

**2009 Built Environment and the Outdoors Summit
Keynote and General Session Speakers**



Mark Fenton

Mark Fenton is known as an energetic walker and talker. A former member and coach of the US national racewalking team, he competed in the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Trials in the 50 kilometer racewalk. He is now a transportation, planning, and public health consultant and nationally recognized expert on walking for well-being. He hosted the PBS television series *America's Walking*, is a contributing editor to *Health Magazine*, and author of numerous academic articles and several consumer books including *The Complete Guide to Walking for Health*,

Weight Loss, and Fitness (Lyons Press, 2008). His professional training is in engineering; he studied biomechanics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the US Olympic Training Center, and as Manager of Reebok's Human Performance Laboratory. He's a vocal pedestrian and bicycle advocate and authority on public health issues and the need for community, environmental, and public-policy initiatives to encourage more walking, bicycling, and transit use. He facilitated walkable community workshops for the National Center for Bicycling and Walking, and consulted to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center at the University of North Carolina on their national Safe Routes to School training program. Mark has served on his community's Planning Board, and remains an avid walker, most often with his wife and two children.



Richard J. Jackson, MD, MPH

Richard J. Jackson is Professor and Chair of Environmental Health Sciences at the School of Public Health at the University of California, Los Angeles. A pediatrician and public health leader, he recently served as professor at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and at the University of California, Berkeley. He served in many leadership positions with the California Health Department, including the highest, State Health Officer. For nine years, he was Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Center for Environmental Health in Atlanta. In 2005, he was

recognized with the highest civilian award for U.S. Government service, the Presidential Distinguished Executive Award. While in California, his work led to the establishment of the California Birth Defects Monitoring Program and state and national laws that reduced risks, especially to farm workers and to children, from dangerous pesticides. While at CDC, he established the national asthma epidemiology and control program, and advanced the childhood lead poisoning prevention program. He instituted the current federal effort to "biomonitor" chemical levels in the U.S. population. He was the U.S. lead under several U.S. government efforts around health and environment in Russia, including radiation threats. In the late 1990s, he was the CDC leader in establishing the U.S. National Pharmaceutical Stockpile to prepare for terrorism and other disasters – which was activated on September 11, 2001. In 2006, he received the

Breast Cancer Funds *Hero Award* and at the UC Berkeley 2007 commencement, the School of Public Health graduate students recognized him as the *Distinguished Teacher and Mentor of the Year*. Richard Jackson co-authored *Urban Sprawl and Public Health*, a 2004 book from Island Press. He has served on many environmental and health boards, as well as the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects.



Dennis McKinney

Dennis McKinney became the 38th State Treasurer of Kansas on January 5, 2009. He brings to the office 20 years of public service on the county and state level that has emphasized careful management of taxpayer's dollars while encouraging state investment in economic growth and creation of good paying jobs for Kansans. As State Treasurer, McKinney acts first and foremost as the state's Chief Fiscal Officer. He oversees and is responsible for state monies totaling more than \$20.6 billion this year. The State Treasurer also administers the state's Learning Quest 529

Education Savings program, a savings program that opens the door for many Kansas families to send their children to college or technical school while gaining valuable tax deductions. The Kansas Treasurer's office also runs an unclaimed property program that reunites people with lost bank accounts, insurance policies, shares of stocks, and other assets. Since 2007, over \$11.3 million in unclaimed property has been returned to its rightful owners. "It is my job to reunite Kansans with their unclaimed financial assets. I use our website, in addition to many other initiatives, to bring the unclaimed property program directly to the people of Kansas." Prior to becoming State Treasurer, McKinney was the Minority leader in the Kansas House of Representatives for six years. He established a well-earned reputation as an advocate of fiscal responsibility while working with both Republicans and Democrats in supporting efforts to increase jobs and economic opportunity such as the 1999 Comprehensive Transportation Program and incentives for expansion of the Kansas aviation industry. In May 2007, McKinney was reminded of the importance of community in Kansas when he and his daughter Lindy rode out the devastating Greensburg tornado in their home's basement. Emerging from the cellar after the storm passed, they found their house and most of their hometown in ruins. While many were unsure if the town of Greensburg would survive such devastation, the McKinneys were one of the first families to commit to staying in Greensburg and rebuilding their house where it stood. McKinney continues to serve his home community as a leader in the environmentally friendly rebuilding efforts. As State Representative, McKinney was focused on bipartisan solutions for reforming education and healthcare in Kansas. He was also active on issues dealing with utilities, energy, transportation, affordable housing and workforce development. Prior to serving in the state legislature, Dennis served as a Kiowa County Commissioner from January 1989 through May 1992. He is a farmer and a stockman in Kiowa and Comanche counties. McKinney holds a Bachelor's degree in political science and a Master's degree in public finance and administration, both from Wichita State University.

