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Grad students will present theses at Capitol symposium

The Graduate Association of Students in Sacramento State’s Department of Public Policy and Administration will hold its Master’s Thesis Symposium at the State Capitol, Assembly Room 126, from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 10.

This is the first time the education event has been held at the Capitol, and it will highlight findings from policy research conducted by Public Policy and Administration graduate students.

Thesis topics involve student research on state and local policy issues, including:

- How to finance economic development in post-redevelopment California.
- Did redevelopment agencies affect the availability of affordable housing?
- Are career and technical programs aligned with local labor markets?
- California’s need for engineers and STEM education.
- How do states’ requirements for personal finance instruction in high school affect financial literacy?
- Predicting environmentally friendly behavior: Does political ideology affect willingness to change behavior to help improve the environment?

GASPPA is a student-led organization within Sacramento State’s Public Policy and Administration Department. It focuses on providing professional, academic and social support to students in the PPA and Urban Land Development programs. The executive board is composed of five PPA
students elected by their peers, and membership is open to all students in the PPA Department.

Sacramento State’s Master of Public Policy and Administration is a professional degree opportunity for students interested in a public service career. The program provides skills necessary for management and budgeting as well as analytical tools helpful for understanding the economic implications of policy choices, evaluating policy options, developing political strategies for advancing proposals, and conducting/assessing research projects.

For more information on the Master of Public Policy and Administration, visit http://www.csus.edu/ppa/ or contact MPPA department chair Rob Wassmer at rwassme@csus.edu.

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