Saron McKee, a graduate of both Woodring’s Human Services (BA, 2005) and Rehabilitation Counseling (MA, 2007) programs, was recently named the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Director for the city of Philadelphia! She worked for 10 years previously as the ADA Director for the Seattle Housing Authority.

McKee has worked on behalf of people with disabilities in various positions for almost 20 years. While her education background is grounded in psychology, McKee consistently chose disability reform work. Eventually, her passion for disability rights became apparent, and she took the job as ADA coordinator in Seattle.

McKee is familiar with the realities of living with a disability. She was born with a spinal birth defect and uses a wheelchair. When asked about how she got into disability reform, she said "years ago, as an artist with disability, I learned that many art organizations were struggling to make their buildings usable by people with disabilities. I enrolled in training as a practical solution to address the problem. I’ve come to see this as the kindling that sparked the fire for my career. Later, I went on to complete my formal education and thought I might go into a career of psychology; however, I love the idea that by problem solving and eliminating barriers, we create equity." From The Word from Woodring - Winter Quarter Alumni and Donor Newsletter, Winter 2019

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