Breakout Speakers



Karen Anderson

Karen Anderson received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and her Master's in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Since 1985, Karen has been with the National Park Service, Omaha, Nebraska, as Outdoor Recreation Planner, Grants Division (until 1995); and Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (1995-present). Her primary duties as a grant manager were to administer the Land & Water Conservation Fund and Urban Park & Recreation Recovery program. For the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance division, Karen is responsible for providing technical assistance to the Midwest region for the development of trails and greenways, developing executive boards, assisting in fundraising, delivering public presentations and convening technical experts for the development of these facilities. Prior 1985, she was in municipal recreation with the University of Nebraska. Karen is a member of Nebraska Trails Association (ex-officio board member); and Bikeable Communities (ex-officio board member).



Candace L. Ayars, PhD

Candace L. Ayars, PhD is the Director of the Tobacco Use Prevention Program and the Healthy Communities Program at the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE). In her role as Director of these programs, Dr. Ayars provides vision and leadership for the state of Kansas in meeting the health challenges of tobacco use, sedentary lifestyles, and poor nutrition through policy, systems, and environmental changes. She manages the Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Grants Program that provides funding to local health departments to address primary prevention of chronic diseases. Prior to joining KDHE, Dr. Ayars was Interim Director of Public Health Studies for the Kansas Health Institute, a nonprofit research and policy institute whose purpose is to inform policymakers by identifying, producing, analyzing and communicating information that is timely, relevant and objective. Dr. Ayars has over 18 years experience in chronic disease research and practice including her work as an Associate Investigator in the Center for Health Research & Rural Advocacy in the Geisinger Healthcare System located in Danville, Pennsylvania where she collaborated with clinicians to develop research initiatives for primary care and school-based pediatric obesity prevention and treatment programs. After completing a postdoctoral fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine with the Children's Nutrition Research Center, Dr. Ayars joined the faculty of the University of Toledo in Public Health and Rehabilitative Services in 2002. While there, she served as the Coordinator for Epidemiology for the Northwest Ohio Consortium for Public Health where she advised and assisted with the development of curricula for an epidemiology major in the MPH program. She earned her doctorate in Community Health Sciences from the University of Texas School of Public Health in 2000. She also holds a Master's degree in biology from the University of Houston at Clear Lake and two Bachelor's degrees (biology and anthropology) from Southern Methodist University.



Jeff Bender

Jeffrey Bender is the Park Manager of Kansas' newest State Park- Kaw River State Park in Topeka, Kansas. This unique park is adjacent to the Kansas Governor's Residence and grounds and is on the south bank of Kansas River. The park is being developed for river access and a variety of trail uses including walking, running, and mountain biking. Various partnerships with private and public entities are expanding the recreational trail access available

throughout this scenic and extensively-wooded river bluff area. Jeff has worked in the natural resources land management field for 29 years, being involved in all aspects of park operations including development, administration, law enforcement, interpretation, and resource management. He served as Park Manager of Pomona State Park from 1990 to 2008. In 1989 he worked as a Preserve Officer for the Ohio Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, patrolling and maintaining various nature preserves with unique ecosystems and species throughout southeast Ohio. From 1984 to 1988 he was a Park Ranger in the National Park Service at Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Colorado, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nevada, and at Glacier National Park, Montana. During college and high school years he worked for the Ohio Division of Wildlife, Ohio Division of Parks, and the Sandusky County Park District in Ohio. Jeff was the Kansas Wildlife and Parks representative for the Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Coalition. He also served on the US Army Corps of Engineers national living history team for the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial and conducted historical interpretation at many of the National Signature Events across the country. Jeff is active in various aspects of living history from design and fabrication work to event participation and planning. In 2006 Jeff received an Excellence Award by the Commanding General, Chief of Engineers, US Army Corps of Engineers for participation in National Lewis & Clark Bicentennial activities. He received the Outstanding Employee Award, Parks Division, KDWP in 2004, and was the National Outdoor Recreation Proficiency Winner in FFA in 1982. Jeffrey received his Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources from the Ohio State University in 1989. He graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in 1990.



