

## 1970s

**Jerry Braswell '74** was recently awarded the North Carolina Governor's "Old North State Award" for community service. He was honored for streamlining courtroom and jail activities to reduce overcrowding, which saved the state approximately \$800,000 in one year. His courtroom is ranked No. 1 in the state of North Carolina in the disposition of criminal cases.

**C. Victor Lander '75** was recently appointed administrative judge, or chief judge, for the Municipal Courts of the City of Dallas, Texas. In this role, he is the judiciary department director for the City of Dallas and responsible for the operations of the 10 Municipal Courts, in a city of 1,300,000 residents, as well as a budget for the courts in excess of \$3 million.



**Asa Yancy Jr. '75** was recently named one of the top doctors in Denver, Colo., by *5280 Magazine* for the eighth consecutive year. He specializes in the field of child and adolescent psychiatry.

**Shelton "Spike" Lee '79** was recently honored by Chrysler with the 6th Annual *Behind the Lens* Award. The Chrysler Foundation will donate \$25,000 in Lee's name to Morehouse. The donation will benefit the Morehouse College Journalism and Sports Program that was created to expand the field of sports journalism for African American students. The program, which began with seed money donated by Lee, launched its first course offerings in January 2007. To date, Lee's efforts have raised more than \$1 million to benefit the program.

## 1980s

**David Morrow '80**, director of the Morehouse College Glee Club, recently conducted the group when it performed for the soundtrack of a recent movie, *Miracle at St. Ana*, produced by Shelton "Spike" Lee '79.

**Dewey Clayton '81** was recently promoted to professor of political science at the University of Louisville. He also is the author of the book *African Americans and the Politics of Congressional Redistricting*.

**Lee B. Stephens III '81** was been appointed chief administrator for the Asia Pacific region for The Bank of New York Mellon. He joined the bank in 1990 and previously served as a member of the Global Client Management team where, as executive vice president and head of public sector banking, he led the company's efforts in the U.S. covering key supranational, government, municipal, endowment and foundation and other public tax-exempt enterprises.

**A. Scott Bolden '84** was recently honored by the National Partnership for Community Leadership (NPCL) with its 2008 Favorite Father Award for outstanding leadership as a father and role model in the community and for improving the well-being of children and families. The award was given at NPCL's 10th Annual International Conference at Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Hotel in Washington, D.C.

**Rufus H. Rivers '86** was recently appointed to the board of directors for Thomas & Betts Corporation. He is a managing director of RLJ Equity Partners, LLC, part of which, RLJ Equities, is a private investment firm focusing on middle-market companies in the media, consumer products and professional services sectors. In 2005, Rivers became a member of the Morehouse Leadership Circle of Donors when he contributed \$100,000 to name a classroom in The Leadership Center at Morehouse and supported the Board Opportunity Fund.

Prior to joining RLJ Equity, Rivers

served as co-founder and managing director of Carlyle Mezzanine Partners, L.P., a private debt and equity fund associated with The Carlyle Group, one of the world's largest investment firms. He also has held executive positions with TCW/Crescent Mezzanine LLC, Heller Financial, Inc. and the First National Bank of Chicago.

**Stuart J. (a.k.a. Stu James) Flemister '89** recently reprised the role of "Harpo" in the *Color Purple* at the Fox Theatre in his hometown of Atlanta. He performed on Broadway as "Benny" in *Rent*. His movie credits include Bill Condon's *Dreamgirls*, *Downtown A Street Tale*, *House of Grim* and the D.K. Holmes feature *Burning Sands*. Television audiences know him from roles on *General Hospital*, *All My Children* and *Barbershop*. Flemister is currently putting the finishing touches on his debut album *Love Is* ([www.myspace.com/stujameslive](http://www.myspace.com/stujameslive)) and he is working on a one-man show titled *Son of the South*.



## 1990s

**Tony Lamar Burks II '93** has been awarded a doctorate of education in educational leadership after successfully defending his dissertation titled "Testifying: A Case Study of Students' Perceptions of Experiences as Members of a School-Based Youth Court at an Early College High School." Burks recently accepted a dual appointment as executive director of Small School Innovation and an assistant superintendent with the San Diego Unified School District. In his new roles, he supports a cohort of 18 small high schools, an early college, and a middle college and leads district-wide efforts to establish early and middle college high schools.



**Richard Watkins '97** was recently appointed to the associate board of the Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms. The Chicago Committee is a membership-based, non-profit organization

## Nicholas Austin '06 Hired by D.C. Law Firm

**Nicholas Austin '06** has been hired to work in the law firm Foley & Lardner LLP in its Washington, D.C., office. He graduated from Georgetown Law School in May 2009. While at Georgetown, he was elected president of the Georgetown Black Law Students Association and a member of Georgetown's Barristers' Council, Appellate Advocacy Division. Austin also was appointed



to serve as assistant director of Appellate Advocacy for the Council.

