

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in the Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis (PAPA) at SIUE. We are excited to share updates and information regarding our MPA program. Despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic over the past two years, our department continues to flourish.

In the fall 2021 term, the addition of our fully online MPA option was implemented. We also launched a post baccalaureate certificate in professional leadership strategies. Requiring only 15 credit hours, interested students may now earn this online credential and strengthen their professional skillsets. We have many students interested in this graduate certificate and so I encourage you to contact our program director, Dr. Drew Dolan, for further information. Additionally, we are thrilled to announce a new partnership with the Department of Political Science at SIUE. The accelerated combined degree option between our program and political science allows students to complete two degrees in five academic years.

We continue to offer both core and elective courses that are in high demand. We have hired additional part time teaching faculty to support our growing list of program offerings. Our faculty has worked diligently over the past two years to redesign much of our online course content to ensure best practices of the field and also continue to incorporate the highest standards of online learning. We offer most courses in convenient eight-, five-, and three-week formats, and have new courses beginning in May! I encourage you to visit our program website to view our upcoming schedule of classes. We also operate a respected internship program in which participants gain practical, applied experience in the field while earning their graduate degree. I encourage you to reach out to our internship director, Dr. Andrew Wesemann, for information on application requirements and upcoming opportunities.

The PAPA Department at SIUE continues to maintain NASPAA (the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration) accreditation due to the outstanding efforts and accomplishments of our faculty and staff. In the fall 2021 term, we welcomed a new faculty member to our department, Dr. Andrew Sullivan, a Ph.D. graduate from the University of Kentucky. His research focuses on competition and collaboration in federal-local partnerships, homelessness, and public finance. We are happy to have him join our team and look forward to his contributions to PAPA. For program information, please visit: <https://www.siue.edu/arts-and-sciences/papa/>. In navigating our site, you will be able to view a listing of teaching staff, course schedules, graduation information, and also learn more about our internship program and Pi Alpha Alpha honor society opportunities. You will see applicable information for students and interns, highlights of our recent graduates, and announcements we wanted to share. I invite you to stay informed and connected with our department. Please connect with our program page on Facebook or LinkedIn.

Thank you for valuing the work that we do and for exploring our newsletter.



Dr. Nancy L. Huyck, Chair
PAPA Department, SIUE

PAPA FACULTY

- ❖ **Dr. Nancy Huyck**, PAPA Chair & Associate Professor
- ❖ **Dr. Drew Dolan**, MPA Program Director & Professor
- ❖ **Dr. John Foster**, Associate Professor
- ❖ **Dr. Andrew Wesemann**, Assistant Professor & Internship Director
- ❖ **Dr. Andrew Sullivan**, Assistant Professor

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2021 MPA GRADUATES

- | <u>Spring 2021</u> | | <u>Summer 2021</u> | <u>Fall 2021</u> |
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| ➤ Brooke Allen | ➤ Matt Kundratt | ➤ Jack Walton | ➤ Cheyney Evans |
| ➤ Alan Ayala | ➤ Bonnie Landwehr | | ➤ Cole Hammel |
| ➤ Amanda Billing | ➤ Kimberly Lizotte | | ➤ Gavin Hunt |
| ➤ Taylor Cross | ➤ Christopher McCawley | | ➤ Laura Monteagudo |
| ➤ Samantha Dickens | ➤ Arieanna Morris | | ➤ Andrew Potter |
| ➤ Christopher Evans | ➤ Chiyo Palen | | ➤ Lorenzo Reid |
| ➤ Clarence Goldthree | ➤ Sylvester Patterson | | ➤ Asia Walker |
| ➤ Kianna Hurd | ➤ Gideon Nketsia Sampson | | |
| ➤ Langdia Jones | ➤ Jessica Short | | |
| ➤ Katelyn Kircher | ➤ Loren Terveer | | |

JOIN PI ALPHA ALPHA

Pi Alpha Alpha is the global honor society formed to recognize and promote excellence in the study and practice of public affairs and administration. In its constitution, the organization dedicates itself:

To encourage and recognize outstanding scholarship and accomplishment in public affairs and administration.

To promote the advancement of education and practice in the art and science of public affairs and administration.

To foster integrity, professionalism, and creative performance in the conduct of governmental and related public service activities.

To be eligible to join Pi Alpha Alpha, a student must have completed 21 semester hours in the MPA program, including four of the seven core courses with a GPA of 3.67 or higher.