Chip Blaser

Chip Blaser is the Executive Director of the Douglas County Community Foundation, based in Lawrence. Prior to starting that position in 2006, Chip was Vice President of Ballard Community Services, a human service agency located in Lawrence, and began his career as an attorney with the law firm of Barber Emerson. He has been involved with organizing the Nature Education for Lawrence Kids fund at DCCF.



Tami Bradley

Tami Bradley is a Managing Partner with Bothner and Bradley. Tami Bradley's background in audience research and applied marketing techniques have produced results for numerous clients, from nonprofit and philanthropic organizations to community coalitions and businesses. In addition, she has directed a number of social marketing projects related to children's health and public health, including Emmy-award winning media campaigns. She has published in the areas of social marketing and information/knowledge management. Tami has a Bachelor's degree in journalism and a Master's degree in communication, both from Wichita State University.



Neil Dobler, PE

Neil Dobler currently manages the Public Works Division for Bartlett & West, Inc., a Topeka-based private engineering firm. Mr. Dobler has managed the master planning effort for the Topeka/Shawnee County Riverfront for the last two years. Prior to joining Bartlett & West, Neil served as Public Works Director for the City of Topeka and was part of the original Mayor's Riverfront taskforce in 2004 and one of the original members of the Topeka Riverfront Authority, established in 2006. Neil has a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Kansas State University and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Kansas.



Todd Girdler

Todd Girdler has been doing regional transportation planning work since 1986, and has worked for three metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) and one city. Todd has held positions as a transportation planner in Illinois, New York, Arizona, and Kansas. During that time he has worked on numerous roadway, transit, and bikeway projects. He currently serves as the chief staff person for the Lawrence-Douglas County MPO, and as part of that job he is routinely involved in discussions of bikeway and pedestrian facilities at both the site

specific project level and the regional system planning level. Developing a multi-modal transportation system that includes bikeways that are used for both utilitarian and recreational trips is an important part of the MPO planning work that he has been involved with over the years. Currently Todd is working with other planners and engineers in Lawrence to update the bikeway system map and develop new bikeway projects for the Lawrence urbanized area. He holds a BS Degree in Urban Geography from Frostburg State College and a MA Degree in Urban Studies/Transportation Policy & Management from the University of Maryland.



Patrick J. Guilfoyle

Patrick Guilfoyle is a native Kansan born and raised in Fort Scott and graduated from KU with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1972 and a Master's Degree in Public Administration in 1974. He currently serves as the Practitioner in Residence for the incoming MPA class at KU. After starting his career in Winfield, Kansas as the Assistant to the City Manager in 1973-74, Todd became the Assistant to the City Manager in Park Ridge, Illinois from 1974-77. From 1977-82, he served as the City Administrator for La Vista, Nebraska. Todd

became the first full-time City Manager for the newly incorporated Town of Winter Park, Colorado in 1982 and stayed in that position until 1987 when he became the City Administrator for Plainsboro, New Jersey from 1987 to 2003. Todd completed his New Jersey career as Piscataway, New Jersey City Administrator from 2003-2006 when the opportunity to return to Kansas opened up: Todd accepted the City Administrator position in De Soto, Kansas in 2006 where he is today.



Secretary J. Michael Hayden

Former Kansas Governor Mike Hayden was officially appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius to be the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks on January 2, 2002. As a cabinet-level agency, the Department of Wildlife and Parks is administered by a Secretary of Wildlife and Parks and is advised by a seven member Wildlife and Parks Commission. Raised in the rural town of Atwood, Kansas, Secretary Hayden developed a passion for the out-of-doors. He graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Conservation and received a Master's degree in Biology from Fort Hays State University. Secretary Hayden served as Speaker of Kansas' House of Representatives from 1983 until 1987, and as the 41st Governor of Kansas from 1987 until 1991. Soon thereafter, President Bush appointed him Assistant Secretary of Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks. In 1993, Secretary Hayden became the President of the American Sportfishing Association, a non-profit trade association working to benefit America's fishing resources and the sportfishing industry. He served as a Commissioner on the Pew Oceans Commission, an independent group of American leaders conducting a national dialogue on the policies needed to restore and protect living marine resources in U.S. waters. Secretary Hayden has also served as Chair of the League of Conservation Voters and as Vice Chair for the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. While in Washington, he served as Acting Chairman of the Migratory Bird

