

PPA Spring 2020 Virtual Hooding Celebration

May 21, 2021
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM





SACRAMENTO STATE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC POLICY & ADMINISTRATION

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Rob Wassmer, Chair

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Sacramento City Councilperson Eric Guerra, MPPA

PRESENTATION OF MASTER DEGREE CANDIDATES

BREAKOUT ROOM CONGRATS & CONVERSATION

PPA Faculty and Staff

- *Rob Wassmer, Chair*
- *Sara McClellan, Associate Chair*
- *Ted Lascher, Professor*
- *Analisa Quintero, Student Assistant*



Commencement Speaker

Eric Guerra, MPPA

Sacramento City Councilperson

Councilman Eric Guerra was elected to represent Sacramento City Council District 6 in April 2015 and was reelected in 2016. District 6 encompasses Campus Commons and Sierra Oaks in the North, between Stockton Boulevard and Watt Avenue, including the areas of Tahoe Park and Little Saigon



2020-2021 Awards

CRISTY JENSEN

AWARD HONOREE

Alexis Foley, MPPA 2021

Master's Project:

A POLICY ANALYSIS OF CALIFORNIA CHILD SUPPORT DEBT



2020-2021 Awards

GRADUATE WITH DISTINCTION HONOREES

Rachel Croopnick, MPPA 2020

Nicole Cuellar, MPPA 2021

Giselle Sanchez, MPPA 2021

Nick Thomas, MPPA 2021



GASPPA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Scholarship

- *This scholarship recognizes the importance of students committed to advancing policies and practices in public policy and administration promoting a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive future.*
- ***In honor of your graduation, or an MPPA or MSULD graduate, please help us build this scholarship with a contribution now!***
 - <https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1894/19/home-hero.aspx?sid=1894&gid=2&pgid=418&cid=1063&bledit=1&ids=263>

Nicole Cuellar, MPPA

Spring 2021



*Law Enforcement and Racial Justice:
Opportunities and Challenges to
Institutional Change
(Advisor McClellan)*

"I would like to thank the amazing team of professors who have provided me with the knowledge and inspiration to critically think about the complex issues facing public policy and administration. And of course, I would not be here without the love, support, and early morning proofreading efforts of my family. I would not be the person I am, nor hold the depth of passion for service, without you all."

Timothy Irvine, MPPA Summer 2020



*Accountability in Emergency:
OIG Oversight of FEMA
Disaster Awards
(Advisor McClellan)*

*“Special thanks to my loving partner,
Sam, my family, and my dog Socrates.”*

Clarissa Laguardia, MPPA Spring 2021



*Rethink Language Access
(Advisor McClellan)*

“Latinas have the lowest percentage of graduate degrees compared to all women of other non-Hispanic racial groups combined at just 4 percent of Latinas. Today, I tip the scale!”



B.J. Thompson, MPPA

Spring 2021



*Power and Influence in the California
IDD Community
(Advisor McClellan)*

*“I dedicate this effort to my family. You have
given me everything I could ever ask for. I love
you!”*



Aralyn Tucker, MPPA

Spring 2020



It Takes A Village: An Investigation of Current Literature and Practices of Collaborative Social Service Housing Networks in the Greater Sacramento, California Area (Advisor McClellan)

"For Nana, Granny, and Umpah"



Mónica Yadira Miranda, MPPA

Spring 2021



Research in practice: Identifying evidence-informed Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) practices for large public service organizations in California
(Advisor McClellan)

“Thankful to my family and friends who keep me rooted, inspire me, and continuously support my growth”



Noel Mora, MPPA

Spring 2020



*Improving Retention for Young Public
Sector Professionals
(Advisor McClellan)*

“Thankful to my cohort, family, and professors”



Kristyne Elizabeth Van Skike, MPPA

Summer 2020



*An Analysis of Key Indicators for
Successful Collaboration to
Address Bay-Delta Risk
(Advisors McClellan and Lascher)*

“I would like to give special thanks to my three children. They inspire me to work harder, stay focused, and reach my dreams. All three of my children are my pride and joy; words can never express my gratitude and appreciation for their s unconditional love and support.”

