

MNEPF

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MINNESOTA EDUCATION
POLICY FELLOWSHIP

CELEBRATING 47 YEARS

2023/24 APPLICATION

A Joint Venture of

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FOR
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DESIGN



What You Can Expect

Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship (MN EPF) is a joint venture of the Center for Policy Design and two Minnesota Service Cooperatives: BrightWorks and Lakes Country—public non-profit membership organizations. BrightWorks (formerly Metro ECSU) leads the metro cohort and Lakes Country Service Cooperative leads the rural cohort. The first year of the Fellowship was 1975-76. Since then, nearly 600 Fellows have completed this unique policy experience. Together this forms an important network for Minnesota and the nation.

THE FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship has as a primary focus on state and federal public policy development and the leadership that is necessary to influence public policy development. It is designed to expand and update your working knowledge of state and federal public policy, analysis, design and implementation.

THE LEARNING MODEL

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

CONDITIONS, PROBLEMS, POLICIES, POLITICS

Public policy starts with a condition or a problem. A condition is a situation or circumstance in which no one will invest. If you believe that "poverty will always be with us", then you believe that poverty is a condition. If poverty will always be with us, why work on it? A condition must be turned in to a problem before you can convince someone to work on it.

Once you have a problem clearly identified you can develop a policy to address it. What is left then is the politics of getting it enacted and implemented. You will hear often during the Fellowship, "What is the problem, what is the goal and what are the "hows"?"—what are the policy "hows", what are the implementation "hows" and what are the political "hows"?

PUBLIC POLICY DESIGN BRIEF

The Public Policy Design Brief (PDB), like a legal brief, is intended to be a guide to convince the reader that the public policy issue in the Public Policy Design Brief (PDB) is worth an in-depth review and investigation.

It is critically important that the reader can, in a short period of time, clearly see the relevance and importance of the public policy design being proposed. Here is the table of contents for the brief:

- Title
- Executive Summary
- Problem(s) to be Solved
- Goal(s) to be Achieved
- Options Considered
- Policy How(s)
- Implementation How(s)
- Political How(s)

CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR OPEN CONVERSATION—the Seminars and a Washington Policy Experience (WPE)

The policy seminars are the backbone of the Fellowship. They are designed to provide you an up close and personal experience that will include discussions and conversations with key members of Minnesota's executive and legislative branch and their staff.

In addition, there is a one-day Policy Seminar at the Minnesota Capitol and three day Washington Policy Experience (WPE), focusing on "Minnesota in Washington DC".

MNEPF 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. You can, and should, talk about the seminars but we ask that you not attribute names as part of your conversations with others.

UNDERSTANDING POLICY ENTREPRENEURS

Understanding the role of public policy entrepreneurs is critical to working in the public policy arena. The concept was introduced by John W. Kingdon in 1984, who said policy entrepreneurs "...could be in or out of government, in elected or appointed positions, in interest groups or research organizations." The public policymaking space, according to Kingdon, is made up by three more or less independent activities:

1. the problem stream,
2. the political stream, and
3. the public policy stream.

He argued that moments arise when perceptions of problems, political circumstances, and ideas for possible solutions all come into alignment. This is where you find the policy entrepreneurs.

These moments are called public policy windows and offer a real chance to enact significant policy change.

Policy entrepreneurs believe problems are not really problems of "performance." They are problems of public policy design, fixed only by redesigning the systems that shapes the way people and organizations behave. This is called "Large System Architecture" (LSA). Organizations tend to behave the way they are structured and rewarded to behave. If you don't like the way they are behaving, you probably to change the way they're structured and rewarded

This Fellowship is unique in its focus on "public policy entrepreneurs" which can be very useful in the creation of a "Public Policy Design Brief".

A WORKING DEFINITION OF PUBLIC POLICY

There are many working definitions of the term "public policy." To help us be clear in our policy discussions we will use the following definitions of public policy:

- Public policy is a course of action, for a given period of time, based on a given set of circumstances, designed to influence future decisions or actions.
- Public policy design is a proposal for action, for a given period of time, based on a given set of circumstances, designed to influence future decisions or actions

The Fellowship will provide you with the support, independently or with others, to create a Policy Design Brief (PDB) on a policy issue that is important to you.

