

You can call Nicholas Dekker "Dr. Breakfast." After all, he really loves breakfast and has a Ph.D.

Nick is a food and travel writer based in central Ohio, writing his award-winning blog <u>Breakfast With Nick</u> since 2007, where he and his family document their journeys exploring restaurants, coffee, donuts, beer, the arts, family travel, and much more. Nick freelances for *Columbus Monthly, Ohio Magazine*, TourismOhio, The Kitchn, Great Lakes Publishing, Experience Worthington, Cubby at Home, *Worthington Spotlight, 42+ Magazine*. His work has also appeared in the *Columbus Dispatch, Columbus Alive*, Experience Columbus, *Columbus Parent, PC World Magazine*, and many other publications. Nick and his work have been featured in the *New York Post, Toronto Star, Taste of Home, Good Day Columbus, Columbus Dispatch*, and other media.

For his day job, Nick serves as the administrator for the Greater Columbus Arts Council's Marketing, Communications, & Events team, assisting with social media, blogging, press releases, media relations, and maintaining a statewide events database. On top of that, he leads occasional breakfast- and brunch-themed culinary tours for Columbus Food Adventures.

Originally hailing from Grand Rapids, Michigan, Nick studied English and Communications at Calvin College. He and his wife Beth were drawn to central Ohio in 2002, where they both completed master's degrees in Theatre History and Dramatic Literature at The Ohio State University. Nick continued on to earn a Ph.D. in the same subject, and went on to lecture for the Department of Theatre until 2014.

During that same time, Nick and Beth established the community arts non-profit <u>Wild Goose</u> <u>Creative</u> with four college friends. The award-winning multidisciplinary arts gallery and event space plays host to everything from concerts to workshops, beer tastings to storytelling nights. Nick and Beth remained as active board members through the spring of 2012. Nowadays Nick serves on the board of directors for the <u>McConnell Arts Center</u> and <u>Service! Relief Kitchen</u>.

Nick and Beth live in Worthington their two boys. Beth is the <u>Tourism Director</u> for the City of Worthington, and runs her own small business consulting company <u>The Right Hands</u>. Their passion is for family travel, the arts, local food and drink, supporting small businesses, and helping others learn be to "tourists in their hometown."