

# Katharine Delavan



I was born and raised in Royal Oak, Michigan. I have been married to my husband Thomas Paine for 20 years. We love to travel, go to concerts and take “date night” cooking classes together. We also like “vintaging” for mid-century and 70’s furniture and décor for our cool ‘75 house.



Together we have two children, Ella, 19 and Miles, 17. Ella is an accomplished equestrian. I am still transitioning out of having my weekends dedicated to horse shows and barn life for the past 10 years. She is a sophomore at Otterbein University and rides on the IHSA Hunt Seat team. Our son, Miles has played baseball since he was 8 years old and recently added golf and will hopefully continue playing both in college.



We also have two rescue dogs, Trace and Finn, and a horse named Leroy.

In 2005, after teaching preschool for 10 years, I earned my doctorate in Early Childhood Education from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. Our family moved to Cleveland in 2006 for my job at Lake Erie College where I worked as Professor of Early Childhood and Dean of the School of Education until 2022. I now work for the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce as the School Improvement Grant Manager and am continuing my education at Harvard in Organizational Behavior.

