Meet the 2015-2016 Executive Leadership Fellows:

Patrick K Coleman  
*Senior Curator, Minnesota Historical Society*

The “Indiana Jones of Minnesota manuscripts” is serving in his second year as an Executive Leadership Fellow. Patrick Coleman was so named in a 2011 article in *Capitol Report* for his determined efforts to bring books, manuscripts and other artifacts to the Minnesota Historical Society in his role as Senior Curator and acquisitions librarian. In his 35 years at the Minnesota Historical Society, Patrick has worked tirelessly across many sectors to build the MHS’s collection of rare and historical documents with a focus on novels and poetry by Minnesotan authors. He hunts far and wide for materials to help document our rich Minnesota history; bringing them to the Historical Society where they can be properly cared for, preserved and made available to the public. During his Executive Leadership Fellowship, Coleman has worked with an interdisciplinary group of graduate students to research and conduct a first-person, substantive oral history of Minnesota governors, including their experiences in collaborating across party and sectoral boundaries. This oral history will be a University resource and will be offered to the Minnesota Historical Society for their permanent public affairs holdings. Coleman is also working with others to explore a similar project related to Minnesota women leaders during the 1970s and 1980s.

Beth Fagin  
*Senior Director of Pediatric Therapies for St David’s Center for Children and Family Development*

Beth Fagin was named the Transformational Leader of the year by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits in 2015. Beth currently serves as Senior Director of Pediatric Therapies for St David’s Center for Children and Family Development, where she is responsible for Rehabilitative Services and Autism Programs. A licensed Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist, Beth has long worked to provide mental health care to underserved populations in the metro area, including several immigrant groups and at-risk children of color. Especially notable is her work with St. David’s Center to develop a program specifically focused on the needs of Somali autistic children aged two to seven and their families. During her Executive Leadership Fellowship, Beth is interested in exploring the concept of using Emotional Intelligence skills to strengthen multi-disciplinary teamwork and the specific service needs of Somali autistic children aged seven to twelve and their families.
Allen Levine  
*Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, University of Minnesota*

Dr. Allen Levine is currently Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, University of Minnesota Twin Cities and a Professor in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition, Psychiatry (adjunct), Surgery (adjunct) and Medicine (adjunct). Prior to this position he was the Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences. Allen’s long-standing research focus has been on the neural regulation of food intake, particularly related to the opioid peptides, oxytocin and Neuropeptide Y. He and his colleagues have published extensively on the brain circuitry involved in the rewarding properties of foods. He has published over 300 scientific papers and over 100 review articles, editorials and book reviews. He has received three major awards for his research efforts: one from the American Institute of Nutrition (Mead Johnson Award), one from the American College of Nutrition (Grace A. Goldsmith Award), and one from American Association for the Advancement of Science (Fellow). He is also a fellow in the Obesity Society and the American Psychological Association. This November he will be president-elect of the Obesity Society. In his role as Vice Provost, Allen has worked collaboratively with faculty, department leaders, deans and chancellors to provide a clear understanding of tenure and promotion documents, academic human resource policies and other procedural issues important to faculty. He has also worked closely with faculty governance to review decisions and vision for the academic community and served as a liaison to the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC). During his Executive Leadership Fellowship, Allen is particularly interested in exploring the role of decency in leadership and collaboration.

Scott Peterson  
*Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer, The Schwan Food Company*

Scott Peterson currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer of The Schwan Food Company, where he leads the human resources, corporate communications and public relations functions and has played a major role in shaping the company’s culture and talent strategy. Prior to Schwan, Scott held human resources leadership roles with leading consumer brands companies such as Pillsbury and Quaker Oats. An active member of the Minnesota business and non-profit communities, Scott currently serves as co-chair of Minnesota’s Itasca Workforce Alignment Initiative to address the skills gap in the state. Scott was also the 2014 Minnesota State Chair for Worksite Wellness. In addition, Scott serves on the board of directors for the Greater Twin Cities YMCA, Minnesota Wild Foundation and the USA Advisory Board for Enactus (formerly Students in Free Enterprise, “SIFE”). In 2011, Enactus presented Scott with the Champion of SIFE Award in recognition of his work. During his Executive Leadership Fellowship, Scott is particularly interested in working collaboratively with University faculty and students to develop sustainable & actionable strategies to identify and address Minnesota’s future workforce needs.
Dianna Shandy
Professor of Anthropology, Macalester College

Dianna Shandy is Professor of Anthropology, Macalester College, where she is on sabbatical during the 2015-16 academic year. As a social-cultural anthropologist, Dianna’s work spans U.S. and international settings, with research and teaching interests in gender, migration, political conflict and violence, and research methods. Dianna’s books include: Glass Ceilings and 100-Hour Couples: What the Opt-Out Phenomenon Can Teach Us About Work and Family (with economist Karine Moe, 2010); Nuer-American Passages: Globalizing Sudanese Migration (2007), The Cultural Experience: Ethnography in Complex Society (with David McCurdy and James Spradley, 2005), and Conformity and Conflict: A Reader in Cultural Anthropology, 15th Edition (with David McCurdy and James Spradley, 2016). During the summer of 2015, Dianna served as an African Refugee Diaspora Expert Fellow for the United Nations High Commission on Refugees in Geneva, organizing roundtable discussion sessions with Somali diaspora communities in Europe and North America to ensure that the United Nations and other groups working with Somali refugees benefit from the diaspora’s perspectives, skills and experience. During her Executive Leadership Fellowship, Dianna is particularly interested in working with the Center on initiatives related to cross-boundary connections between diaspora communities and refugees or returning populations.