



**MINNESOTA  
EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

**Fellows  
1976/77 to 2017/18**

## **The History of Minnesota EPFP**

The Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) is a partnership of the Center for Policy Design (CPD) and the Washington D.C. based Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL).

The first year of the Fellowship was 1976-77; since then 484 Fellows have completed this unique policy experience. This is the eighth year that CPD has served as the Minnesota partner with IEL.

For the first 34 years of the Fellowship the College of Education at the University of Minnesota was the Minnesota-based partner.

The fellowship program has a primary focus on state and federal policy development and the leadership that is necessary to influence emerging policy that has a direct effect on education and schooling.

It is designed for both new and former Fellows. Fellows meet from October to May with a final session in December. The program includes the Minnesota Policy Seminar (MPS) in December and IEL's Washington Policy Seminar (WPS) in April.

# 41 Years of Minnesota Fellows

## 1976-1977

### Inaugural Year

Wilfred Antell  
Michael Gonzalez  
Joyce Krupey  
Dale Nelson  
John Ostrem  
Alfred Urzi

## 1977-1978

James Borgestad  
Barbara Devlin  
Ron Hackett  
Randall Johnson  
Donna Knight  
Diane Loeffler  
Jessie Montano  
Mary Phillips  
Mary Rice  
Beth Sullivan

## 1978-1979

Susan Brady  
Jeanne Dorle  
Geraldine Evans  
Gary Farland  
Kathleen Foley  
Jacqueline Fraedrich  
Jerry Guevara  
Alan Hopeman  
Richard Mesenberg  
Robert Moeller  
Corinna Moncada  
Edwin Opheim  
George Robb  
Paul Thomas

## 1979-1980

Bette Anderson  
Gary Becker

Joleen Durken  
Charles Hutchinson  
John Laramy  
Philip Lewenstein  
Dan Loritz  
Laura Miller  
Susan Vaughan

## 1980-1981

Donald Allery  
Roberta Block  
Jeff Chinn  
Jean Druker  
Mary Honetschlager\*  
Jawnan Hou  
Michael Lovett  
John Mercer  
Diane Morehouse  
Ann Pflaum  
Susan Sattel  
Barry Shaffer  
Mary Shortall

## 1981-1982

Luis Aguilar  
Sandra Becker  
Eileen Beha  
Julie Brunner  
Paul Carrizales  
Herminio Diaz  
Kenneth Lundquist  
Monica Manning  
Margaret Nelson  
Grace Rogers  
Lois Rowley  
Flo Wiger

## 1982-1983

Kathleen Cahill  
Ruth Gandara  
Gretchen Grewe  
Patricia Hague  
Janet Hively  
Jaime Martinez  
Anita Neumann

Felipe Ramirez  
Mary Roberts  
Terry Schultz  
Colleen Wieck

## 1983-1984

Barbara Burke  
Marsha Gronseth  
Susan Hankner  
Janet Kielb  
Leslie Mercer  
Michael O'Reilly  
Felipa Ramirez  
Elizabeth Rice\*  
Ellen Sushak  
Joel Suzuki  
Barbara Thompson  
Eduardo Wolle

## 1984-1985

William Allen  
Robert Ash  
Shirley Baugher  
Willarene Beasley  
Lois Engstrom  
Anne Geisser  
James House  
Thomas Melcher  
Mildred Mueller  
Dolores Speidel  
Melvin West

## 1985-1986

Rose Hamerlinck  
Cynthia Heelan  
Mary Hurley  
Merton Johnson  
Edward Lue  
Ruth Luehr  
Julie Nester-Niederman  
Keith Olsen  
Carol Ouimette  
Kim Rezek  
Daniel Sullivan  
Joan Sundquist

**1986-1987**

Janet Anderson  
 Jeanne Campbell  
 Elisabeth Christenson  
 Joanne Ciccarelli  
 Rebecca Heelan  
 Carol Hokenson  
 Marcia Hyatt  
 Linda Jacobson  
 Barbara Kalina  
 Cynthia Kelly  
 Barbara Nemer  
 Rafael Ortega  
 Diane Paulson  
 Daniel Wagner  
 Barbara Yates

**1987-1988**

Charles Coskran  
 Cynthia Crist  
 Jeanette Daines  
 Gretchen Griffin  
 Josie Johnson  
 Brian Kanes  
 Janet Krofta  
 Molly Kurtz  
 Darrell Miller  
 Scott Olson  
 Ronald Otterson  
 Mary Pickard  
 Scott Rostron  
 Mitchell Rubinstein  
 Ronald Ward

