

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University



Center for Public Administration and Policy

Commencement Bulletin

Academic Year 2019-2020

Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management Recipients

Elliott Anthony Abbotts	Hilary Mae Holman
Sarah Kaleen Barnett	Retta Nichole Jackson
Laura Ruth Craft	Austin Ray Mitchell
Melissa Powell Demmitt	Jahangir K. Nejad
Paul Matthew Harris	Amy Leeanne Southall
Isidoro Hazbun	Stacey Hill Wilkes
Lucas Walter Hodge	

THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT

The Virginia Tech Center for Public Administration and Policy (CPAP), in partnership with the Virginia Local Government Management Association, offers a graduate certificate program in local government management that provides the next generation of local government managers and leaders with the tools to advance their careers and provide exceptional leadership within the communities where they work. The central goal of the program is to offer graduate-level training in local government management that both prepares pre-career students for capable public service at the local level and enhances the capacities of existing local government employees who aspire to be town, city, or county managers or assistant/deputy managers. The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has identified leadership development as one of the most important issues that local governments will face in the coming decade.

Master of Public Administration Graduates

Arlington

Alejandro Joel Alvarado	Chelsea Alejandra Neil
Michael Joseph Donato	Lavinia Panizo
Lauren Camille Failla	Gregory Andrew Peck
Samantha Lyn Fenn	Benjamin Boos Shannon
Luke Alan Hendrixson	Amrit Pal Singh
Eun Ju Namkung	Holly Faye Ward

Blacksburg

Elliott Anthony Abbotts	Do Young Kim
Sarah Bernice Baron	Margaret Elizabeth Mace
Daniel Brady Deal	Jonathan P. McCoy
Anna Alexis Denny	Vicky L. Moore
Samantha Michelle Dunn	Mackenzie Claire Morris
Zane Livingston Grey	Ellen Christine Plowman
Lucas Walter Hodge	Amy Leeanne Southall
Alberto E. Jaimes	William Francis Thompson
Matthew Hartman Jones	Trang Thi Thu Vu

Richmond

Sandra Pearl Freeman	Emily Cothran Lafon
Charles Lewis Grant	Ian Webb Rose
Lesley Rae Hunley	Lashawnda Singleton

THE MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Our Master in Public Administration degree is designed to prepare students to lead and manage in public service. It is offered in three locations — Blacksburg, Arlington and Richmond, Virginia. A dedicated faculty of scholars and practitioners teach in person in a classroom setting. The curriculum focuses on three areas: management (12 credit hours), public service (6 hours), and public policy (9 hours). Nine additional hours of elective credits allow students to focus on specific areas of study, either through a CPAP graduate certificate or by taking other graduate courses.

Ph.D. in Public Administration & Public Affairs Graduates

Arlington

Kathryn Jean Buechel

Dissertation Title: "Institutional Adaptation and Public Policy Practices of Military Transfer Credit"
Primary Advisor: Dr. Matthew Dull

Joseph Roland Castle

Dissertation Title: "An Organizational Analysis of Publishing the People's Code"
Primary Advisor: Dr. Karen Hult

Lorita Ann Copeland Daniels

Dissertation Title: "Illuminating Identities and Motivations in Public Participation: Administrators in Local Government"
Primary Advisor: Dr. Matthew Dull

Kathlyn J. Hopkins

Dissertation Title: "Interagency Working Groups: Allegiances Across Agency Borders"
Primary Advisor: Dr. Robin Lemaire

Anne Catherine Zobell

Dissertation Title: "The Impact of Advocacy Groups in Facilitating Policy Diffusion to Pass Paid Sick Leave Laws in New Jersey"
Primary Advisor: Dr. Matthew Dull

Blacksburg

Jaimie Elizabeth Edwards

Dissertation Title: "Over the River and Through the Woods: Examining the Relationship between Network Structure, Collaboration and Geography"
Primary Advisor: Dr. Robin Lemaire

PH.D. IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is academia's highest degree and prepares recipients for research and scholarship, whether or not in affiliation with university teaching. The degree requires candidates to think more deeply and explore more broadly questions about both the theory and practice of governance and public service. Ph.D. recipients are expected to engage in an ongoing dialogue with other scholars and practitioners, to present their research and ideas for critical scrutiny, and to share new knowledge broadly and publicly.

Academic Year 2019-2020 Faculty

Core Faculty

David Bredenkamp
Stephanie Davis
Matt Dull
Adrienne Edisis
Karen Hult
Laura Jensen
Sara Jordan
Robin Lemaire
Eric Malczewski
Joe Rees
Patrick Roberts
Stephanie Smith
Raymond Zuniga

Adjunct Faculty

Elizabeth Arledge
Sheryl Bailey
Suzette Denslow
Thomas Hickok
Lauren McKeague
Cecily Rodriguez
Scott Weimer
Jessica Wirgau



CPAP is one program in three locations; the faculty and staff of CPAP congratulate all our graduates in Blacksburg, Arlington, and Richmond on their accomplishments.

