Professional Paper
Spring 2024
Timeline

• Before October 6, develop the paper topic and confirm your paper supervisor and committee member(s).

• October 6, 2023: Paper topic approval form is due
  – MPP/MHR/MS-STEP Professional Paper Topic Approval Form

• November 14, 2023: Spring semester registration begins.
  – Register for the PA 8082 Professional Paper Writing Seminar.
  – Scheduled on Wednesdays from 8:15-11:00 am (spring 2024).
Finding a Supervisor and Committee

One of the two must be a member of the Graduate Faculty for your degree. The other could be a community member or faculty member with expertise in your topic area.

• Talk to multiple potential supervisors/committee members to seek advice about your topic.

• You are looking for people who know at least some of the literature you will be reading.

• If you are doing analysis, it’s helpful if your supervisor is an expert in that kind of analysis (quant / qual).

• When you find that someone is especially helpful, ask if they would be open to being on the committee or supervising you.

• Give possible supervisors/committee members Information on serving on a Paper Committee. They can also talk to Deborah.
PA 8082 Professional Paper Writing Seminar

- Most students completing Professional Paper in Spring 2024 should enroll in the PA 8082 seminar.
- Students who do not take PA 8082 must submit a waiver request to their DGS for approval before October 6, 2023.
- The Professional Paper Writing Seminar supports students in finishing high-quality, well-written papers by the end of the semester.
- This seminar provides a supportive environment in which students can make regular progress on papers.
- A paper supervisor and committee are still needed.
Alumni Panel

**Tess Korbesmeyer Holman** (MPP)
- Collective Care: Rethinking Societal Values and Envisioning Care as a Public Good

**Antara Mandal** (MS-STEP)
- River, Race, and Redlining: Racialized Wealth & Environmental Injustices Along the Mississippi River

**Kyla Rathjen** (MHR)
- Elites' Influence on Global Progressive Change: An Analysis of U.S. Private Foundations and Social Movement Organizations

**Rachel Wittkopp** (MPP)
- Student Agency and Institutional Power: Creating Actionable Change at the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs
Questions?

The information covered today and additional details are available on the Humphrey Individual Professional Paper Options web page.