He and a teammate also competed in the European Law Students Association (ELSA) Moot Court Competition and battled against eight law schools from the U.S. and Canada for the chance to represent North America in the ELSA Moot Court World Finals. His team qualified to represent North America in Geneva, Switzerland, for the world finals in April.

founded in 1987 as a networking and support organization for minority lawyers practicing in big law firms. Watkins joins a board of 13 other minority attorneys from law firms throughout Chicago. He is employed by Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the nation.

**Elijah Watson '98** was honored by the Charlotte North Carolina Mayor's Mentoring Alliance as the Mentor of the Year for his exceptional work founding and managing the STARS [Striving Together Achieving Real Solutions] Academy, a local tutoring and mentoring group in partnership

with the Charlotte Chapter of the Morehouse Alumni Association and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Charlotte. He also was recently featured in *The Charlotte Post* for changing the lives of students and making them into masters of math, English and finance.

## 2000s

**Jasaun "Jay" Boone '01**, veteran political consultant and managing partner of Gateway Strategies LLC, has entered the world of journalism as a political commentator and Democratic strategist for Fox News and MSNBC Networks. Boone provided commentary to the two major networks for the presidential electoral cycle, beginning with the race between Barack Obama and John McCain during summer 2008. He can be seen during various news segments throughout the week.

**Harold Martin '02** was recently honored by The Bert King Foundation for his dedication to service and history of academic, professional and leadership accomplishments at Yale Law School. Each year, several members of the African American Student Union are presented with this award to recognize their potential, determination and self-awareness to make significant contributions to society.

**Jimmy L. Davis '02** was recently hired as a consultant to Development Dimensions International (DDI) in New York City. He will provide hiring and development solutions to DDI clients for this global human resource consulting firm. Prior to joining DDI, Davis was employed at The Home Depot, including positions in mergers and acquisitions, talent management, staffing and most recently, diversity and inclusion. He also served as an adjunct professor of psychology at Morehouse and Spelman colleges and was honored as Black Engineer of the Year by Lockheed Martin and an engineering deans council from historically black colleges and universities.

**Ashton Dunn '08** has been hired as a digital media analyst for Fry Hammond Barr, a leading, full-service marketing and communications agency based in Orlando, Fla. As digital media analyst, Dunn is responsible for the monitoring and analysis of interactive campaigns and website usability. Dunn's previously worked at Apple, Grapevine Notlobbyists, Inc. and the City of Orlando.

## Profiles in Leadership

### Expected to Lead Terrance Carroll '92

TERRANCE DAVID CARROLL '92 was raised in one of the worst neighborhoods in Washington, D.C., by a single mother. But his mother, the daughter of sharecroppers, expected greatness from her only child—and Carroll delivered. Carroll, a fourth-term U.S. representative, recently became the first African American Speaker of the House for Colorado.

"My mother didn't have more than a third-grade education. She was the daughter of a sharecropper and the granddaughter of a slave," said Carroll after his election. "I saw her doing the worst kind of work - on her hands and knees cleaning other people's homes for most of her life - yet she still taught me that it was our responsibility to make a way for other people and to be a voice for others. She taught me that, though we lacked money, we still had the ability to make a difference in people's lives. I take that role - advocating for other people - very seriously. Almost everything I've done goes back to my role as a voice for other people."

Carroll chose to attend Morehouse because he wanted to feel he was part of something greater than himself. "Morehouse gave me that opportunity," he said.

Professors like Aaron Parker '75 of the philosophy and religion department significantly influenced his theological development, and Hamid Taqi, Abraham Davis '61 and Tobe Johnson '54 of the political science department were the mentors behind his political development, he said.

"But above all, Morehouse's culture of excellence, commitment to community service and the expectation that Morehouse men be leaders—all three of which reinforced what I learned from my mother—have shaped my life and career," he said. "It was the knowledge that I had a responsibility to make a difference in my community."

The fact that he is making that difference is irrefutable. Besides being a politician, Davis is also a lawyer and an ordained Baptist minister. His ability to tackle diverse interests began at Morehouse.

"I was president of Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. During my senior year, I was also SGA chief of staff during Otis Moss III's tenure as SGA president," he recalled. "I was also very active as a volunteer in various community groups in Atlanta."

He graduated with honors with a degree in political science and continues to be involved with his alma mater as an active member of the Colorado Chapter of the Morehouse Alumni Association. In 2006 and 2008, he was on the planning committee for the Morehouse College Glee Club's performance in Denver.

Living the lessons from his mother and Morehouse, Carroll now offers the following advice to students: "I encourage future Morehouse Men to follow the example of Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays by pursuing excellence in scholarship, service and leadership."

