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Jennifer L. Dettloff was appointed Legislative Council Administrator on November 9, 2016 and also serves as the acting Legislative Service Bureau Director.

Prior to her appointment to the Legislative Council, she served as Legal Counsel for two Senate Majority Leaders. She had also served legislators in both the state House of Representatives and Senate in numerous capacities.

She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from James Madison College at Michigan State University in social relations. She has a law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

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Emily Jones is General Counsel to the Legislative Service Bureau. She's been with the Service Bureau since 2014. She provides nonpartisan legal counsel to members of the Michigan Legislature with respect to legislation, works with legislators and staff in developing proposed legislation, crafts legislative options, and evaluates the legal effect of proposed legislation. She also prepares legislative legal documents including bluebacks, star runs, substitutes, conference committee reports, and amendments.

Previously, she was a Michigan Assistant Attorney General and an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the Genesee County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

She holds a law degree from Wayne State University.

BUDGET-MAKING SIMULATION

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Matt Grossmann is [Director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research \(IPPSR\)](#) and Professor of Political Science at Michigan State University.

He is a nationally recognized political scientist and a leading author of research into political parties and ideology, political campaigns, policy change and American voting behavior. *Red State Blues: How the Conservative Revolution Stalled in the States*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2019.

He was named IPPSR Director in 2016. IPPSR is a policy, leadership and research unit within MSU's College of Social Science. It focuses on policy education, political leadership development and survey research.

Under Grossmann's leadership, IPPSR added more than 60 affiliated faculty members from 25 different departments and nine colleges, built a Policy Fellows Program with some 20 graduate and undergraduate students per year. He also expanded the Institute's outreach capabilities, doubling the number of Public Policy Forums at the Michigan Capitol and launching the State of the State Podcast and Michigan Policy Wonk blog.

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Kent Dell is a Fiscal Analyst in the state House Fiscal Agency. His primary duties are to review the governor's budget recommendation and assist legislators in developing budgetary alternatives.

He reviews and prepares budget bills, provides fiscal impact statements on legislative proposals, monitors state and national developments that may have budgetary implications, and prepares special reports at the request of the state House of Representatives.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Public Policy from Michigan State University and a Master of Public Policy from MSU. He's a former Staff Sergeant of the U.S. Army Parachute Infantry, served two tours in Iraq, was a national finalist for the 2013 Harry S. Truman Scholarship, and was a member of the 2014-2015 Presidential Fellows Program.

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His latest book, [Red State Blues: How the Conservative Revolution Stalled in the States](#), is from Cambridge University Press.

Grossmann is also co-author of [Asymmetric Politics: Ideological Republicans and Group Interest Democrats](#), published by Oxford University Press in 2016 (with David A. Hopkins) and winner of the Leon Epstein Outstanding Book Award from the American Political Science Association.

His previous books include [Artists of the Possible: Governing Networks and American Policy Change Since 1945](#) and [The Not-So-Special Interests: Interest Groups, Public Representation](#). He is co-author of [Campaigns & Elections](#), the leading elections textbook.

Grossmann's a Senior Fellow at the Niskanen Center in Washington, DC, host of [The Science of Politics Podcast](#) and a regular contributor to FiveThirtyEight's online political analysis. He has also published op-eds in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*.

While on sabbatical from 2018-2019, he served as Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and as Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Quantitative Social Science at Harvard University.

Grossmann has authored numerous journal articles on such topics as policy change, political party networks, the legislative process and public opinion. His research appears in the *Journal of Politics*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *American Politics Research* and fifteen other outlets.

His research on "Asymmetric Parties in American Policy Debates" was supported by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. His research project, "How Do the Rich Rule? Public Opinion, Parties, and Interest Groups in Unequal Policy Influence," was supported by the Russell Sage Foundation.

He was named IPPSR Director in January 2016. IPPSR is a policy, leadership and research unit within MSU's College of Social Science, conducting more than \$1.5 million in grant- or contract-funded research and raising more than \$300,000 in donations annually.

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Arnold is Associate Director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR) at Michigan State University as well as Director for Workforce and Economic Development Partnerships for the Office of Public Engagement and Scholarship within University Outreach and Engagement.

Prior to joining MSU, Arnold served as CEO of the Prima Civitas Foundation, a community and economic development non-profit organization. He also has worked for the Michigan Municipal League where he served in a number of roles and co-founded the Michigan Sense of Place Council.

Arnold began his career with the Michigan House of Representatives where he worked as a legislative aide, policy analyst and policy director. He has served his own community as an elected member of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education and is currently on his local planning commission.