Commission from 1991 until 1993 and as Board Member of the North American Wetlands Conservation Council from 1993 until 1996. In 1995, he was awarded the prestigious Chevron-Times Mirror Conservation Award, becoming the fourth Kansan to receive the award in its 25-year history. In March of 1996, he was awarded the very first Hunting Heritage Award by the National Wild Turkey Federation. He received this award again in 2004. In 1997, he also received "A Special One-Time Conservation Award" from the Kansas Natural Resource Council. During his military service in Vietnam he was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor, the Soldier's Medal for Heroism and the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross. Secretary Hayden is an ardent conservationist and outdoorsman with a lifelong interest in fishing, hunting, canoeing and whitewater rafting. He enjoys fly tying, mushroom hunting, bird watching and collecting antique fishing lures.



Neil Holman

Neil Holman is the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Shawnee, Kansas. Mr. Holman has been employed with the City of Shawnee since 1991, serving as Parks Superintendent from 1991 - 1999. Neil has over 22 years in the Parks and Recreation field. Prior to his position in Shawnee, Neil worked in Forestry Services for the City of Kansas City, Missouri. He also served as the Assistant Golf Course Superintendent for the Lakewood Golf Club. Under his leadership, the Shawnee Parks and Recreation Department has earned

numerous awards including designation as a Bicycle Friendly City (3 years), the Kansas City Area Historic Trails Award of Merit for the City's Pioneer Crossing Park, 2003 Architecture Design Award for the Shawnee Municipal Swimming Pools, and designation as a Tree City, USA (13th year). Neil and his staff have implemented many programs including NeighborWood, the Tour de Shawnee, the Bike Rodeo, the Grote Prijs Cyclocross, the Great Griller BBQ, and Christmas Around Town. Neil received a Bachelor's Degree in Horticulture from the University of Missouri. He is a certified Kansas arborist, and a certified playground inspector. Neil is also a member of the Professional Grounds Maintenance Society, the Kansas Recreation and Parks Association, National Parks and Recreation Association - National Resource Branch, and the Shawnee Rotary Club.



Nicole Howerton

Nicole Howerton is the Principal/Co-Creative Director with Howerton+White. It's a relationship thing. It doesn't matter if it's the relationship between the agency and her clients, a personal relationship with a friend or the relationship between shape and color on the computer screen or printed page, Nicole is passionate about making it deeper, bolder, more creative, more fun, more intimate – more everything. That is the passion that drives the agency. For more than 20 years, Nicole has teased and tweaked (and sometimes bent, folded and twisted) ideas into award-winning advertising campaigns, print ads, websites, high-end computer animations and just about anything else that needs to tell a story. Those stories build stronger relationships between her clients and their audiences. All of which makes Nicole (and her clients) very happy.



Jerry Hover

Dr. Jerry Hover has served as Director of the Kansas Division of State Parks since 1993. Prior to that time, he worked as the Associate Director of Utah Division State Parks and Recreation. Jerry as served as Past President and Officer of the National Association of State Parks Directors as well as for the National Society for Park Resources, the Utah Association of Parks and Recreation, and the Idaho Society of Parks and Recreation. He is a past Adjunct Associate Professor at Oregon State University, and serves on the

Current Board of Regents and as an Instructor for the State Parks Leadership School, North Carolina State. He has been a presenter at several National and Inter-national conferences and Universities. Jerry received his BS in Parks and Recreation Administration from Michigan State, his MBA from Cal State, and his Ph.D. in Resource Management at Cal State.



Linda Lanterman

Linda Lanterman has been the Assistant Director of State Parks at Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks since 1997, where she has worked under Dr. Jerry Hover, Director of State Parks. Prior to that time, she was Assistant Administrator of Licensing and Permits for Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks from 1994 to 1997. Linda has administered outdoor recreation grants for KDWP including Local Government Outdoor Recreation Grant (LGORGP), Land and Water Conservation Fund grant (LWCF), and helped administer the National Recreation Trails grant (NRT). She received a B.S. in Accounting from Wichita State University in December 1991, and has continued her Graduate work in Administration.