**1988-1989**

Robert Buresh  
 Cathy Carlson  
 Jane Delage  
 John Etnier  
 Susan Jensen-  
 Cekalla  
 Ron Koebnick  
 Phyllis Metcalf-Turner  
 Diane Miller  
 Christine Roberts

David Schroeder  
 Jacquelyn Sowell-Davis

**1989-1990**

Jim Bartholomew  
 Bill Bruen  
 Hazel Gregory  
 Gene Johnson  
 Vicki Kunerth  
 Michael Landers  
 Charles McBrayer  
 Greg Meunier  
 Susan Nemitz  
 Timothy Price  
 Audrey Suker  
 Dorothy Suomala

**1990-1991**

Julio Almanza  
 Stephanie Corbey  
 Ronald Dreyer  
 Elizabeth Eull  
 Diane Mutchler  
 Karen O'Brien  
 Georgia Pomroy  
 Robert Porter  
 Bill Price  
 Hilda Sanchez-Henki  
 Jose Santos

**1991-1992**

Joyce Biagini  
 Audrey Bridgford  
 Ramona Fadness  
 Molly Grove  
 Robert Jarvi  
 Sandra Krebsbach  
 Thomas Macy  
 Jacqueline McCormack  
 Jon McGee  
 Margaret Moore  
 Edward Porthan

**1992-1993**

Mary Berger

Richard Calhoun  
 Michelle Colloy  
 Janet Hyllested  
 Sharon LaComb  
 Allan Lunz  
 Linette Manier  
 Stephen Robinson  
 Henry Terrell  
 Julie Tonneson  
 Caroline Turner  
 Gloria Vogt

**1993-1994**

Mary Bents  
 Laura Bloomberg  
 Lois Bollman  
 Paul Bridges  
 Beverly Brucciani  
 Juanita Cutler  
 Gregory Herzog  
 Irene McAfee  
 Thomas Norman  
 Luis Ortega  
 Colette Powers  
 Karin Treiber  
 Sandra Tutwiler  
 Francis Viggiano  
 John Whitehead

**1994-1995**

Patricia Avery  
 Janet Bourdon  
 Carolyn Brown  
 Carl Bryngelson  
 Yvonne Bushyhead  
 Gary Hebert  
 Elizabeth Hinz  
 Larry Lucio  
 Kevin Madison  
 Ron McKinley\*  
 Gail Morrison  
 Adam Piskura  
 Tracee Robinson  
 Ann Schluter  
 Craig Schoenecker  
 Martha Thurlow

**1995-1996**

Stephanie Burrage  
Susan Butler  
Lisa DeRemee  
Mary Jacquart  
Jerry Johnson  
Juliane Kvalbein  
Gerald Martin  
Richard Wassen  
Carl Wilson  
Jennifer York-Barr

**1996-1997**

Lauri Appelbaum  
Ernest Davenport  
Sandra Edwards  
Judith Elliott  
Shawn Harris-Berry  
Kim Isenberg  
Brownell Mack  
Cynthia Moore  
Kathleen Novak  
Lloyd Petri  
Steve Wagner  
Dwight Watson  
Roderick Wooten

**1997-1998**

Reinaldo Aponte  
Ossie Brooks-James  
John Bulger  
Linda DeHaven  
Maureen Flanagan  
Debra Ingram  
Kathy Jaspersen  
Rita Johnson  
Ann Kirby-McGill  
Stephen Larson  
Joi Lewis  
Joyce Lewis-Lake  
Mary Messimer  
Yvonne Novack  
Carol Raabe  
Leanne Wirkkula  
Beth Zemsky

**1998-1999**

Donna Bailey  
Steven Couture  
Mael Embser-Herbert  
Kay Gregory  
Carole Gupton  
Pamela Huwe  
Theodore Lewis  
Deanne Magnusson  
Margo Mann-Lanier  
Marilyn McGuire  
Roberta Pisa  
Eva Scates-Winston  
Jessica Stumpf  
Mary Tate  
Dao Yang

**1999-2000**

Gene Adams  
Brenda Bailey  
Nancy Desmond  
Donna Grant  
Cherie Kotilinek  
Cindy Lavorato  
Craig LeSuer  
Jean Maierhofer  
Eric Nauman  
Melissa Newman  
Kristen Norman-Major  
Jerrold Wood

**2000-2001**

Amy Anderson  
Lisa Backer  
Eleanor Coleman  
Darren Kermes  
Margaret Lonnquist  
Timothy Matheney  
Ohadiwe Mgeni  
DebbyKay Peterson  
Sonja Schmieder  
Janice Thompson

**2001-2002**

Douglas Benson

Stephanie Crosby  
Joan Johnson  
Mark Leiser  
Gary Lussier  
Benjamin Perry  
Danyell Punelli  
Janet Reifsteck  
Theila Wimsatt  
Skip Wittrock