He is also on the boards of local and statewide organizations such as the Michigan Sense of Place Council, Rural Partners of Michigan, Capital Area College Access Network. He is a graduate of Michigan State University's College of Social Science Multi-Disciplinary Program.



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Kathleen Wilbur was named Executive Vice President for Government and External Relations on March 6, 2018 by MSU Interim President John Engler.

As Executive Vice President for Government and External Relations Wilbur oversees Advancement, Alumni Relations, Communications and Government Relations for MSU.

Wilbur has spent decades in higher education and state government, most recently serving as Vice President for Government and External Relations at Central Michigan University. She has also served as Interim President of CMU as well as Vice President for Development and External Relations. She was with CMU starting in 2002.

Prior to that, she worked in state government as Director of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Director of the Michigan Department of Commerce, Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Commerce and Director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Wilbur is the only woman who has ever directed three different Michigan state departments. Earlier in her career, Wilbur served as Chief of Staff to state Senator William Sederburg, who chaired the Higher Education Appropriations Committee. She was elected to the MSU Board of Trustees in 1984 and served through 1990.

A member of the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, Wilbur received her Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration, Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration and Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from MSU.

DAVID BERTRAM

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David Bertram was named Associate Vice President for State Relations at Michigan State University in 2011, and was promoted to Associate Vice President in 2015.

Prior to joining MSU, Bertram spent nearly 15 years with the Michigan Township Association, serving as the legislative team leader from 1997-2011. Bertram also served in the Executive Office in Michigan in a number of positions, including as the governor's lobbyist in the Michigan Senate for three years. In addition, he served on Senate Majority Leader's staff, gubernatorial campaign staff, and on an Executive Office transition team.

As the Associate Vice President for State Relations, David, is the day-to-day point person representing MSU before the Michigan Legislature, Governor's Office and state departments. His role also involves working in collaborative efforts on higher education and state issues with other state universities and other stakeholders.

At MSU, he also serves as one a few point people on mobility strategy (autonomous and connected vehicles), Polyfluoroakyl (PFAS/PFOS) efforts and other state environmental and natural resources policy issues. Bertram has a Bachelor of Science in political science from Lake Superior State University.



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He was named director of Michigan State University (MSU) Extension on April 1, 2016, after serving as interim director from January 1 to March 31, 2016.

Before joining MSU, Dwyer was the founding director of the Institute on Aging and a tenured professor of medicine at the University of Florida from 1999 to 2003. He was the director of the Institute of Gerontology and professor of sociology at Wayne State University from 1993 to 1999.

Dwyer received a bachelor's degree in sociology from California Lutheran University in 1982 and a doctorate in sociology from the University of Florida in 1988. In 1992, he was selected as a Brookdale National Fellow and in 1997, he was elected a fellow of both the Gerontological Society of America and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.



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Dru Montri is the Director of Government and Stakeholder Relations for MSU's [College of Agriculture and Natural Resources \(CANR\)](#), [MSU Extension](#), [AgBioResearch](#) and the [College of Veterinary Medicine](#). In this role, she works closely with elected and appointed officials and their staff members.

Montri grew up in Frankenmuth, Michigan. She was introduced to the agricultural industry through her family's third-generation meat processing business, Bernthal Packing. She received a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture from MSU, a Master of Science in Horticulture from The Pennsylvania State University, and a dual degree Doctor of Philosophy in Horticulture and Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies with a Graduate Specialization in Gender, Justice and Environmental Change from MSU.

Alongside her husband, Adam, Dr. Montri owns and operates Ten Hens Farm in Bath, Michigan. In addition to managing their own farm, Dr. Montri has been committed to regional food system work since the early 2000s. She was the Executive Director of the Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA) from 2006 to 2017. She is serving her second term on the Governor appointed bipartisan Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development.



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Eric Walcott is a State Specialist with MSU Extension's Government and Public Policy programs. He works with faculty on campus and educators throughout the state to develop and implement educational programs related to state and local government.

Walcott's work focuses primarily on good governance, civic engagement, and fiscal sustainability, seeking to build capacity of state and local government officials as well as educate Michigan residents on issues related to state and local government and encourage their informed participation.

Walcott previously worked in the Michigan House of Representatives, and holds a Master's of Public Policy degree from Michigan State University.



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She has written for magazines, newsletters, newspapers, radio and online publications. She has taught journalism at Ohio State University, Wayne State University and Michigan State University.

She is a founding member of the revitalized Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame, and past president of the Mid-Michigan Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.



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Tatiana Maine-Brown is a student assistant working in all operations of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research.