Ed Lincoln

Ed Lincoln is a dedicated trail advocate and volunteer trail builder. Additionally, he has raised matching funds to facilitate trail building grants.



William R. (Bill) Maasen

Bill is currently the Superintendent of Parks and Golf Courses for the Johnson County Park and Recreation District (District), serving a population of over 560,000 and responsible for maintaining over 9,000 acres of park land with visitations that exceed 6,000,000. Included in the system are two golf courses, eight separate park areas, one horse boarding operation and numerous miles of multi-use trails. Bill has had this position since March 2008. Bill is responsible for an operating budget of approximately \$3.4 million with 49 full time employees. Prior positions with the District have been Land Acquisition Manager and Planning and Development Manager since being hired in 1987. Bill received a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of Missouri – Columbia (1982), and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Kansas (1998). Before coming to work for the District, Bill held a position as Land Acquisition Forester for Nekoosa Papers Inc. in Ashdown, Arkansas. Bill is an active member of the Kansas Recreation and Parks Association, has served various capacities including as the President and the Chair of the Natural Resources Branch. Currently Bill is the Chair of the NRPA Midwest Regional Council.



Trent McCown

Trent McCown is the Manager of the Prairie Spirit Trail, which travels through three counties in eastern Kansas from Ottawa to Iola and is operated by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Trent was hired as the Trail Manager in 1995, prior to the opening of the first 18-mile section of trail in March of 2006. The trail recently opened its third section and is now over 50 miles in length. Prior to working as the trail manager, Trent was a Ranger at Toronto and Fall River State Parks. His professional background has included working as a law enforcement officer and EMT in Kansas with various agencies and as a Wildland firefighter throughout the western United States with the Bureau of Land Management. While in college Trent worked in a bike shop and became an avid mountain biker and has ridden trails throughout the western United States on public lands. While working with the BLM Trent was able to both work and recreate on portions of the Pacific Crest Trail and the Arizona Trail. Currently, Trent enjoys resource restoration work and he is a Certified Kansas Arborist. In 2001,

Trent received a Stewardship Award from the Nature Conservancy for his volunteer work on prairie restoration. Trent is a KSU graduate.



Michael D. Meadors, CPRP

Michael is the Director of the Johnson County Park and Recreation District, Johnson County, Kansas serving 20 communities with a combined population of 560,000. He has served in this position for 8 + years. Prior to being promoted to this position, Michael was the Superintendent of Recreation for 16 years and, even earlier, he served for 4 years as the Assistant Director of the Emporia Recreation Commission, Emporia, Kansas. Michael oversees a 9,500 acre park system that records over 7 million visitors annually, an operating budget of \$43 million including fee supported (\$18.3 million) Enterprise Fund that offers 4,200 recreation programs with 2.2 million participations annually, and a Park Safety and Interpretative Division of commissioned park police and park naturalists. The District employs 194 regular employees, over 1000 seasonal employees, and approximately 1,200 volunteers. Michael graduated from Emporia State University, KS with a B.S. degree in Park and Recreation Administration with a minor in Environmental Biology. He has graduate hours in Park and Recreation Administration and is a graduate of the NRPA-Western Resource Executive Development School. Michael has been active in the Kansas Recreation and Park Association (KRPA) serving as its President and Treasurer and on several executive and working committees. He is a past Board of Trustee for the National Recreation and Park Association, he has served on the NRPA Midwest Board of Directors – Executive Committee, NRPA Conference Planning Committees, Council of Affiliate Presidents (Past President) and State Affiliate Relations Committee, National Forum and he currently is President Elect of the Board of APRS. Michael has received the NRPA Midwest Region's Distinguished Fellow Award and the KRPA Distinguished Professional Award.



Greg Meissen, Ph.D.

Greg Meissen is a Professor of Community Psychology at Wichita State University where he teaches classes and conducts research in community and organizational development, and community leadership. Greg, who is a native Kansan, has worked with citizens statewide helping them make their communities better places to live. He has worked on a number of Kansas Health Foundation initiatives and is a Kansas Health Foundation Leadership Fellow. Greg serves on the Technical Advisory Council for the Kansas Health Foundation Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative.



Frank A. Meyer

Frank A. Meyer is currently a Commissioner with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. He is a retired Chairman and CEO of Custom Metal Fabricators Inc., which manufactures machinery in 45 countries. He has served with the Herington (USD 487) School Board, including 4 years as president of that board and 6 years as chief negotiator. Frank was also a member of the Herington Recreation Commission for several years. He was worked on the Governor's task force on workforce development, as well as the Governor's committee on school funding and early child development, and was Co-Chairman with Governor Bill Graves led Scholarship fund for children of 9-11. Other service of note include the Occupational Center of Central Kansas-Business Advisory Council, Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry-Chairman of the Board 2002, Kanza Rail-Trail Conservancy (which is building 150 miles of trail)-Board Member and President 3 years, and Comp Tomah Shinga-Board of Directors, Cub Scouts-Herington Cub Master and Webelos leader, and Girl Scouts USA-Central Kansas Council Board of Directors. Frank's honors include

the Herington citizen of the year 1987, Kansas Small Business Person of the Year 1992, Kansas Leader of the year, Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development 1994, and National Trails Symposium State Trail Worker Award 2006. He has served as speaker and master of ceremonies on numerous occasions for numerous churches, schools, trail organizations and chamber of commerce groups in Kansas.



Shirley Meyer

Shirley Meyer was named Citizen of the Year 2005 for Herington, Kansas. She currently volunteers as a Meals on Wheels Volunteer, Worship Committee, Adult Choir Director, Christian Life Night Teacher, St Paul Women of ELCA (president), Family Resource Exchange Board of Directors (president), Flinthills Community Band, AHS Camp coordinator, Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy Board of Directors (treasurer), Liggett Park Volunteer, and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Congregational Coordinator. Her past service includes USD 487 Ad Hoc Committee, Herington Tri-County Arts Council Board of Directors/officer, Community Choir Director, Director of Youth Community Summer Musicals, Herington Centennial Committee, Sunday School and Confirmation Teacher, St Paul Lutheran Church Council (treasurer 6 yrs; president 1 year), VBS teacher, and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter Officer.



Becky Pepper

Becky Pepper began working for the Kansas Department of Transportation in 2007, where she is currently the State Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator. She received her Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and Master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Kansas.

Deb Ridgway, MSW

Deb Ridgway has been working with nonprofit organizations for 23 years on issues concerning transportation, social and environmental justice. She has provided consulting services to municipalities, nonprofits and professional associations for the past 14 years. She is currently the Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator for Kansas City, Missouri and is a member of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals and American Public Works Association. Ms. Ridgway holds a Master of Social Work degree from the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri and both a Bachelor's and Associate's degree from Siena Heights University, Adrian, Michigan.



Sid Stevenson

Dr. Stevenson is a native Kansan, growing up in the small town of Olpe. Annual family camping vacations and the many athletic and outdoor opportunities available in a small community influenced his selection of a career in recreation and park management. Prior to his arrival at Kansas State University (KSU), Dr. Stevenson had accumulated several related professional experiences, including: Assistant Director of the Emporia Recreation Commission, 6 years as an Instructor and Coordinator of the Recreation Curriculum at Emporia State University, and 6 summers as the owner operator of the marina at Steamboat Lake, Colorado. He also spent a season as a professional big-game hunting guide in Colorado and commercial salmon fisherman in Alaska. At KSU he teaches 5 core RRES courses and supervises the student fieldwork experiences. His research and service contributions are focused on comprehensive planning. His current project, the *KsRecFinder*, is an interactive database of recreation and park amenities, including trails. The general public can use the service free of

charge to find parks and recreation experiences statewide. Dr. Stevenson adds, "It grew out of a need highlighted in the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), and serves well as a planning tool – allowing agencies to benchmark their levels of service.....the public interactive use has become an important spin-off benefit.



