

PROFILE

Kate Pearson

Managing Director
Programming & Acquisitions Division



Kate Pearson joined Maryland Public Television in 2016 and currently serves as managing director for the network's Programming & Acquisitions Division.

Ms. Pearson came to MPT in the role of managing director of the station's Programming Department. In October 2018, her responsibilities expanded with the creation of the Programming & Acquisitions Division. Ms. Pearson and her team are now responsible for the statewide network's channel lineup, scheduling MPT's main channel and MPT2/Create, and acquisition of local, regional, and national content from independent producers.

Ms. Pearson possesses more than 20 years' experience in programming and acquisitions in domestic and international cable television. She was senior vice president of programming and acquisitions at the Emmy® Award-winning Documentary Channel and earlier spent several years at HBO Latin America where she sourced and acquired content for six digiplex channels. She began her career at CNN Headline News as a video journalist. She is a member of Women in Film and Television.

She serves on the executive committee of the Public Television Programming Association and is a member of the PBS Programming Advisory Committee. Ms. Pearson also was selected in 2018 to participate in the Public Television Major Markets Group (PTMMG) Emerging Leaders Program, which provides mentorship for a select group of up-and-coming staff members currently working at PTMMG stations across the nation.

Ms. Pearson is an alumna of Emory University and earned a master's degree in Spanish from Middlebury (VT) College's program in Spain.