She is a fourth-year, pre-med student with an interest in women's health and environmental policy and has returned to work with IPPSR for her fourth academic year.

She's a frequent Dean's List honoree and is looking forward to continuing her journey toward earning a position in medical school and working with patients and providers toward excellence in health for all.

MICHAEL BRESLIN

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Michael Breslin is an undergraduate policy fellow at IPPSR where he researches and writes about Michigan economic policy. He is a second-year political science student at MSU with minors in international development and history. His chief policy interest is local, national, and international economic policy.

Originally from Chicago, he formerly served as a Communications Intern for Mayor Lori Lightfoot. In addition to IPPSR, he also works as a writing consultant at the MSU Writing Center. Michael hopes to pursue a Master's in Public Policy and work in policy analysis and foreign affairs.



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About MSU's Legislative Leadership Program

MSU's Legislative Leadership Program invites new members of Michigan's House of Representatives and Michigan Senate to engage in interactive sessions with content experts, including university faculty and practitioners, in the brief time between election and their first legislative sessions.

At its 1994 inception, LLP was designed to create a forum and the resources to help newly elected legislators meet the challenges of serving in a state with term limits. The program was meant to help legislators forge links to university policy resources.

Since that time, LLP has evolved into a broadened opportunity to gain insights into concepts that affect statewide constituencies, into evidence-based information on emerging issues and into the art and science of governing in divided times, such as under state House co-speakerships.

At the same time, IPPSR has evolved as a hub for policy expertise, information and outreach, a center for survey research training and excellence, and an opportunity for training for those who seek leadership through elected office or public service. The program is built upon a series of specially designed events, including presenters, researchers and facilitated discussions. Sessions are focused on topics of compelling interest, from the state's revenue stream, to its expenditures, K-12 education, demographics and innovations.

IPPSR is proud that LLP has hosted a majority of newly elected legislators from each party and draws support from the Legislature's highest officers. The program continues to build on MSU's long-standing tradition of providing leadership training to state and county officials, community leaders, and aspiring public officials.

The LLP is consistent with the policy and research education efforts conducted both on and off campus in support of state legislators, their staffs and their communities. It resides at IPPSR as companion to IPPSR's Public Policy and Education, the Michigan Political Leadership Program, the State of the State Survey and Office for Survey Research. LLP draws on the resources and leadership of each of these outstanding programs.

A new opportunity was recognized in 2016, and by 2017 the very first LLP Legislative Staff Training program was introduced. It was built on the LLP model, adding expanded interactive elements, a new bipartisan partnership with Michigan's State House of Representative and Senate leaders. With the arrival of term limits, Michigan's Legislature allows for more turnover in legislating and in staffing. It also encourages more movement from staff to elected legislator.

To this new opportunity, career-building resources were added, along with more personalized attention through smaller roundtable discussions and closer event evaluations upon which new training components were built. State agency administrators and deputies were a greater part of the educational experience, giving legislative staff a well-rounded understanding of bottom-to-top state governance. Both programs remain cooperatively produced by IPPSR, MSU Extension and MSU's Office of the Vice President for Governmental Affairs.

This educational outreach allows IPPSR to meet its long-established educational missions bridging policy and practical applications of personal leadership, governing and economic growth. They also are in step with

IPPSR's other enriching programs – including Public Policy Forums, Michigan Political Leadership Program, the Rosenthal Internship Awards, Office for Survey Research, State of the State Survey and the newest addition, the Michigan Policy Insiders Panel.

For more information about LLP and all other IPPSR programs, please contact Matt Grossmann, Director, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, 509 E. Circle Dr., Room 321, East Lansing, MI 48824. He can be reached by phone at (517) 355-6672 or by email at grossm63@msu.edu

Acknowledgments

IPPSR is proud of the many events and activities it undertakes throughout the year. They require exacting attention to detail, a strong desire to meet personal needs and an ability to answer the call to service and commitment.

Please join us in thanking those whose work may be behind the scenes, yet is still essential to LLP and other IPPSR operations: Administrative Assistant Iris Taylor Harper and Secretary Milly Shiraev, Information Technologist Jes Sprague, Communications Manager Cynthia Kyle, Program Manager Katharine Cusick and Staff Assistant Tatiana Maine-Brown.

The staffs at MSU's Office for Governmental Affairs and MSU Extension deserve great credit for their assistance. At the state Capitol, IPPSR is grateful for the assistance of legislative leaders House Speaker Jason Wentworth, House Democratic Leader Rep. Donna Lasinski, Senate Leader Mike Shirkey and Sen. Democratic Leader Jim Ananich and staff members from their offices.