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After working as a lawyer for eight years and then staying home with my children for another ten years, I began wondering how I would re-launch my career as my youngest daughter entered kindergarten. I knew that I wanted to work with nonprofit organizations but felt that I lacked managerial expertise. One day while driving I heard a little blurb about GSPIA on NPR and a light bulb went on above my head! On the GSPIA website I learned that the Master of Public Policy & Management (MPPM) program would allow me to earn a master's degree in three terms of full-time study and fill in the gaps of my education and experience for my new career direction. I also realized that GSPIA would help me develop contacts to expand my network of professional relationships.

GSPIA has given me all that I expected and more. I have completed a two semester social return on investment analysis of a program at a local nonprofit midwifery practice, performed an email survey of non-profit organizations in our county which received a 70% response rate and attended many wonderful lectures on philanthropy.

These experiences allowed me to focused my career goals and now I have a job as the program officer at the FISA Foundation. My diverse coursework at the University of Michigan meshed well with my GSPIA studies allowing me to synthesize seemingly unrelated subjects like Chinese philosophy and philanthropy in modern China. My education is highly relevant to my current work and prepared me to be a thorough, professional and compassionate philanthropist. I think the MPPM program is a wonderful way for professionals to re-launch careers in new directions. I have never been happier with my professional choices and work!



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