

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI'S
Mizzou Advantage POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS



2010-2011 Mizzou Advantage – Preparing Future Faculty Postdoctoral Fellows

Pedro Dozi

Food production systems around the globe, and in Missouri particularly, are changing rapidly, according to Pedro Dozi, PhD, who is a Mizzou Advantage – Preparing Future Faculty Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Missouri.

“Understanding factors influencing the economic integration of labor is crucial to understanding the ever changing dynamics of the food processing sector,” according to Pedro. These factors would potentially impact Missouri because food processing is a major part of much of rural Missouri’s economic livelihood.

Pedro’s dissertation research covered the well-being of food processing workers, so his appointment as a Mizzou Advantage fellow in the Food for the Future interdisciplinary area will give Pedro an opportunity to

advance his research further.

“My dissertation research relates in two ways: (a) it touches on issues of workforce development and income earnings of food processing workers, and (b) it assesses how these workers access resources which would make them productive members of the community, thus making rural areas sustainable in the long run,” said Pedro.

Previous awards for Pedro include being named a Fulbright Scholar, and the most outstanding graduate student in the agricultural and applied economics department.

Pedro, from Luanda, Angola, has a long-range goal of researching and developing a solid understanding of socio-economic development issues, and to be able to teach those issues to aspiring practitioners.



Pedro Dozi, PhD '10,
Agricultural Economics

Jayne Henson

As a Mizzou Advantage – Preparing Future Faculty Postdoctoral Fellow in the Media of the Future area, Jayne Henson, PhD, wants to develop a broader understanding of how the use of new media impacts society and politics.

“Mediated communication influences how we form and evaluate relationships with others,” said Jayne, “New and evolving media continue to alter the social fabric of our society, and the experience and expectations of our lived worlds.”

As part of the responsibilities of being



Jayne Henson, PhD '10,
Communication

a Mizzou Advantage Postdoctoral Fellow, Jayne will be teaching, developing courses and performing research in her area of interest. In Fall 2010, Henson is teaching Communication 4638: New Technologies and Communication.

Jayne has won several awards for her studies, including the Frank and Lila Gilman Memorial Fellowship from the MU Department of Communication, and the Gustav Friedrich Award for the top paper in communication education from the Central States Communication Association in 2008.

About Mizzou Advantage and the Fellowship Program

University of Missouri faculty, students and alumni worked together to identify competitive assets that set MU apart from other universities. These assets underlie five initiatives that are called the Mizzou Advantage. These initiatives are: Sustainable Energy; Food for the Future; One Health, One Medicine; Media of the Future; and Disruptive and Transformational Technologies.

With sponsorship and support from the Chancellor’s Fund for Excellence, each interdisciplinary area of the Mizzou Advantage will host a postdoctoral fellow. Appointments of the fellows are for one year and responsibilities include teaching, course development and research. This academic year’s fellows must have earned their doctorate at MU between August 2009 and August 2010. Please visit <http://mizzouadvantage.missouri.edu/> for more information.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI'S
Mizzou Advantage POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS



Stefanie Wortman

“The way we collect and convey information is changing with increasing speed,” said Stefanie Wortman, PhD, “The study of new forms of media is crucial to understanding and adapting to these changes.”

As a Mizzou Advantage – Preparing Future Faculty Postdoctoral Scholar at the University of Missouri, one of Stefanie’s primary responsibilities is to develop courses to be taught by other instructors in the future.

“I hope to design and teach courses that will help students use the tools of different disciplines to answer a central question, such

as how our understanding of poetry changes as we encounter it in different contexts and through different media,” said Stefanie.

Stefanie’s fellowship is a part of the Mizzou Advantage, a group of five interdisciplinary areas that help set MU apart from other institutions of higher learning. Stefanie’s area of focus is Media of the Future.

Originally from Kansas City, Missouri, Stefanie has been a finalist in the National Poetry Series’ Open Competition for her manuscript *In the Permanent Collection*. Select poems from the manuscript have appeared in the *Yale Review* and the *New Orleans Review*.



Stefanie Wortman, PhD '10,
English

Andrew Moon



Andrew Moon, PhD '10,
Philosophy

Andrew Moon, PhD, is the Mizzou Advantage – Preparing Future Faculty Postdoctoral Fellow for Disruptive and Transformational Technology at the University of Missouri. In this position, he will be able to examine how new technologies have transformed and are transforming our understanding of the world today.

“I will explore how recent technologies in brain studies (e.g. functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging) will transform our understanding of mental states,” said Andrew.

As a Mizzou Advantage Postdoctoral

Fellow, Andrew is excited because it allows him to prepare for one of his major life goals; to become a faculty member at a major research university. “My hope is to advance the research in my discipline by publishing in scholarly journals and to successfully teach upper-level philosophy courses,” said Andrew.

Prior to him earning his doctorate, Andrew was awarded the 2009-2010 MU Chancellor’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship, and a John D. Bies International Travel Scholarship, in addition to several awards from the philosophy department.

Candace Korasick

“Human health and animal health have always been related, but as medical technology progresses, the connections become both stronger and more complex,” said Candace Korasick, PhD, one of five Mizzou Advantage – Preparing Future Faculty Postdoctoral Fellows at the University of Missouri, “As our companion animals become more dear to us through advances in medicine, our attitudes toward non-companion animals have shifted.”

As a postdoctoral fellow for the One Health, One Medicine asset area in the Mizzou Advantage, Candace hopes to develop interdisciplinary classes which will

be instrumental in forwarding collaborations not only between veterinary and human medicine, but also social sciences and life sciences.

“Missourians relate to animals on several levels—pets, food, and wildlife. The way we view food animals and research animals has implications for how we treat these animals and what laws we create,” said Candace.

Originally from Hannibal, Missouri, Candace’s long-range goal is to teach at a small, Midwestern college. “I grew up in a rural county in a working-class family. I would like to teach students from a similar background,” Candace said.



Candace Korasick, PhD '10,
Sociology