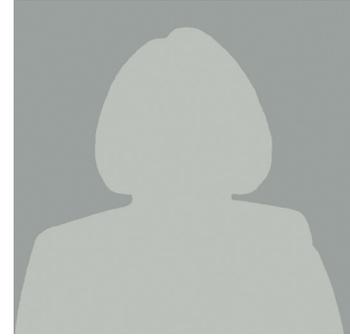
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*“The LSC [fellowship] program has opened so many doors of opportunity and afforded me many contacts that I still call upon even years later from a different city. The experience definitely kick-started my career, which I’m now able to continue part-time while my children are young. I don’t worry about taking the time off, because I know I can count on the network I’ve been able to build both during and since my [fellowship] to quickly re-establish myself.”*

*-Tammy Reasoner*



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United States Department of Labor  
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*“There is nothing like working in the legislative branch to really understand the terms “separation of powers,” “partisan politics,” and “public service.” The LSC [fellowship] provides a terrific introduction to government and public service and only made me want to continue in that field.”*

*-Susan Milner*



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Taking extended leave away from work  
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*“If you love learning about government and politics (which I did), the LSC [fellowship] is the perfect place to start.”*

*-Sheila Veits Roth*



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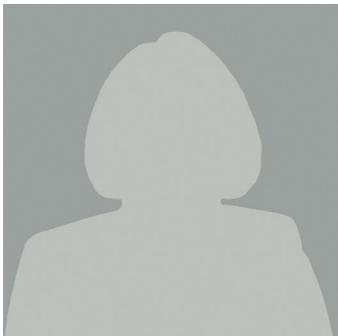
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*“Nothing can compare to the hands-on, always-challenging experience of the [fellowship] program. [Fellows] learn not only the legislative process but also develop skills that can be used in almost any field.”*

*-Todd Stewart*



**Jennifer (Weiher) Madrigal**

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Communica, Advertising Agency  
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Toledo, OH

*“My experience as an LSC [fellow] helped me to hone my writing skills in a real-world environment. I also met contacts who helped me find my next job after the [fellowship].”*

*-Jennifer Madrigal*



**April Williams**

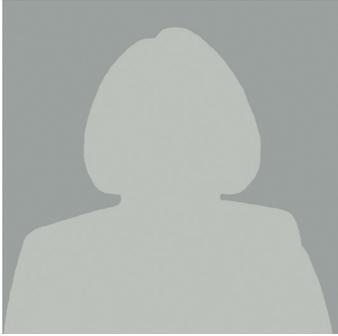
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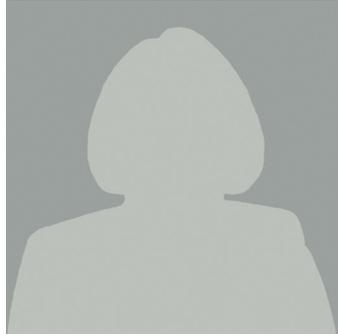
*“The LSC [fellowship] is a great introduction to the legislative process and to state government in general. I learned a lot of practical information that you cannot learn from a textbook. It is a great experience.”*

*-April Williams*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] program was a great introduction to state government. My experience at the legislature set me on my current career path in the public sector.”*

*-Jennifer Grams*

# 1996 Fellows

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**Lisa Arrington**

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*“Being an LSC [fellow] gave me the skills and experience I needed to become a Legislative Aide in the Ohio General Assembly.”*

-Susan L. Wittstock



**Susan L. (Boyd) Wittstock**

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*“The LSC [fellowship] program provided a complete submersion into the legislative process and offered countless learning opportunities. It provided me with the tools to enter virtually any field or profession following the program. I chose to stay in government and public policy—it was contagious.”*

-Craig E. Burford



**Elizabeth Coleman**

B.S. Journalism  
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*“The LSC [fellowship] provided the opportunity to be involved in a wide range of issues on a governmental level, and through those opportunities, I was able to determine the direction that I wanted to pursue my career in the future.”*

-Jodi Chappell

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*"I understand how state government as a whole operates. I learned things about government as an LSC [fellow] that I never could have learned elsewhere. Currently, I am pursuing my law degree at OSU College of Law."*

