

ICMA STUDENT
CHAPTER

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During Academic Year 2016-2017, we enrolled 17 MPA students as members our chapter.

Christina Jones, MPA student, served as Chapter President.

Bruce Clark, Township Manager, Middletown, PA continued as the Chapter Mentor

In the Fall Semester 2016 the chapter members, as well as all MPA students, were invited to attend the one-day regional workshop held by the Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management on October 28. Villanova's Department of Public Administration paid the workshop fee for each student. The workshop included a luncheon.

In Spring Semester 2017 we sponsored a panel discussion on March 16 that focused on how two communities responded to water pollution caused by military training exercises on bases in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The title of the panel was:

“EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS: HOW INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION RESOLVED A WATER POLLUTION EMERGENCY”

Our chapter president, Christian Jones, organized the panel and moderated the discussion. The other panelists were:

- Timothy Bergere - Special Environmental Counsel for Warrington and Warminster Municipal Authorities
- Barry Luber - Township Manager of Warrington Township
- Tim Hagey - General Manager of Warminster Municipal Authority

- Tina O'Rourke - Business Manager of Horsham Water and Sewer Authority

The discussion featured how two communities effectively addressed a problem that many communities face and which is now being reported in national media.

The panel informed and hopefully inspired students to pursue public service in local government.

Here is a link to the video of the event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EyHnrjpDGio&feature=youtu.be>