PUBLIC POLICY DESIGN CYCLE

The "Public Policy Design Cycle" (PDC) will be used to provide a map on how to advance public policy. It is a public policy tool that explains how policy moves from "values" to "problems" to "issues" and then moves to action.

The PDC provides guidance about where to start on any public policy work. Our values tell us to describe some things as "problems" and some as "issues." We want to solve the problem most often without deciding on a "goal." What is needed is a clear statement of the problem and a clear statement of the goal. Then the "how?" question can be asked. Finding the 'How' requires finding and fixing a problem that has a clearly stated goal.

PUBLIC POLICY LEADERSHIP

Public policy work requires a special type of leadership—both transactional and transformational. You cannot get to transformation in the public policy arena without a solid base of transactional leadership.

PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK

Minnesota EPF, over the past 47 years has created a unique public policy network consisting of nearly 600 Fellows, sponsors and guests. Upon your selection as an MNEPF Fellow you become part of this network.

METRO and RURAL 2023-2024 Schedules

METRO Schedule*			RURAL Schedule*		
DATE	TIME	SESSION	DATE	TIME	SESSION
September 8, 2023	9:00am - 3:00pm (in person)	Overview & Purpose of the Fellowship, Introductions, State & Federal Policy Issues, Preview of Washington, DC trip, Introduction to the Project	August 3, 2023	9:00am-3:00pm	Rural MN EPF Summer Residency for all rural alum and new cohort.
			August 4, 2023	9:00am-3:00pm	Overview of the Fellowship, Policy Leadership and Policy Simulation
October 4-6, 2023		AESA Call to Action Conference- Washington, DC (<i>Option 1 for DC policy experience</i>)	September 14, 2023	5:30-8:00pm	A Look at Federal Education Policy
			October 4-6, 2023		AESA Call to Action Conference- Washington, DC (<i>Option 1 for DC policy experience</i>)
October 13, 2023	11:30am - 1:00pm (virtual)	De-brief DC Trip	October 12, 2023	5:30-8:00pm	Debrief & Reflection of DC Experience
November 2, 2023	5:30 - 8:00pm (virtual)	A Look Inside Minnesota State Budget System	October 26, 2023	5:30-8:00pm	A Look at State and Federal Elections
November 16, 2023	1:00 - 4:00pm metro school visit	Tour Humboldt High School in St. Paul	November 2, 2023	5:30-8:00pm	A Look Inside Minnesota's State Budget System
	5:30 - 8:00pm Wilder Foundation (in person)	A Look Inside Minnesota's Demographics (includes dinner)	November 16, 2023	5:30-8:00pm	A Look Inside Minnesota's Demographics
November 17, 2023	9:00am - 3:00pm (in person)	A Look Inside Minnesota's Legislative, Executive and Judicial Branch Plus Capitol Tour	November 17, 2023	9:00am-3:00pm	A Look Inside Minnesota's Legislative, Executive and Judicial Branch Plus Capitol Tour
December 14, 2023	5:30-8:00pm (virtual)	A Look Inside the State of Minnesota's Revenue System	December 14, 2023	5:30-8:00pm	A Look Inside the State of Minnesota's Revenue System
January 18, 2024	9:00am - 3:00pm (in person)	Preview of Legislative Session and Role of the Media	January 18, 2024	5:30-8:00pm	Preview of Minnesota Legislative Session
February 15, 2024	9:00am - 3:00pm (in person)	A Look at Minnesota's Health and Human Services System	February 8, 2024	5:30-8:00pm	A Look at Teacher Licensure & Rulemaking
March 14, 2024	9:00am - 3:00pm (in person)	Education Adequacy and the Constitution	February 22, 2024	5:30-8:00pm	A Look Inside Minnesota's Health and Human Services System
April 11, 2024	9:00am - 3:00pm (in person)	Tour a rural school. Meet at Lakes Country Service Cooperative in Fergus Falls	March 12-14, 2024		<i>Metro MN EPF Washington DC Policy Experience (Option 2 for DC policy experience)</i>
May 23, 2024	9:00am - 3:00pm (in person)	Project Presentations, Celebration	March 28, 2024	5:30-8:00pm	A Look at Media Impacts on Policy
			April 18, 2024	5:30-8:00pm	A Look into Lobbying & Advocacy
			May 16, 2024	5:30-8:00pm	A Look into the Legislative Session & Wrap Up
			October 17, 2024	5:30-8:00pm	The EPF Experience: Looking Back- Thinking Forward

***Dates/Schedule Subject to Change.**

All meetings will be held from **5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** except as noted.