Pi Alpha Alpha Inductees, 2021-2022

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| ➤ Gretchen Arnold | ➤ Rasheda King | ➤ Tabitha Reaney |
| ➤ Judith Addo Danquah | ➤ Antonia Magallon | ➤ Lokia Day |

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Andrew Sullivan, Assistant Professor, PAPA Department

During the fall of 2021, Dr. Andrew Sullivan joined the PAPA Department as an assistant professor. He earned his Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from the University of Kentucky in 2021. He also received his B.S.B.A. in Economics and B.A. in Theological Studies from Saint Louis University. Dr. Sullivan's research interests lie in public finance and fiscal federalism, collaborative governance, homelessness and urban policy, and research methods. He has published in *Public Management Review*, *Urban Studies*, and the *Journal of Public Affairs Education*. Additionally, Dr. Sullivan has already developed a rigorous research agenda, which includes many forthcoming scholarly products. Dr. Sullivan also has applied experience as a data scientist, research assistant, and a policy analyst intern. Finally, since starting at SIUE, Dr. Sullivan has taught Public and Nonprofit Administration Fundamentals, Biostatistics, Fighting Poverty, and Community and Urban Planning.

DORINDA MUELLER RECEIVES HONORARY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR CONFERRAL



Dorinda Mueller, Office Manager, PAPA Department

During the spring 2022 semester, Ms. Mueller was awarded the title of Honorary Public Administrator by the PAPA Department's faculty leadership. This conferral is one of the PAPA Department's highest honors. It recognizes the outstanding service provided to the PAPA Department and public administration field.

Since joining the PAPA Department in the spring of 2017, Ms. Mueller has played an integral role in ensuring its ongoing success. Perhaps more importantly, however, her contributions have helped enhance the overall quality of departmental services offered to students, alumni, and faculty members. Undoubtedly, the efforts put forth by Ms. Mueller have helped the PAPA Department grow as a leading MPA Program on a local, regional, and even national basis.

In total, Ms. Mueller's work ethic, altruistic predisposition, and dedication to fulfilling the PAPA mission exemplify the quintessential public administrator. So, without question, the bestowal of the Honorary Public Administrator title to Ms. Mueller is extremely fitting and well-deserved.

MPA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Overview

An integral part of the MPA at SIUE is the professional internship program. Through internships, MPA students combine their acquired classroom knowledge with experience in nonprofit organizations, local governments, and various government agencies. In fact, over the past 20 years, MPA interns have supported more than 75 local, regional, and national organizations.

Students attend courses specifically designed for training future public administrators, while performing the functions of a professional intern in specifically selected government and nonprofit organizations across the St. Louis metro region.

The internship program provides MPA students with the opportunity to cultivate their skills and knowledge through applied work assignments. At the same time, organizations benefit from having professionally trained graduate students carry out significant tasks and projects at reasonable compensation rates, with the support of the MPA faculty and staff. Potential internship projects include conducting surveys, writing grants, assessing programs, and working with citizen groups.

Who are MPA interns?

Our interns come from a variety of backgrounds with bachelor's degrees from many different fields. Their career interests are varied and their desire to learn and engage in significant duties is intense. Many interns bring past professional experience to their internship duties, while others have recently earned their undergraduate degrees.

How are interns assigned?

MPA faculty work with organizations to identify and select qualified interns from the MPA student pool. Interns are assigned on a semester basis, with the option of multiple semesters.

Agencies have the option of arranging 15- or 20-hour work weeks. Supervision of the intern is a joint responsibility between the local agency and the internship director in the PAPA Department at SIUE.

What is the role of an internship site?

The internship site selects the project on which the intern is to work, assigns responsibilities, and sets work parameters. The intern enters the relationship with the understanding that the individual will follow the operating procedures of the organization.

Where are our interns now?

Our interns have gone on to successful career positions as executive directors of nonprofit organizations, city administrators, federal agency managers, regional economic developers, and more!

Contact Information:

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MPA INTERN SPOTLIGHT



Antonia Magallon, MPA Student & Former Intern

Antonia was a mid-career student and needed to make a change to create stability in her future. So, she enrolled in the MPA program at SIUE. She also elected to enroll in the MPA internship program and was hired as an intern with City of Hazelwood, MO. During her internship, Antonia Magallon obtained a part time position as the Assistant to the City Manager in Glendale, Missouri. She attributes much of this achievement to the experience she gained through her MPA internship with the City of Hazelwood, Missouri. We couldn't be prouder of Antonia for this amazing accomplishment!



James Beverly III, MPA Student & Former Intern

With encouragement from a long-time mentor, James joined the SIUE MPA program as he had always aspired to serve others and make positive impacts in the community. James was introduced to the MPA internship program and became an intern with Feed My People. This internship provided James with hands-on experience and skills needed as a professional in his field, as well as exposure to various areas of a job in public administration such as marketing, grant writing, and planning and executing events. Because of his exemplary performance, James Beverly is now a full-time employee with Feed My People as its Public Relations Coordinator.

