

**Kristy Peterson, MPP 2017**

**Consultant, Global Public Affairs, Calgary, AB**

**Prior education:** Bachelor of Journalism, Ryerson University

**Current role and description of a typical work week:** As a Consultant, Kristy supports Global's Alberta clients in the areas of health and life sciences, transportation and infrastructure, as well as arts and culture. She provides strategic communications and media advice, monitors current affairs, and supports client initiatives through government relations.

**How the MPP program has furthered my career:** Throughout the MPP program, we had multiple opportunities to meet high-profile policy professionals and attend industry events. These opportunities led to key conversations that contributed to my Capstone Project, understanding of various policy issues, as well as networking skills that ultimately led to my current role.

**Advice I would give a new MPP student:** Attend and engage in as many SPP and policy events as possible! These opportunities are unique to the MPP program, and instrumental to your next steps into the policy community.