MINNESOTA
EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
Dedication

This 40th Anniversary Gathering of the Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship Program (MN EPFP) is dedicated to Professor Emeritus Van D. Mueller. Van served as the lead coordinator for 34 years and touched the lives of nearly 400 Fellows. His leadership and commitment to MN EPFP is the reason we are gathered here this evening.

Acknowledgments

A 40th Anniversary is built on many things. In addition to the Fellows and Coordinators MN EPFP would not be celebrating tonight without the continuing support of the Institute for Education Leadership (IEL) in Washington D.C. (40 years), the long term host the University of Minnesota (34 years), the current host the Center for Policy Design and the many sponsoring organizations that have supported Fellows over the past 40 years.

This evening would also not be possible without the commitment and financial support of the Bush Foundation. The Foundation recognizes the importance of leadership development with its own long term commitment to the Bush Fellows program.

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Program

October 13, 2016

5:30 PM
Reception

6:30 PM
Welcome and Introductions
Dan Loritz, Minnesota EPFP Coordinator

6:40 PM
Recognizing 40 Years of EPFP in Minnesota
Mike Usdan, Senior Fellow and Emeritus President, IEL
Helen Janc Malone, EPFP National Director, IEL

7:00 PM
Looking at the Future: The Ever Evolving Policy Environment
Mike Usdan and Helen Janc Malone

7:20 PM
Looking Ahead: Minnesota EPFP’s 45th & 50th Anniversaries
Dan Loritz

7:30 PM
Adjourn
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 472 Fellows have completed this unique policy experience. This is the seventh 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.
40 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
Robert Block
Jeff Chinn
Jean Drucker
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 Baughar
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

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 Bridgeford
Ramona Fadness
Molly Grove
Robert Jarvi
Sandrea Krebsbach
Thomas Macy
Jacqueline McCormack
Jon McGee
Margaret Moore
Edward Porthan

1992-1993
Mary Berger
David Schroeder
Jacquelyn Sowell-Davis
Richard Calhoun
Michelle Collay
Janet Hylveled
Sharon LaComb
Allan Lunz
Linette Manier
Stephen Robinson
Henry Terrell
Julie Tonnesson
Caroline Turner
Gloria Vogt

1993-1994
Mary Bents
Laura Bloomberg
Lois Bollman
Paul Bridges
Beverly Brucbiani
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
Gary Morrison*
Adam Piskura
Tracee Robinson
Ann Schluter
Craig Schoenecker
Martha Thurlow
1995-1996
Stephanie Burrage
Susan Butler
Lisa DeRemee
Mary Jacqart
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 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
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 Matheny
Ohadiwe Mgeni
DebbbyKay Peterson
Sonja Schmieder
Janice Thompson

2001-2002
Douglas Benson
Stephanie Crosby
Joan Johnson
Mark Leiser
Gary Lussier
Benjamin Perry
Danyell Punelli
Janet Reifsteck
Theila Wimsack
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 Sperling
Sean Virnig

2008-2009
Sara Benning
Bryan Cichy
Kimberly Hartung
Lisa LaDue
Kristine Martin

2009-2010
Jean Ness
Leslie Yoder
Bondo Nyembwe
Christopher Orr
Gretchen Sage-Martinson

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

*Deceased

2013-2014
Bjorn Arneson
Heather Bandeen
Matthew Berg-Wall
Melanie Burns
Erin Doan
Kevin George
Sarah Lahm
Lillian Levine
Kyrria 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 Gummit
Wayne Kazmierczak
Leif Kurth
Sharif Mohamed
Susan Nokleby
Michael Van Keulen
Kristen Wright
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
**Dan Loritz**, Fellow 1979-1980, Co-Coordinator 1994-Present
**Cindy Lavorato**, Fellow 1999-2000, Co-Coordinator 2000-2005
**Karen Seashore**, Co-Coordinator, 2002-2004
**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 Bandeen**, Fellow 2013-2014, Co-Coordinator, 2015-Present

*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”.

This anniversary gathering is made possible by support from: