



2009 USA Eisenhower Fellows



Jarrett Barrios
Boston, Massachusetts

President, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

Mr. Barrios leads the largest health philanthropy in New England. Since its inception seven years ago, the Foundation has been at the center of Massachusetts health care reform and is responsible for grant-making and furthering policy initiatives that expand access to health care and improve health outcomes for all citizens. On his fellowship, Mr. Barrios examined the impact of economic development and infrastructure growth on community and environmental health of urban and rural populations in Brazil.



Kevin Gunn
St. Louis, Missouri

Commissioner, Missouri Public Service Commission

As Commissioner for the Missouri Public Service Commission Kevin Gunn is responsible, for regulating all investor owned utilities in the state of Missouri including electric, natural gas, water, sewer, telecommunications, steam, and modular housing. Commissioner Gunn currently serves on the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and the Committee on International Relations with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). On his fellowship to he identified best practices in energy efficiency and utilization used by Australian political entities to create an integrated energy policy that recognizes a need for less reliance on carbon based fuels while balancing the economic needs of the country.



Michael McMillan
St. Louis, Missouri

License Collector, City of St. Louis

As License Collector, Michael McMillan's duties include ensuring that individuals and entities who are engaged in any business, occupation, profession, or trade within the City limits of St. Louis have a business license, unless specifically exempt by law. He is seen as a rising political star and future candidate for Mayor of St. Louis. While on his fellowship, Mr. McMillan examined the business industry in Ireland to learn about its e-government systems, and explored the tools used by local governments in Ireland to assist the business, residential and tourist communities.



Michael Moehn
St. Louis, Missouri

Senior Vice President, Corporate Planning and Business Risk Management, Ameren Corporation

Michael Moehn is responsible for all aspects of corporate mergers and acquisitions, resource planning, strategic planning, business risk management, and corporate oversight of major projects for Ameren. Mr. Moehn also oversees programs in the areas of climate change and energy efficiency, as well as the resource planning initiative, which serves as a long-term planning vehicle for large-scale generation investments, ranging from renewable resources to additional coal-fired generation and new nuclear. On his fellowship, Mr. Moehn explored Argentina's approach to efficient energy generation, and how private and public investments are being leveraged to address a growing demand for electricity in the face of ever-increasing climate change risks.



John Nutting
Augusta, Maine

**Government Affairs Consultant, Verrill Dana, LLP
Farm Manager, Androscoggin Holsteins Inc.**

At Androscoggin Holsteins, Inc., a top-25 nationally ranked herd of registered Holstein cows, Mr. Nutting manages daily farm activities and develops comprehensive marketing and advertising strategies to promote the farm's genetic stock nationally and internationally. At Verrill Dana LLP, Mr. Nutting builds on his expertise in the areas of policy and strategy development and communication to manage lobbying efforts in the areas of electric utility, recycling, transportation, and natural resources. On his fellowship, Mr. Nutting focused on environmental sustainability, examining the nexus between reducing energy use in growing crops and raising livestock, and increasing food production for a growing worldwide population.



Michelle Sherod
St. Louis, Missouri

Missouri Regional Director, U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill

For the past nine years, Ms. Sherod has worked for U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill, representing the Senator at regional events and meetings, interacts with constituents, researches legislation, assists nonprofit organizations in navigating the federal grants process, and at public speaking engagement. On her fellowship, Ms. Sherod examined initiatives being developed in China to address the growing energy demand, including sustainable development programs and strategies for selecting renewable energy technologies, especially ethanol bio-fuels and the corn by-products for potential biomass or cellulosic fuel uses.



Steven Welch
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania

Co-Founder, DreamIt Ventures

As co-founder of DreamIt Ventures, an early stage venture capital fund, Steve Welch developed the marketing plan and network to fund and provide mentoring services to eleven technology start-up companies in 2008. Mr. Welch manages the DreamIt portfolio of companies by providing guidance in long-term business strategies, organization building, and identifying advisors, board members, and funding sources. On his fellowship, Mr. Welch investigated best practices for helping technology start-ups increase their chances of success and determine ways in which entrepreneurial communities within the United States and China can mutually increase success rates through collaboration.



Charles Zweifel
St. Louis, Missouri

Missouri State Treasurer

Mr. Zweifel is Missouri state government's chief financial officer. The treasurer's office manages Missouri's \$19 billion in annual state revenues; directs the state's banking services; and manages Missouri's \$3.1 billion investment portfolio. On his fellowship, Treasurer Zweifel examined the most appropriate role a regional governments should take in establishing tax incentives in order to encourage alternative energy polices and foster economic development.