**2002-2003**

Chris Burns  
Beverly Fritz  
Verlene Green  
Scott McLeod  
Cara McNulty  
Richard Wagner  
Gayle Walkowiak

**2003-2004**

Ingeborg Chapin  
Lori Cohen  
DeeDee Currier  
Connie Giles  
Deborah Henton  
Julie Herman  
Rosemary Miller  
Sovatha Oum  
Rachel Quenemoen  
Lois Rockney

**2004-2005**

Josephine Books  
Janette Brust  
Susan Carter  
Thomas Cook  
Mary Endorf  
Jane Gilles  
David Hartman  
Donna Johnson  
Karon Joyer  
Sandra Lewandowski  
Debra Pitton  
Susan Schlicht

**2005-2006**

Venoreen Browne-Boatswain  
 Lea Dahl  
 Leila Farah  
 Darren Kern  
 Katherine Paden  
 Marcia Rockwood  
 Deborah Wall  
 John Ward  
 Michelle West  
 Karen Woodruff

**2006-2007**

Karl Brown  
 Karen Carlson  
 Frances Durkin  
 Marilyn Hansmann  
 Rose Hobson  
 Christopher Johnstone  
 Deirdre Kramer  
 Carol Mayer  
 Nora Morris  
 Eileen Nelson  
 Gregory Sawyer  
 JoAnn Van Aernum

**2007-2008**

Anthony Albecker  
 Joan Anderson  
 James Caldwell  
 Priscilla Gibson  
 Jeri Johnson  
 Mark Krug  
 Gloria Kumagai  
 Catherine Rich  
 Timothy Sheldon  
 Erin Sperleng  
 Sean Virnig

**2008-2009**

Sara Benning  
 Bryan Cichy  
 Kimberly Hartung  
 Lisa LaDue  
 Kristine Martin

Jean Ness  
 Leslie Yoder

**2009-2010**

Minnesota EPFP  
 transitions from the  
 University of Minnesota to  
 the Center for Policy Design

**2010-2011**

Amy Alvarez  
 Laurene Christensen  
 Mary Donaldson  
 Ericka Downie  
 Stacy Ernst  
 Kelly Lessman  
 Lynn Lutz  
 Michelle Schwab  
 Marvin Sims  
 Ryan Strack  
 Tim McDonald

**2011-2012**

Brad Blue  
 Arthur Brown  
 Irene Collins  
 Mary Heiman  
 Anna Knaeble  
 Kyle Knudson  
 Samuel Kramer  
 Susan Manikowski  
 Greg Marcus  
 Jennifer Nelson  
 Jan Ormasa  
 Kari Ross  
 Leigh Schleicher  
 Brian Sweeney  
 Duane Woeste

**2012-2013**

Nancy Dana  
 Stefanie Graff  
 Annabelle Joyce  
 Holly Dayton  
 Jo Ann Matson

Bondo Nyembwe  
 Christopher Orr  
 Gretchen Sage-Martinson

**2013-2014**

Bjorn Arneson  
 Heather Bandeen  
 Matthew Berg-Wall  
 Melanie Burns  
 Erin Doan  
 Kevin George  
 Sarah Lahm  
 Lillian Levine  
 Kyrra Rankine  
 Vitaliy Shyyan  
 Brenda Tantow  
 Jon Voss  
 Ellie Wilson

**2014-2015**

Braulio Carrasco  
 Julie Dincau  
 Christopher Everson  
 Heidi Fahning  
 Linda Goldstone  
 David "DJ" Hamm  
 Lars Esdal  
 Jillian McAdams  
 Robert Rivera  
 Mary Sparrow  
 Sabrina Williams

**2015-2016**

Elika Beck  
 Holly Brunson  
 Shandella Darring  
 JacQueline Getty  
 Laura Gilbert  
 Daniel Gumnit  
 Wayne Kazmierczak  
 Leif Kurth  
 Sharif Mohamed  
 Susan Nokleby  
 Michael Van Keulen  
 Kristen Wright

**2016-2017**

Paula Anderson  
Daria Caldwell  
Wali Dirie  
Huda Farah  
Andrea Busch  
Alison Holland  
Krista Kaput  
Mary Kreger  
Amy McDonough  
Daren Nyquist  
Josh Pauly  
Mina Price

**2017-2018**

Molly Coyne  
Stephanie Davies-Larson  
Quinn Donnell  
Troy Haugen  
Mustafa Ibrahim  
Binta Kanteh  
Mary Koslig  
Kaleb McCulloch  
Deb Mehr  
Hannah Mesick  
Gail Nosek  
Xavier Reed  
Greg Schnagl

## Minnesota EPFP Coordinators

Minnesota EPFP has a strong history of coordinators. The role of coordinator and co-coordinator has been, is and will continue to be critical to the success of the Fellowship.

