

Spring 2017

Happy Spring! We want to thank all of the alumni who completed our

Also, if anyone is interested in a full report of the alumni survey, send an email message to olberdingj@nku.edu or gishm@nku.edu it to you.

Thanks again!

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MPA Events

MPA Fall Reception in November 2016

The MPA Fall Reception took place on November 3 in the Student Union Ballroom. It featured a lively discussion

and Thriving as Young Public-Service Professionals in an

City Administrator of Ludlow; Drew Tilow (NKU MPA 2011), Budget Analyst for the City of Cincinnati; and Sharmili Reddy, City Administrator
discussion with MPA students, alumni, faculty and staff and advisory board members.

Fall Commencement

The annual MPA

Save the date for the annual MPA Spring Awards Banquet! This event will take place on Wednesday, April 12 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Student Union 104. We will honor the 2017 graduating MPA students and award winners. (Our 2016 award winners are pictured here

The NKU MPA Capstone class involves a final project for which students engage with government agencies and/or nonprofit organizations to create positive impacts

his Capstone project in the Fall, Josh Tunning (MPA 2016) explored the idea of creating a community garden in Silver Grove, Kentucky. Silver Grove is city of about 1,100 residents that runs along the Ohio River in northern Campbell County.

Josh presented his project at the Silver Grove City Council meeting in January 2017. For more information on this project, check out this story in [River City News](#).

This semester, Charles Powell and Fitzgerald Chibamu are working with Newport city officials on an effort to transform the old Southgate School into a new City of Newport Museum.

In case you didn't know, Southgate was the first and only school for African-American students in Campbell County. It operated from 1873 through 1955, when the students were integrated into the broader Newport school system.

The museum will help tell the story of Southgate School, possibly along with other key stories in the city's evolution such as its military base,

Scholarship Awards from NKCCMA and KCCMA

MPA student Amy Schildmeyer-Humphrey was awarded the annual scholarship from the Northern Kentucky City and County Management Association (NKCCMA). The scholarship was created a couple years ago for MPA students pursuing a career in local government management. Amy was presented with the scholarship award at the association's monthly meeting by Elishia Chamberlain (MPA 2008), NKCCMA President and Ludlow City Administrator.

MPA student Jeremy Worley was selected as this

City/Council Management Association (KCCMA) Winter Conference. The conference, which was held in Lexington on February 9-10, included sessions on economic development, community policing, enhancing lobbying skills and more. Jeremy was one of four MPA students in the state of Kentucky to receive a conference scholarship.

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We welcome Dr. Jongsoo Park to the MPA faculty for the Spring semester! Dr. Park is currently teaching Organizational Behavior and Theory (PAD 602), Public Policy Analysis (PAD 603), and Executive Management and Public Leadership (PAD 632).

Dr. Park received his Ph.D. in Public Policy and Management in December 2016 from the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University. Prior to his doctoral studies, he received a BA in public administration and MPA at Korea University and a second MPA at Texas A&M University.

managerial practices, and diversity management. Recognizing the value of diversity for learning, he wants to help students understand that there are different approaches to issues of public affairs, and the best solution is achieved by greater diversity.

His current research includes investigating the effects of empowering leadership and ethical leadership on employee work behaviors, both at the individual and group levels. He is also interested in studying why, when and how public employees engage in prosocial behavior as well as diversity and dynamics in public organizations.

New Jobs and Promotions

[Petey Cautilli](#) (2016) is the new Facility and Event Manager for Saint Louis University Athletics.

[Lisa Desmarais](#) (2012) has become the Director of Information Technology for Kenton County, KY.

[Alex Kraemer](#) (2012) is the new Economic Development Manager for the City of Fairfield, OH.

[Dustin Lester](#) (2011) is now a Senior Project Consultant at Thomas P. Miller & Associates (TPMA).

[Rebecca Miller](#) (2015) became Program Coordinator of Youth Services

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