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*“The LSC [fellowship] provided me the opportunity to see that tired old line of “How a Bill Becomes A Law” come to life. I truly enjoyed my year of learning with the very best state government has to offer.”*

*-Ann K. Aquillo*



**Jeremy Marks**

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*“I think the LSC [fellowship] program really helps you get your foot in the door and prepares you for the next level.”*

*-Jeremy Marks*

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*“The LSC [fellowship] program gave me the experience I needed to have a good understanding of Ohio’s state government.”*

*-Jenny Penrod*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] program provided an intensive training and understanding of the Ohio legislative system. Because the program is so highly regarded, participating in it gives you a competitive edge in your career as well as the tools you need to be successful.”*

*-Jennifer Price*



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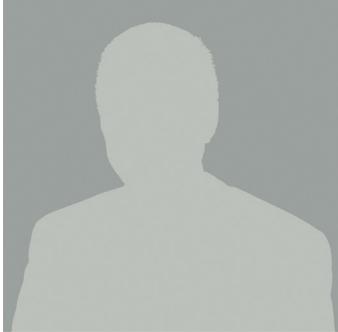
*“The LSC [fellowship] program provides a great introduction to the legislative process and helped me to decide to pursue a career in the legal and public sector.”*

*-Elizabeth Molnar*



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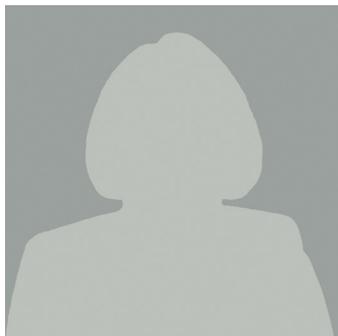
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*"I have noticed that, simply being a former [fellow], I have an instant connection and positive response from the many other former [fellows] with whom I work on a daily basis."*

*-Dr. Michael Carroll*

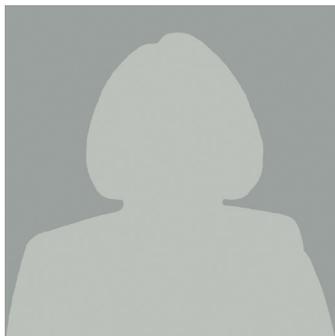
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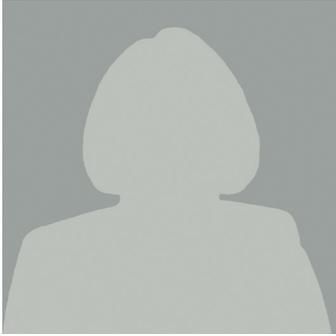
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*"Being a participant in the program has assisted in providing employment and educational opportunity."*

*-Sandra English*



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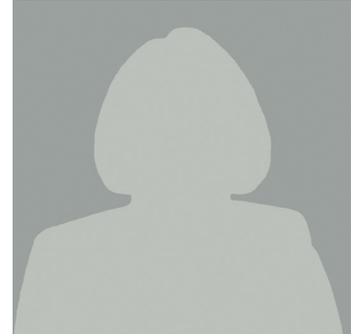
Moved to California

2007 Participant in "Wife Swap," reality television series

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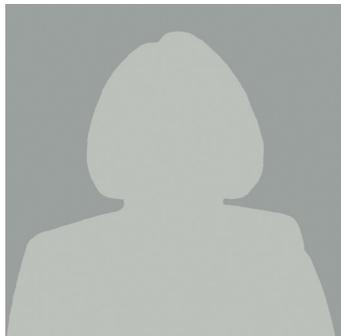
*"The LSC [fellowship] program was an excellent opportunity to enter the world of state politics."*