FALL 2021 & SPRING 2022 INTERNSHIPS



City of Hazelwood, MO

Not Pictured: Rebecca Ahlvin (Assistant City Manager and Director of Economic Development) and Antonia Magallon (Intern)



Edwardsville Township, IL

Pictured Left to Right: Christine Doty (Community Outreach Coordinator), Treylon Fuller (Intern), Brennan Warren (Intern), and Adam Colvin (Edwardsville Township Administrator)



Monroe County Illinois Economic Development Corporation

Pictured Left to Right: Edie Koch (Executive Director) and Travis Wentz (Intern)



Catholic Urban Programs

Pictured Left to Right: Jared Hamann (Intern), Troy Herring (CFO), Jenn Lyke (Director of Development), Judith Addo Danquah (Intern)





City of Highland, IL

Pictured Left to Right: Breann Vazquez (Director of Community Development), Gretchen Arnold (Intern), and Mallord Hubbard (Economic Development Coordinator)



City of O'Fallon, IL

Pictured Left to Right: Greg Anderson (Management Analyst), Cameron Dewitt (Intern), Grant Litteken (Assistant City Administrator)

MPA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM ANNUAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



Rebecca Ahlvin, Assistant City Manager & Director of Economic Development, City of Hazelwood, MO

Each year, the PAPA Department selects internship partners to highlight and acknowledge through the issuance of a certificate of appreciation. For 2022, this honor was bestowed upon Rebecca Ahlvin with the City of Hazelwood, MO.

During the spring of 2021, Ms. Ahlvin played an integral role in establishing a partnership between the City of Hazelwood and the SIUE MPA Internship Program. Currently, Ms. Ahlvin serves as an assistant city manager and director of economic development for the City. Importantly, Ms. Ahlvin attributes a portion of her successful career in local government to MPA Internship Program. Ms. Ahlvin earned her MPA degree through the PAPA Department and also participated in its internship program. As a result, she was given the opportunity to start working in a local government setting and discover her passion for public service. So, by already having substantial background knowledge of the MPA Internship Program, Ms. Ahlvin was aware of the benefits that it has to offer to both its organizational partners and students.

Since partnering with the program, Ms. Ahlvin has already proved to be an instrumental mentor. Specifically, through her guidance and support, she helped one of her interns leverage her internship experience to obtain a leadership position within another local government in Missouri. Given Ms. Ahlvin's clear dedication to supporting the MPA Internship Program's ongoing success, she is undoubtedly more than deserving of this award.

NEW ADJUNCT FACULTY



Derek Wise, Adjunct Lecturer, PAPA Department

During the spring of 2022, Mr. Derek Wise joined the PAPA Department as an adjunct lecturer. Mr. Wise is an established law enforcement professional as well as a national and state certified instructor/trainer. Mr. Wise began his law enforcement career in 1992 with the Venice Police Department where he started out as a patrol officer.

During his time with Venice PD, he successfully performed the duties of Detective, Corporal, Sergeant and Patrol Commander. In 1997, Mr. Wise began working for the Madison County Sheriffs' Department where he started out in patrol as a deputy.

In 2000, Commander Wise transitioned to the Illinois State Police. During his career with the Illinois State Police, Mr. Wise has held numerous positions which include, Trooper, Sergeant, Master Sergeant, Lieutenant, Task Force Deputy Director, Zone 6/7 Investigations Commander and is currently the Southern Patrol Region Commander.

Mr. Wise is a well-known and well-respected instructor/trainer. While serving in the military, Mr. Wise served as an instructor with the United States Army Primary Leadership Development School (PLDC) specializing in unit leadership. Mr. Wise was recruited by the Southwestern Illinois Police Academy (SWIC) to instruct new police recruits in criminal law. Mr. Wise is currently a state certified instructor (Illinois State Training and Standards Board) for the Illinois State Police specializing in Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC) and criminal law. Mr. Wise is a nationally certified instructor in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing. (SFST). In addition to teaching for 2 police academies, Mr. Wise is an instructor for the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission specializing in Basic Surveillance Techniques. Mr. Wise serves as a subject matter expert and is a certified promotional assessor. Mr. Wise completed numerous hours of professional development programs including the Northwestern Illinois University School of Police Staff and Command. He received his Associates degree in Administration of Justice from Belleville Area College. Mr. Wise successfully completed his bachelor's degree for Business Administration, with a Paralegal certification, at Webster University. Mr. Wise earned his master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Lindenwood University. He currently serves as an adjunct instructor at Lindenwood University where he teaches criminal justice courses. He has successfully presented courses to a wide range of students to include law enforcement officers, business professionals, college faculty and college students throughout the United States.