= Shaded indicates joint sessions.



APPLICATION INFORMATION

CELEBRATING 47 YEARS • PREPARING POLICY LEADERS SINCE 1976-77

METRO COHORT • RURAL COHORT

APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS

We are pleased you are considering the Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship (MN EPF). MN EPF is a 12-month professional development Fellowship focusing on education policy at both the state and federal level.

MNEPF invites your application if you:

- Have a commitment to both personal and professional development in the area of public policy.
- Have a desire to learn and hear from different perspectives.
- A desire for making things happen—inside and across organizations.

Selection:

- Final selection of Fellows is made by EPF Coordinators in consultation with the applicants.
- If the program fee will not allow you to apply please contact Troy Haugen or Colleen Fuller and Chris Streiff.

Schedule:

- How the pandemic continues to change will play a role in how the schedule unfolds. Fellows will be able to participate on how each session will be delivered.

Fellowship Fee:

- The Fellowship Fee is \$2,500 which includes all sessions/seminars and a Washington Policy Experience. Financial assistance may be available to Fellows who are their own sponsor.
- Travel and lodging in Washington DC are the responsibility of the fellow.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

METRO COHORT—

Colleen Fuller: 612-638-1511 or colleen.feller@brightworksmn.org
Chris Streiff: 612-638-1542 or chris.streiff.oji@brightworksmn.org

RURAL COHORT—

Troy Haugen: 218-737-6511 or thaugen@lcsc.org



2023/24 MINNESOTA EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP (MNEPF) APPLICATION

Click the fields provided below to fill out this application.

Are you applying to the Metro or Rural Cohort?

☐ METRO

☐ RURAL

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone (Preferred)	e-mail (Preferred)	
Race / Ethnicity (Optional)	My gender identifies (Optional)	

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Organization Name	Title	
Organization Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code

EDUCATION (Please cite most recent institution first)

University / College	City, State	Major Field	Degree	Date

INSIGHTS (250 words max)

1. What about MNEPF is causing you to apply?

2. What about, "What You Can Expect" (pages 7-8) is of most interest to you?

3. What do you hope to learn about in the Fellowship?

This application MUST BE SIGNED, AND DATED (Typed name along with date can serve as signature.)

Signature of Applicant	Date
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☐ **CHECK THIS BOX if you are your OWN SPONSOR.**
Financial assistance may be available to Fellows who are their own sponsor.

SPONSOR Information

NOTE: If you are your own sponsor, this section is NOT required.

Sponsor Name		Title
Name of Organization		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone (Preferred)	e-mail (Preferred)	
Signature of Sponsor		Date

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR RESUME OR VITAE

METRO APPLICANTS

Return by Email to:

Colleen Fuller colleen.feller@brightworksmn.org
Chris Streiff Oji chris.streiff.oji@brightworksmn.org

OR by Mail to:

Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship (MNEPF)
BrightWorks
Attention: Colleen Fuller and Chris Streiff Oji
2 Pine Tree Drive, Suite 101
Arden Hills, MN 55112

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Return by Email to:

Troy Haugen thaugen@lcsc.org

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Lakes Country Service Cooperative
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47 Years of Minnesota Education Policy Fellows

The Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship started in 1976-77 as a joint venture of the University of Minnesota and the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington DC. Since then nearly 600 Fellows have completed the fellowship. For the first 34 years, the College of Education at the University of Minnesota was the Minnesota-based partner. The Center for Policy Design became the home organization in 2010 and in 2019 Lakes Country Service Cooperative started the Rural cohort. In 2023 BrightWorks (formerly Metro ECSU) began coordination of the Metro cohort

The fellowship program has a primary focus on state and federal policy development and the leadership that is necessary to influence policies that will have a positive impact the educational experiences for Minnesota's students.