*-Kim Hess*



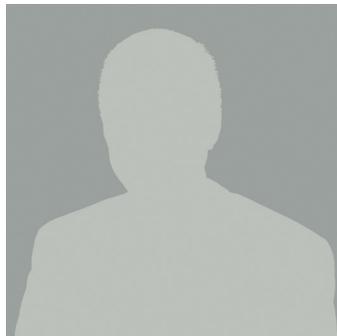
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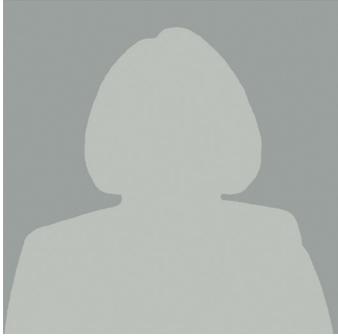
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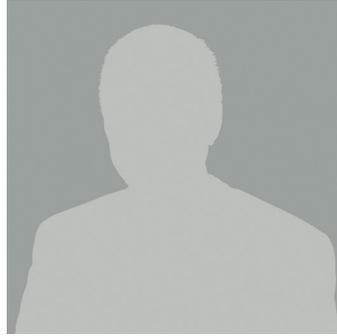
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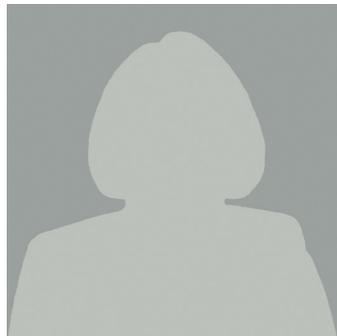
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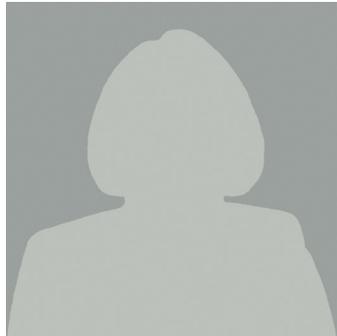
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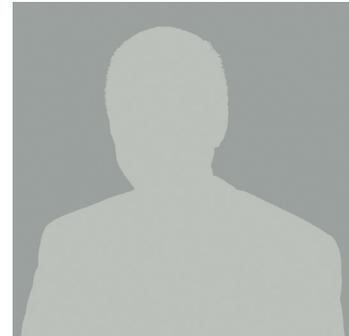
*“The [fellowship] gives a great basic background of public policy, a great networking opportunity if you want to stay in state government or public service.”*

*-Susan McDonald*



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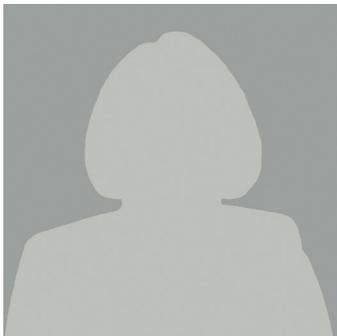
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*“As one of the two first telecommunications [fellows] assigned to Ohio Government Telecommunications, it was a privilege to get a firsthand look at how the legislature works from ‘behind the camera.’”*

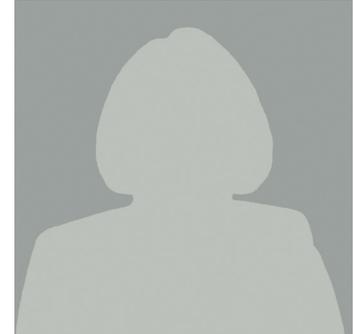
*-Jacquelyn M. Shafer*

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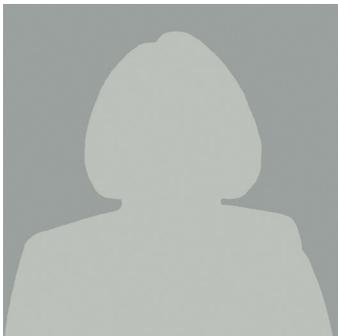
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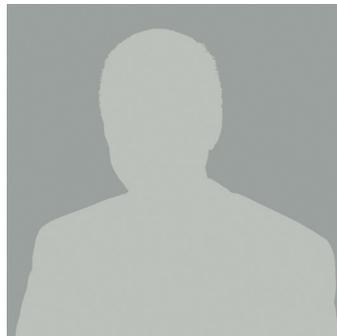
*“Through the LSC [fellowship], I not only learned about the political process—I experienced it. Being assigned to the Ohio Senate was particularly advantageous—much of what I learned there can be applied to my current work in shaping public policy.”*

