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Current role and description of a typical work week: As a Research & Data Systems Analyst, I am the point person for all data, research and evaluation initiatives of The Mustard Seed. As the organization is in a period of growth and advancement, I am frequently working to determine where social service gaps exist in Calgary, Alberta and Canada as a whole.   Each work week is different as new projects related to program evaluation and development are assigned.

How the MPP program has furthered my career: The MPP program allowed me to fine tune and further develop my research and analysis skills. I use these skills each and every day in my role. Recently, I was able to co-author and publish a textbook chapter and the topic of this chapter was very closely related to my capstone research.

Advice I would give a new MPP student: Attend every event offered by the School of Public Policy. The connections that I was able to make during these events helped me to complete my capstone research and to ultimately land a job in my desired field.