



## Student Spotlight

### Natalie Parker, MPA '17

**Tell us a bit about your hometown.**

I'm from the Kansas City metro area. You want delicious BBQ and a nice cold Boulevard? Hit up Kansas City. Kansas City straddles both Kansas and Missouri, and although I've lived in both states, I'm a Kansan through and through.

**What were you doing prior to joining Fels?**

I graduated from the University of Kansas in December in 2014, and in the nine months since, I simultaneously worked at four different jobs! I worked at DC-based digital agency Social Driver, interned with Kansas State Representative Stephanie Clayton, did research for the Kansas chapter of the American Association of University Professors and bartended. Bartending was by far the most difficult!



**What attracted you most to the Fels program?**

While the other programs I looked into were very focused, I was attracted to Fels because of the diversity - everyone has different policy interests and goals, which contribute to us being a more interesting whole!

**Tell us about your current job or internship:**

I'm the new Career Development Fellow at Fels. I'll be helping to plan career events here in Philly and coordinating with the other fellows to help plan events in conjunction with alumni - like the Career Day in DC - which is coming up in November!

**What do you like to do in your free time?**

I enjoy long walks along the Schuylkill with my dog, making up new drinks for my friends (harkening back to my bartending days) and cross stitching!

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