*-Heather L. Sidwell*



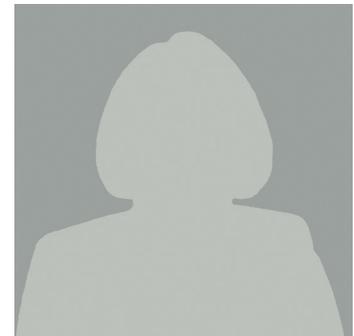
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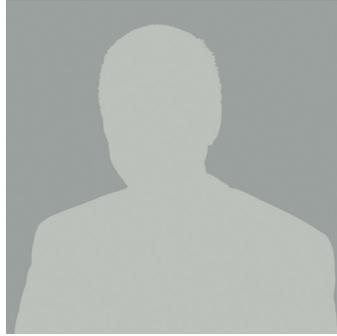
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*“The LSC [fellowship] gave me my wings after law school. I learned about the day-to-day workings of the legislature and the political process. In addition, I made many good friends and professional contacts with whom I still keep in touch.”*

*-Courtney Wilson*



**Jason V. Young**

*“The LSC telecommunications [fellowship] experience at OGT offers a hands-on opportunity to participate in every level of the production process—something most people in the field don’t get the chance to do, especially right out of college. The [fellowship] program is an awesome jump-start to a rewarding career in either the public or private sector. It helped me develop a variety of production and graphic skills as they relate to the television world and provided an opportunity to work on a myriad of projects!”*

*-Jason V. Young*

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1997 fellows took a moment for a “photo op” following a visit to former LSC fellow Congressman John Kasich

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*"The LSC [fellowship] program was the perfect place to start my career after college. The information I learned and the people I met during the [fellowship] have opened doors and provided opportunities that wouldn't have been there otherwise."*

*-Amy Borrer*



**Sally Eblin**

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*-David Coon*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] is an invaluable opportunity to work in and learn about state government. It is an excellent stepping-stone to future job opportunities.”*

*-Rachel Walsh*



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*“I was able to get good experience in state government through my [fellowship]. It allowed me to get into a career position I would not have otherwise been able to be in.”*

*-Jason Phillips*



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*“After my [fellowship], I took a position working for The Hauser Group, a small public relations firm in Washington, D.C.”*

*-Tyler G. Prell*



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*-Mike Shelton*



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-Nina Turner

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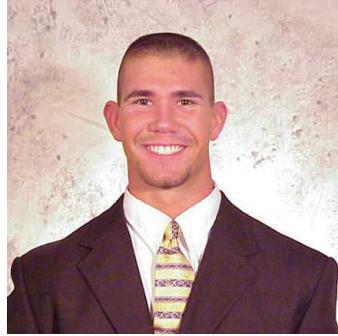


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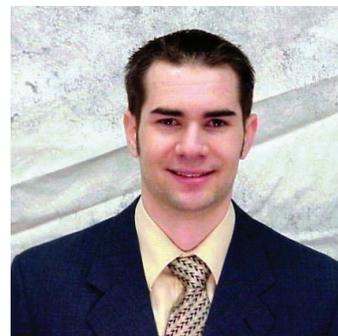


