



## What's New in the MPA Program



There has been a lot happening this Summer! The MPA program has officially moved back to the renovated Founders Hall, we have a new graduate assistant, and NKU has a new president.

**[Read about all the exciting changes here! »](#)**

## MPA Event



The Spring Banquet was held on Wednesday, April 4 to honor our MPA award recipients. Our Summer Potluck was held on Thursday, May 17 to celebrate recent graduates and alumni.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Fall Reception will be held on Tuesday, September 25. We hope to see you there!

**[View photos from our recent events »](#)**

## Regional Awards



The American Society for Public Administration's Greater Cincinnati Chapter selected Rachel Staley (MPA student) for the Outstanding Student award and Mark Ober (2011) for the Career Achievement award.

**[Read more about our Award Recipients »](#)**

## Faculty Spotlight



Dr. Darrin Wilson is one of our newest full-time faculty members. Dr. Wilson is working on various research projects including how the Great Recession influenced local government fiscal policy and how economic diversity correlates with the fiscal health of local governments.

**[Read more about Dr. Darrin Wilson »](#)**

## Student Highlights



Students in the Resource Acquisition and Management (PAD 621) course partnered with the Mt. Airy and Mt. Washington Community Development Corporations (CDCs) for their service-learning projects during the Spring semester.

**[Learn more about their projects »](#)**

## Alumni Highlights



1. An official appointed to investigate individual's complaints against public agencies. A neutral third party who investigates, reports on, and helps settle complaints.  
2. The City Ombudsman takes questions and complaints involving your Cincinnati quality-of-life issues. Dedicated to problem solving, highlighting innovative city solutions and training all Cincinnatians to be City Ombudsmen. Send us a question or a story, make a comment or be the Friday Ombudsman. Question, connect, discover.

NKU MPA alumna Tina Dyehouse (2009) won a People's Liberty grant to launch the first citywide digital ombudsman!

**[Learn more about Tina's project and other alumni highlights»](#)**

## New Jobs and Promotions

- Lynne Ausman Riehle (2008) is now the Quality Assurance Project Manager at Hamilton County Job and Family Services.
- Drake Bryan (2012) has become the Senior Manager of Business Intelligence at KnowledgeWorks.
- Abbie Cain (2012) was recently hired as the Department Manager, Plant and Soil Sciences, at the University of Kentucky.
- Katie Dillon (2015) will soon start as Hospital Development Coordinator at LifeCenter Northwest, which is the organ procurement organization for Alaska, Montana, Washington, and northern Idaho.
- Kyle Dorriere (2017) recently accepted a position with Kentucky Campus Compact as an AmeriCorps STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) VISTA.
- Jim Flick (2010) began as the Director of Economic Development and Public Information Officer for Deerfield Township, Ohio on July 2.
- Matt Frohlich (2004) has become Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of Charleston, South Carolina.
- Derrick Gentry (2016) is now the Finance Director at Hamilton County Clerk of Courts.
- [Chris Gilbert](#) (2012) was selected as Township Administrator of Springfield Township.
- Brian Gilligan (2007) is now the Assistant Chief Deputy at Hamilton County Clerk of Courts.
- Rachel Heine (2007) recently became the Director of Development for Ohio State University's Neurological Institute.
- [Brian Houillion](#) (2010) was named the new Chief of Staff for the Kentucky Department for Local Government in June.
- Joshua Johnson (2015) is now the Associate Director at Talbert House Western Hills.
- Neil Kelly (2014) accepted a position as the Eligibility Technician at Hamilton County Job and Family Services.
- [Casey Kilgore](#) (2008) was named as the new Ft. Thomas Chief of Police.
- Lindsay Lomax (current student) is now a Marketing Consultant at TriHealth.

- Telly McGaha is now the Senior Director of Development at the University of Louisville's School of Medicine.
- Jeremy Roberts (2012) became the Network Administrator at Tennessee Farm Bureau.
- Rina Saperstein (2006) is now the Director of Operations at Caracole Inc.
- Brandon Sirbu (2014) started as the Craftforce Education Coordinator with Messer Construction Company.
- Rick Wilson (2009) is now the Senior Officer for Grant Development at Bethesda Foundation.

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