1976-1977

Inaugural Year

COORDINATOR:

Tim Mazzoni

Wilfred Antell

Michael Gonzalez

Joyce Krupey

Dale Nelson

John Ostrem

Alfred Urzi

1977-1978

COORDINATOR:

Tim Mazzoni

James Borgestad

Barbara Devlin

Ron Hackett

Randall Johnson

Donna Knight

Diane Loeffler

Jessie Montano

Mary Phillips

Mary Rice

Beth Sullivan

1978-1979

COORDINATOR:

Van Muller

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

COORDINATOR:

Van Muller

Bette Anderson

Gary Becker

Joleen Durken

Charles Hutchinson

John Laramy

Philip Lewenstein

Dan Loritz

Laura Miller

Susan Vaughan

1980-1981

COORDINATOR:

Van Muller

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

COORDINATOR:

Van Muller

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

COORDINATOR:

Van Muller

Kathleen Cahill

Ruth Gandara

Gretchen Grewe

Patricia Hague

Janet Hively

Jaime Martinez

Anita Neumann

Felipe Ramirez

Mary Roberts

Terry Schultz

Colleen Wieck

1983-1984

COORDINATOR:

Van Muller

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

COORDINATOR:

Van Muller

William Allen

Robert Ash

Shirley Baugher

Willarene Beasley

Lois Engstrom

Anne Geisser

James House

Thomas Melcher

Mildred Mueller

Dolores Speidel

Melvin West

1985-1986

COORDINATOR:

Van Muller

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

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller

Diane Morehouse

Janet Anderson

Jeanne Campbell

Elisabeth Christenson

Joanne Ciccirelli

Rebecca Heelan

Carol Hokenson

Marcia Hyatt

Linda Jacobson

Barbara Kalina

Cynthia Kelly

Barbara Nemer

Rafael Ortega

Diane Paulson

Daniel Wagner

Barbara Yates

1987-1988

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller

Diane Morehouse

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

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller

Diane Morehouse

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

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller

Diane Morehouse

Jim Bartholomew

Bill Bruen

Hazel Gregory

Gene Johnson

Vicki Kunerth

Michael Landers

Charles Mcbrayer

Greg Meunier

Susan Nemitz

Timothy Price

Audrey Suker

Dorothy Suomala

*Deceased

47 Years of Minnesota Education Policy Fellows

1990-1991

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Diane Morehouse

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

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Diane Morehouse

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

1992-1993

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Diane Morehouse

Mary Berger
Richard Calhoun
Michelle Collay
Janet Hyllested
Sharon Lacombe
Allan Lunz
Linette Manier
Stephen Robinson
Henry Terrell
Julie Tonneson
Caroline Turner
Gloria Vogt

1993-1994

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Caroline Turner
Dan Loritz

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

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Caroline Turner
Dan Loritz

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

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Dan Loritz
Jessica Bailey

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

1996-1997

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Dan Loritz
Jessica Bailey

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

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Dan Loritz
Jessica Bailey

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

1998-1999

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Dan Loritz
Terry Schultz

Donna Bailey
Steven Couture
Máel 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

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Dan Loritz
Steven Couture
Theodore Lewis

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

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Dan Loritz
Cindy Lavorato

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

2001-2002

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Dan Loritz
Cindy Lavorato

Douglas Benson
Stephanie Crosby
Joan Johnson
Mark Leiser
Gary Lussier
Benjamin Perry

Danyell Punelli
Janet Reifsteck
Theila Wimsatt
Skip Wittrock

2002-2003

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Dan Loritz
Cindy Lavorato
Karen Seashore

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

2003-2004

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Dan Loritz
Cindy Lavorato
Karen Seashore

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

2004-2005

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Dan Loritz
Cindy Lavorato
Deanne Magnusson

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

*Deceased

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2005-2006

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Dan Loritz
Deanne Magnusson

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

2006-2007

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Dan Loritz
Deanne Magnusson

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

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Dan Loritz
Deanne Magnusson
Bob Poch

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

2008-2009

COORDINATORS:

Van Muller
Dan Loritz
Deanne Magnusson
Bob Poch

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

COORDINATORS:

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

2011-2012

COORDINATORS:

Dan Loritz
Tim McDonald
Randy Johnson
Mary Donaldson

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

COORDINATORS:

Dan Loritz
Tim McDonald
Randy Johnson
Nancy Dana
Stefanie Graff
Annabelle Joyce
Holly Dayton
Jo Ann Matson
Bondo Nyembwe
Christopher Orr
Gretchen Sage-Martinson

2013-2014

COORDINATORS:

Dan Loritz
Tim McDonald
Randy Johnson
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

COORDINATORS:

Dan Loritz
Tim McDonald
Randy Johnson
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

COORDINATORS:

Dan Loritz
Tim McDonald
Randy Johnson
Heather Bandeen
Elika Beck
Holly Brunson
Shandella Darring
Jacqueline Getty
Laura Gilbert
Daniel Gumnit
Wayne Kazmierczak
Leif Kurth
Sharif Mohamed
Susan Nokleby
Michael Van Keulen
Krissey Wright Quinn

2016-2017

COORDINATORS:

Dan Loritz
Tim McDonald
Randy Johnson
Heather Bandeen
John Ward
Paula Anderson
Daria Caldwell
Wali Dirie
Huda Farah
Andrea Busch
Alison Holland
Krista Kaput
Mary Kreger
Josh Pauly
Mina Price

2017-2018

COORDINATORS:

Dan Loritz
Tim McDonald
Krista Kaput
John Ward
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

2018-2019

COORDINATORS:

Dan Loritz
Krista Kaput
John Ward
Ahmed Ali
Laura Checovich
Robert Harris III
Laura Hester
Jennifer Kruger
Dahabo Kullane
Angela Nelson
Bobbie Olson
Heather Starks

2019-2020

COORDINATORS:

Dan Loritz
Krista Kaput
John Ward
Troy Haugen

RURAL FELLOWS:

Staci Allmaras
Diane Cordes*
Jane Eastes
Carey Johnson
Nancy Jost
Joshua Nelson
Eric Sawatzke
Michael Shrode
Tamara Uselman
Peter Wielinski

METRO FELLOWS:

Osman Ahmed
Abdi Ali
Lucia Appelquist
Emily Crook
Jerome Evans
Jenna Hofer
Jolie Holland
Bethany Israelson
Jitendrapal Kundan
Danyika Leonard
Chinni Oji
Marcus Penny
Matt Shaver
Shirley Volk

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47 Years of Minnesota Education Policy Fellows

2020-2021

COORDINATORS:

Dan Loritz
Krista Kaput
John Ward

RURAL COORDINATOR:

Troy Haugen

RURAL FELLOWS:

Dustin Berg
Jeff Drake
Marsha Erickson
Courtney Henderson
Johnathan (J.J.) Judd
Jeremy Kovash
Jon Moore
Jill Skarvold
Dustin Steenblock

METRO FELLOWS:

Mohammed Ali
Khrisslyn Goodman Chien
Tom DeGree
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Minnesota EPF has a strong history of coordinators. The role of the coordinators has been, is and will continue to be central to the success of the Fellowship.

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Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship (MNEPF)

The Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship started in 1976-77 as a joint venture of the University of Minnesota and the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington DC. Since then nearly 600 Fellows have completed the fellowship.

For the first 34 years, 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 policies that will have a positive impact the educational experiences for Minnesota's students.

MNEPF is the result of five organizations—the University of Minnesota (1975–2010), the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) (1975–2020), the Center for Policy Design (2010–current), the Lakes Country Service Cooperative, (2019–current), and the BrightWorks (formerly Metro ECSU) (2023–current).

Each of these organizations, and their leadership, has ensured the Fellowship's continuation—now looking at celebrating its 50th year in 2026.

Center for Policy Design

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 system like K-12 schooling, health care and postsecondary education.

MNEPF fits 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.

Minnesota Service Cooperatives

Minnesota Service Cooperatives (MSC) are public, nonprofit membership-based organizations dedicated to providing services that help make their members more successful.

BrightWorks and Lakes Country are two of nine Service Cooperatives in Minnesota. Lakes Country Service Cooperative serves members in a nine-county region in west central Minnesota. BrightWorks (formerly Metro ECSU) serves the seven-county metropolitan area of Minneapolis & St. Paul.