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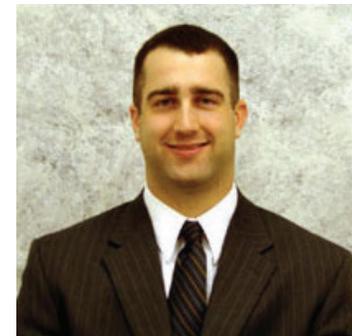
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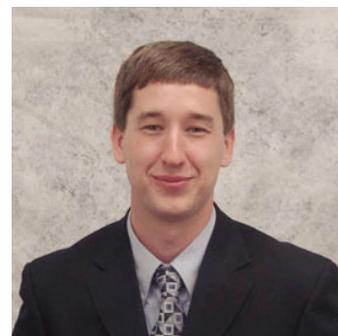
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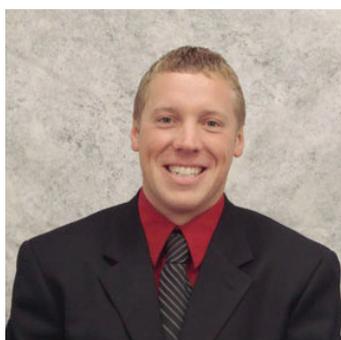
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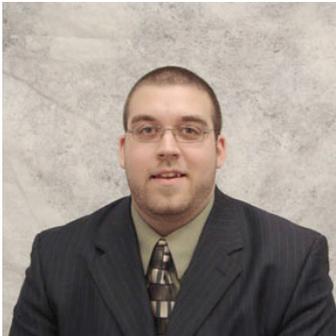
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*-Elizabeth Fenner*

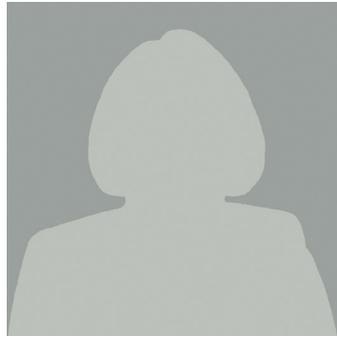


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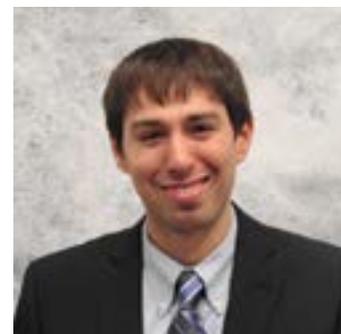
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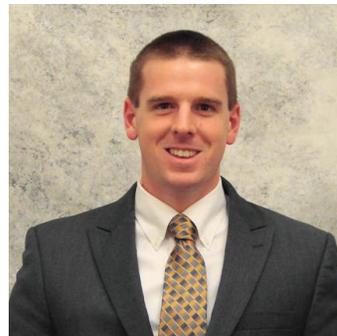


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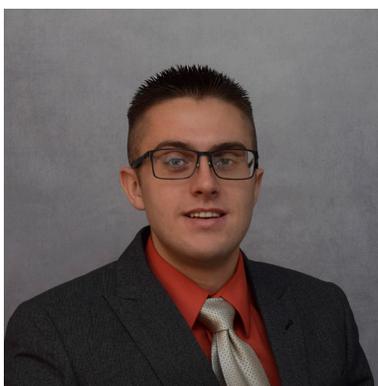
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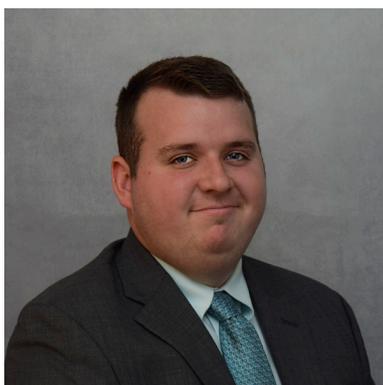
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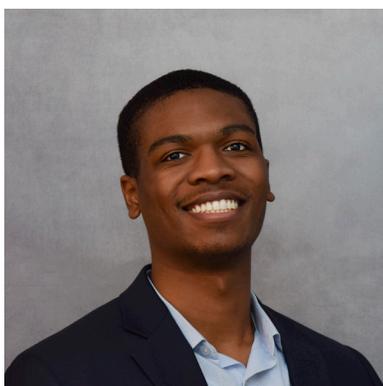
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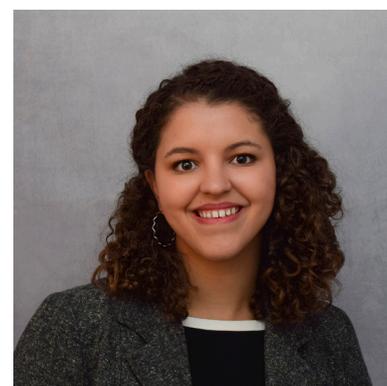
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