



MICHAEL D. SANDERS

Jackson County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 11-17

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE**

**FROM: MICHAEL D. SANDERS
JACKSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2011

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE MERIT COMMISSION

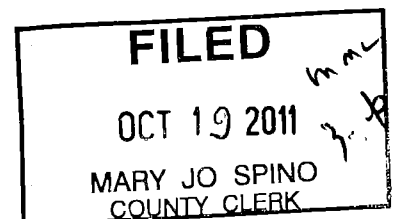
I hereby make the following appointments to the Jackson County Merit Commission:

Cynthia Todd-Takeyama to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Brenda Thomas, for a term to expire on December 31, 2013. A copy of Mrs. Todd-Takeyama's resume is attached.

Kelly James Wilkinson to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of Melinda Bunyard, for a term to expire December 31, 2014. A copy of Mr. Wilkinson's resume is attached.

Michael D. Sanders, County Executive

Date: 10/19/2011





“A Different Look at Diversity”

Featuring

Mrs. Cynthia Todd-Takeyama

Mrs. Todd-Takeyama, brings a unique perspective to the term “Diversity”, as her father was only the 11th black man appointed to the United States Foreign Service in the early 1940's. His appointment and consequent posts paved the way for people like Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice. Mrs. Todd-Takeyama will share her family's journey as they traveled about the world coming face to face with diverse cultures, languages and customs. As a result of her travels, Mrs. Todd-Takeyama and her sister have written their father's story in a book entitled “Watch Out for the Elephants.”

Mrs. Todd-Takeyama received her Bachelor's in Language from Rockford College in Illinois and obtained her Master's in French from Long Island University in New York. She taught High School briefly, then gained experience in the Rules and Regulations governing Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action in the airline and utilities industry. She is a trained mediator with experience organizing and administrating alternative dispute resolution programs, and is a mentor and diversity counselor.

“Watch Out for the Elephants” can be found on:

www.watchoutfortheelephants.com

www.amazon.com

www.borders.com

www.leatherspublishing.com

www.locusthillpublishing.com

Kelly James Wilkinson

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Academic Background

BA Secondary Social Studies Ed. Earned at University of Missouri at Kansas City.

BA Political Science with a minor in History earned at University of Missouri at Kansas City. Extensive Debate and Forensics experience.

24 graduate hours toward a Masters in Special Education.

State of Missouri Teachers Certificate PCIII – Secondary Social Studies, Grade 7-12.

State of Missouri Teachers Certificate PCIII – Secondary Speech and Drama, Grade 9-12.

Teaching Experience

Speech/Debate/Drama - Imagine Renaissance Academy

Assistant Debate Coach/Center High School Substitute.

Substitute Teaching - Raytown C-2 School District.

Economics – at Central High School (KC,MO Summer School)

Early American History Grade 7 at Ervin Middle School, 3 years.

Behaviors Disorders Teacher at Leavenworth High School/V.A. School/Juvenile Detention Center. Social Studies/Biology.

EMH Teacher at Truman High School, Independence, MO. Lovas Discreet Method.

United States Army Field Artillery School – Instructor of (13F) Forward Observer during First Gulf War (Former Fire Support Officer, Arkansas National Guard).

Other Educational Experience

Behavior Disorders Paraeducator – Thomas Hart Benton Elementary, Independence School District.

Student Teaching completed at North High School, Kansas City, MO.

Coaching

Assistant Debate and Forensics Coach – Leavenworth High School.

Other Experience

Load Make-up Supervisor – Responsibilities included Dock Foreman for Pull Crew, Routing and building loads for Allied Systems car hauling, managed casuals for storage programs (night shifts), managed dispatch and clerks in the office, and dealt with customer relations (Ford Motor Company) in regard to vehicle shipping time.