Larry Tobias

Larry Tobias joined the newly created Sunflower Foundation in 2002, where he serves today as Vice President for Programs for the Topeka-based organization. Larry obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in broadcast communications in 1963 from North Texas State University (now University of North Texas), in Denton, Texas. While in college, he worked briefly for the Dallas Times Herald, and then joined the production staff of WFAA-TV, also in Dallas. Following college graduation, he served three years as a junior officer in the U.S. Navy. He was assigned as a public relations and personnel officer to an aviation squadron based in Coronado, California, and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. In 1971, Larry returned from the military to a position in management at WFAA-TV. After two years, he returned to his native Kansas, where he became involved in his family's farming operation. In 1990, he took a job in hospital administration at Memorial Hospital in McPherson, Kansas, where he served as Vice President of Operations for seven years before being awarded the Kansas Health Foundation Community Health Fellowship, a position housed at the Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) in Topeka. After the two-year fellowship, he joined the KHA staff, where he was Director of Communications, then Vice President for Community Relations.



David Toland

David Toland is the first executive director of Thrive Allen County, a coalition that works to improve quality of life conditions in Allen County, Kansas. Prior to returning to his hometown of Iola Toland worked for six years as an appointee of Washington, DC Mayor Anthony A. Williams, ultimately becoming the highest-ranking appointee under the age of 30 serving in Washington city government. During his time at city hall Toland held a variety of positions, including Deputy Chief Operating Officer in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, where he oversaw for the Deputy Mayor the day-to-day activities of nine city departments and was responsible for developing and managing a \$252 million operating budget. Toland was later appointed by Mayor Williams to be Chief of Staff in the Office of Planning, where he successfully led the legislative effort to obtain city council approval of the 2006 overhaul of the city's controversial Comprehensive Plan. Prior to coming to Washington Toland worked for the city managers of Reno, Nevada and Bonner Springs, Kansas. Toland also served Vice President of Development and Operations for the Menkiti Group, a Washington-based real estate development company. At Menkiti Toland oversaw a five-fold increase in the company's production of housing units, and established new processes and systems to manage the company's portfolio of commercial and residential real estate assets in Washington. Under Toland's leadership the company entered into new partnerships with other developers to further increase the production of affordable housing in Washington, DC, thereby significantly extending the company's reach into previously underserved urban neighborhoods. Toland holds a B.A. in Political Science and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Kansas, and a Certified Public Manager (CPM) certificate from George Washington University. Toland is also a seventh-generation Allen Countian.



Shoeb Uddin, MS P.E.

Shoeb Uddin is the City Engineer for the city of Lawrence, Kansas, where he oversees the design of all Public Works Infrastructure (CIP) projects. He makes frequent presentations to various elected and other public bodies, such as City Commission, Planning Commission, Bicycle Advisory Board, Traffic Safety Commission, and the Technical Advisory Committee etc. He has developed programs / projects to improve neighborhood environments such as sidewalk, traffic safety, traffic congestion etc. Shoeb also oversees the Storm Water Division, Traffic Engineering Division and the GIS mapping functions of the city, including preparing and monitoring the annual budget of the Engineering Division. Other tasks of his position include identifying and resolving all infrastructure issues (streets, drainage, traffic impact etc.) associated with new development proposals, redevelopment and in-fill development projects. Prior to 2007, he worked as Project Manager / Engineer / Vice President of Engineering for CP Engineers and Land Surveyors, Inc., in Topeka, Kansas, and Design Engineer for their Garden City office. Before that time, he worked as a Junior Engineer with Taylor and Associates, Inc. in Garden City, Kansas. Shoeb received his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, and his Master's degree in Civil Engineering from Kansas State University, where he also worked as a teaching assistant while working on his graduate research. Shoeb is a registered Professional Engineer (P.E.) in both Kansas and Ohio, and is a member of NSPE and ASCE.



Mim Wilkey

Mim Wilkey is the Executive Director for Community Development Branch at the Wichita YMCA and received her Bachelor's degree from Friends University in biology/health sciences. She has been working in community development for the past 16 years with special interest in health and youth. Ms. Wilkey developed the Health & Wellness Coalition in January 2004 and now serves as the Coalition Chair.



Shari L. Wilson

Shari L. Wilson is an ecologist and environmental educator, and currently works for the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education as Statewide Partnerships and Planning Director. She is in charge of strategic planning, the annual Kansas Environmental Education Conference, and numerous grant projects as well as the Kansas Green Schools Program. Shari serves as Vice-Chair of the Kansas Wildlife & Parks Commission and on the boards of the Kansas Humanities Council and Kansas Historical Society.