The national EPFP office has three meetings a year to support the coordinators as they develop and implement the Fellowship—which now operates in 15 states.

The coordinators play a key role in design of the annual Washington Policy Seminar (WPS), which provides the Fellows with a direct national and federal policy experience.

**Tim Mazzoni\***, Founding Coordinator 1976-1978

**Van Muller\***, Coordinator 1978-2011

**Diane Morehouse**, Fellow 1980-1981, Co-Coordinator 1986-1993

**Caroline Turner**, Fellow 1992-1993, Co-Coordinator 1993-1995

**Dan Loritz**, Fellow 1979-1980, Co-Coordinator 1994-Present

**Jessica Bailey**, Co-Coordinator 1995-1998

**Terry Schultz**, Fellow 1982-1983, Co-Coordinator 1998-1999

**Steven Couture**, Fellow 1998-1999, Co-Coordinator 1999-2000

**Theodore Lewis**, Fellow 1998-1999, Co-Coordinator 1999-2000

**Cindy Lavorato**, Fellow 1999-2000, Co-Coordinator 2000-2005

**Karen Seashore**, Co-Coordinator, 2002-2004

**Deanne Magnusson**, Fellow 1998-1999, Co-Coordinator 2004-2009

**Bob Poch**, Co-Coordinator 2007-2009

**Tim McDonald**, Fellow 2010-2011, Co-Coordinator 2011-Present

**Randy Johnson**, Fellow 1977-1978, Co-Coordinator 2011-Present

**Mary Donaldson**, Fellow 2010-2011, Co-Coordinator 2011-2012

**Heather Bändeen**, Fellow 2013-2014, Co-Coordinator 2015-2017

**Krista Kaput**, Fellow 2016-2017, Co-Coordinator 2017-2018

\*Deceased



## **Institute for Educational Leadership and EPFP**

For a half-century, the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) has championed the need for leaders at all levels to shake off their institutional constraints and work across boundaries to address the needs of young people and their families. Bound by no constituency, IEL serves as a catalyst that helps policymakers and practitioners at all levels to undo gridlock to improve outcomes for all young people and their families

The work of IEL focuses on three pillars required for young people, their families and their communities to succeed: 1) Involving the broader community with public education and schooling to support the learning and development of young people; 2) building more effective pathways for all young people and supporting their transition to adulthood; and 3) preparing generations of leaders who can develop collaborative policies at all levels.

The Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) is a program of the Institute for Educational Leadership. It's mission is to develop a diverse and collaborative community of strategic leaders for effective public policy. It provides a forum in which participants can learn to work more effectively in the policy environment as they develop and refine their leadership capacity

At a time when there are so many different viewpoints about what policies are needed to support children and their families, experiences like EPFP are not only needed but are critical to the development of a future policy framework. It enables Fellows to broaden their understanding of issues through cross-sector and cross-boundary learning. The knowledge and understanding of leadership and policy, and the networks developed during the EPFP experience provide a foundation upon which Fellows help strengthen policies to support all children and their families.

## **Center for Policy Design and EPFP**

Founded in 1981, the Center for Policy Design (CPD) is a Minnesota-based nonprofit, nonpartisan policy design organization. The Center designs policies to improve large public and private systems—like health care, K-12 schooling, and postsecondary education—and then works with policy leaders and others to implement its recommendations.

Under its founding president and board chair, Dr. Walter McClure, The Center initially focused this approach on large system redesign. Later in the 1980s education and schooling were added to CPD's policy agenda.

Most recently, the Center has launched several new initiatives including in 2010, in partnership with the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL), the Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP).

EPFP fits nicely into the overall framework of the Center. It is designed to expand and update Fellows working knowledge of large system state and federal policy design, enactment and implementation.

Dinner seminars are the backbone of the Fellowship. They are designed to provide an up close and personal experience that includes discussions and conversations with key members of Minnesota's executive and legislative branch and their staff. In addition, there is a one day Minnesota Policy Seminar (MPS) at the Capitol and four day Washington Policy Seminar (WPS) in Washington D.C.

Minnesota EPFP has a proud history of trust with those who will discuss, very candidly, some of the most sensitive problems and solutions facing our state and nation. Fellows can, and should, talk about the sessions but they should not attribute names as part of their conversations with others.

The Fellowship's instructional process is experiential. It is based on the belief that knowledge and skills are "the residue that is left when the experience wears off".

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