—Richard Jones



Terrance David Carroll '92

## Births

**Aaron Ellison '98** and his wife, Raycinia, are the proud parents of a son, Aiden Jacob, born on Jan. 28, 2009, in Charlotte, N.C.



## Marriages

**Katende Kinene '02** was married to Sanyu Senkolo on March 15, 2008.  
**Curtis W. Douglass '92** was married to his wife, Capucina, on June 21, 2008.

## Passages

**William Amos "Bill" McGill '47** recently passed away in Detroit. McGill retired after a stellar career in many arenas. He was the principal for Statesboro Junior High School, Statesboro, Ga., and political science teacher at both Grambling State University and Wayne County Community College. He held numerous positions in both the City of Detroit, Wayne County government and the State of Michigan.

**Elliot Ernest Franks III '56** passed on Oct. 16, 2008. In 1964, he managed marketing activities for the Atlantic Bottling Corporation (now known as Pepsico) for black retail outlets in South Carolina. His illustrious career in public service began as the director of Economic Development and Employment for the Columbia Urban League in 1967. He even-

## Lionel C. Barrow Jr. '48 Served As Howard's Dean of the School of Communications

**LIONEL C. BARROW JR. '48** passed away on Jan. 23, 2009, just days after he witnessed the presidential inauguration of Barack Obama. The election of the nation's first black president was a fitting end to a life of fervent political involvement, which began in the '60s with the Unity Democratic Club in Brooklyn, N.Y., that resulted in the successful election of Rep. Shirley Chisholm to the U.S. Congress to his recent campaigning for Obama as he sought to become a super delegate.



Barrow, an educator, journalist and civil rights activist, graduated from Morehouse in 1948. He was initiated into Alpha Rho chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, at the College in May 1944.

Throughout his distinguished life and career, he provided leadership to many organizations. In 1968, he became vice president and associate director of research for the nation's third oldest advertising agency, Foote, Cone and Belding in New York. He served as dean of the School of Communications at Howard University from 1975 to 1985, during which time the school radio station was established.

As a member of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), Barrow founded the Ad Hoc Committee on Minority Education in an effort to recruit, train and place minorities in communications. In 1970, he founded and became the acting head of the Minorities and Communication Division of AEJMC. The AEJMC honored him by establishing the Lionel C. Barrow Scholarship in 1970 and by giving him its Presidential Award in 1997.

Barrow is survived by his wife, Frederica, five daughters, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. ■

tually was appointed by Gov. Richard Riley as the president and chief executive officer of the Jobs Economic Development Authority.

**Daniel Arthur Williams Jr. '49** recently passed away in New Britain, Conn.

**Richard G. Griffin Jr. '49** recently passed away. During his distinguished career, Griffin served as director of library services at the New York Institute of Technology, director of library and information services at Fayetteville State University, and was commissioned to the rank of captain in the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

**Alexander "A.C." Brown '61** recently passed. His funeral was held at Salem Bible Church in Atlanta where he served as an elder. Brown was retired from the City of Atlanta Housing Authority and, while at Morehouse, became a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

**William James Harding '63** recently passed. His funeral was held at



Antioch Baptist Church North in Atlanta. The family has requested donations be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in his honor.

**Melvin Earl Walker III '95** recently died as the result of a motorcycle accident. Celebration of Life services were held at the Peach County Comprehensive High School in Fort Valley, Ga. He was employed by Warner Robins Air Force Base (WRAFB) as a mechanical engineer for the past six years. While there, he received a letter of commendation for his work on the Lavatory Service Truck Improvement/Safety Modification.

**Ryan Smith '99** recently died after a long battle with lymphoma at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He was a first-year ensemble member of the Lyric Opera of Chicago's prestigious artist development program. This past spring, after

years of setbacks and struggles, Smith fulfilled a dream when he sang on stage at the Metropolitan Opera, playing the minor role of "Don Riccardo" in the rarely performed Verdi opera *Ermani*.

**Makoye Pambi '03** recently died as the result of an automobile accident in Macon, Ga. Pambi was the son of Daniel Pambi, curator and instructor in the chemistry department at Morehouse. His funeral was held on campus in Sale Hall Chapel on Jan. 24.

**Jasiri L. Whipper '06** died from injuries suffered after a vehicle struck him on Interstate 95 in South Carolina. Whipper, a reporter for *The Post* and *Courier* newspapers, covered North Charleston and Berkeley County community news. ■

## Save the Dates

HOMEcomings 2009  
October 19-25, 2009

143RD FOUNDER'S DAY  
CONVOCATION  
February 11, 2010 • King Chapel

REFLECTIONS OF EXCELLENCE  
February 13, 2010 • King Chapel

"A CANDLE IN THE DARK" GALA  
February 13, 2010 • Hyatt Regency



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