MPA DEGREE NOW OFFERED FULLY ONLINE

The SIUE MPA program is now offered in a fully online format. We have adapted and moved many of our face-to-face and hybrid courses online. With this transition, we still continue to serve students who recently completed a bachelor's degree, as well as students who have worked in the public or nonprofit sector and wish to upgrade their skills and knowledge.

PAPA ADDS PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP STRATEGIES POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's College of Arts and Sciences has announced a new [Professional Leadership Strategies Post-Baccalaureate Certificate](#) within the Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis (PAPA), which can be completed online in less than one year.

The certificate is designed to prepare administrators to become better leaders regardless of where they are in their careers or organization, and offers leadership training that has applicability for professionals in any field through a series of specially designed courses offered in a compact format.

"Too often professionals will find themselves being promoted or appointed into a position of leadership without having been prepared to lead," said Drew Dolan, PhD, program director and professor in the Department of Public PAPA. "The Professional Leadership Strategies certificate is constructed to train individuals to be prepared to lead in current positions and for future opportunities. The course materials have immediate applicability and lifetime value."

The program is designed for individuals in a wide range of degree fields and career backgrounds. Each of the leadership courses has been designed with an assumption that all students will be starting from the same point. The materials covered, cases analyzed, and examples used have been selected to offer leadership training that has broad professional applicability.

"All the courses taken in the certificate program may be used for elective credit in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree," Dolan said. "Students in, or alumni of, the MPA program or graduate students from other programs that have taken any of the leadership courses for elective credit in their graduate programs may count the course(s) toward the certificate."

The goal of the post-baccalaureate certificate is to prepare administrators for leadership roles at all levels of an organization and is designed for both pre- and mid-career individuals. The credential is a tool designed to extend the knowledge, skills, and abilities of graduate students into the professional realm of leadership.

"The certificate will provide professionals with a solid foundation of leadership strategies for becoming a better leader individually, mentoring others in the organizations to grow as leaders, and aiding board, council, and committee members in leading organizations and communities," stated Dolan.

The MPA program's mission is to prepare individuals for administrative careers in the public and nonprofit sectors. Serving pre-career and practitioner students, the program offers relevant education and training for those already employed in the public and nonprofit sectors and those planning to enter careers in government and nonprofit organizations.

"By offering a post-baccalaureate certificate in professional leadership strategies, we continue to offer relevant, applied management skill courses designed for working professionals," said Nancy Huyck, DPA, chair and associate professor in the Department of PAPA. "By offering a variety of targeted electives fully online, we remain committed to providing education and resources in ways that support the needs and interests of our diverse student enrollment."

Note: Article originally published [here](#).

WRITING RESOURCES FOR MPA STUDENTS

The MPA program would like to remind students that resources are available, free of charge, to obtain writing assistance through the university. To take advantage of an opportunity to seek writing assistance, please refer to the below links for information.

<https://www.siu.edu/lss/writing/index.shtml>

<https://www.siu.edu/lss/writing/courseofferings.shtml>

<https://www.siu.edu/graduate-students/theses/writing-resources.shtml>

COURSE REQUEST FORMS

During the first month of each semester, complete a Course Request Form (CRF) that can be found on the department website and submit it to the PAPA office with the advisement review form.

To access the CRF, please visit: <https://www.siu.edu/arts-and-sciences/papa/student-resources/forms.shtml>

GRADUATION

Be sure to complete the application for graduation by the first day of the semester that you plan to graduate.

To access the application for graduation, please visit: <https://www.siu.edu/arts-and-sciences/papa/student-resources/graduation.shtml>

ATTENTION ALUMNI

In an effort to highlight the SIUE MPA program, there has been an increased effort in utilizing the department's social media. Part of the social media effort is to also highlight our alumni. It would be appreciated if alumni would send an email as to what you are currently doing and in what year you graduated with your SIUE MPA degree. You can send your email to mpaprogram@siue.edu.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Spring 2022 Semester

- Dec. 20 - Winter Session begins
- Jan. 9 - Winter Session ends
- Jan. 10 - Spring classes begin
- Jan. 15 - Weekend classes begin
- Jan. 17 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- Mar. 4 - Comprehensive Examination
Registration deadline
- March 7 -13 - Break week
(no weekend classes March 12-13)
- April 1 - Comprehensive Examination
- No weekend classes April 16-17
- May 2-6 - Final Exams; Final exams for
weekend classes are April 30
- May 6 & 7- Commencement

Summer 2022 Semester

- May 9 - May Session begins
- May 27 - May Session ends
- May 30 - Memorial Day Holiday
- May 31 - Summer classes begin
- June 4 - Weekend classes begin
- June 10 - Comprehensive Examination
Registration deadline
- July 4 - Independence Day Holiday
(no weekend classes July 2-3)
- July 8 - Comprehensive Examination
- August 12 - Summer Term ends

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