Gabriela Ballesteros, MPPA

Spring 2021



*A Closer Look at Food Insecurity
in California
(Advisor Lascher)*

*“Thank you to my incredible family and
partner for all their love, support, and
strength.”*



David Christopher Couto, MPPA Spring 2021



*Water Capture and
Retention Technology: A
Public Policy Assessment
(Advisor Lascher)*

*“Thank you to my wife, my mother, and my friends for
encouraging me to achieve all that I strive for.”*



Noah Douglass Hampton-Asmus, MPPA Spring 2021



*An Analysis of Economic Interventions to Reduce Risk Factors and Costs of Chronic Health Conditions
(Advisor Lascher)*

"A big thank you to my wife, Michelle! We took a chance to move to Sacramento to graduate school, and in just a few years we accomplished MANY personal and partner goals. I love you, and yes, it's my turn to cook! Thanks to my whole family for your ceaseless support."

Molly Kholos, MPPA

Spring 2021



*Mitigating Impacts of the Digital Divide
for Rural Communities
(Advisor Lascher)*

*"I am very thankful for my family who
supported me over the past three years!"*



Leefong Mouavangsou, MPPA

Fall 2020



*Elections, Representation, and
Unintended Consequences: An
Exploratory Study*
(Advisor Lascher)

*"I would like to thank my family, mentors, friends, and colleagues
for their support. Thank you all for believing in me."*



Sara Nickerson, MPPA

Spring 2021



Why Can't Liberal California Abolish the Death Penalty?
(Advisor Lascher)

"Thank you to my amazing family, friends, cohort, and professors for all their encouragement and support through this incredible academic journey. Lastly, I want to dedicate this to my Dad, who provided that much needed push to achieve my goals. This achievement is just as for him as it is for me."

Christopher Skidmore, MPPA Spring 2021



*Flooring the Gas: Reducing State Vehicle Emissions Through Policy Action
(Advisor Lascher)*

“Thank you to the faculty, my amazing wife for providing support and comfort while watching me stress out the last 3 years, my parents, and the incredibly resilient and passionate cohort. This would not be possible without each of you.”

Liam Smith, MPPA

Spring 2021



*Eviction and Mental Health:
Exploring the Impact of Evictions
on Trauma, Depression, Anxiety,
and Rates of Suicide
(Advisor Lascher)*

*“My sincerest thanks to my excellent
professors, my fascinating and jovial
cohort and my supportive family and
friends.”*

Glen Wilkins, MPPA Summer 2020



*Proportional Justice: The Challenges of
Implementing Court Fine and Fee
Reform in California
(Advisor Lascher)*

*“Many thanks to the professors, colleagues,
and family who supported me along the
way!”*



Michael Adamski, MPPA

Spring 2021



*NIMBYism and Sheltering Sacramento's Homeless Population
(Advisor Wassmer)*

*"To Meghan (this is 50% your MPPA, too!)
Through hardship, so many life events, finding a home, starting our family (Baby #1 in PPA year 1, and Baby #2, two weeks ago!!), GASPPA Board meetings, changing careers, endless PPA paper edits (I am looking at you PPA 200/220A)...words can't describe your partnership and how it helped me through this masters' program!"*

"If you want to change the world, start off by making your bed" -Admiral (Ret.) William McCraven



Jenny Callison, MPPA

Spring 2021



*A Policy Analysis of Veteran
Suicide in California
(Advisor Wassmer)*

*“Could not have done this without my amazing support
system, thank you so much!”*



Rachel Croopnick, MPPA

Fall 2020



*Impact of Higher Percentages of African American Faculty on African American Male Student Completion Rates in California Community Colleges
(Advisor Wassmer)*

“Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.” - U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-2020)



Elizabeth Delgado, MPPA

Summer 2020



The Impact of Latinx Faculty and Administration on Latinx Student Completion Rates in California Community Colleges (Advisor Wassmer)

"I am eternally grateful for and celebrate this accomplishment with mi familia, friends, partner, and community. Special thank you to my mom, Silvia, and my siblings Susana, Cristina, Natalie, and Julio. I am blessed to have such an enduring and expensive support system that instilled my assertiveness, compassion for others, and resilience to flourish in a career of public service.

Also, special thank you to my thesis advisors, Rob and Sara! Thank you to Rob for your optimism and timely feedback in my quantitative research questions which gave me the motivation and momentum to press onward. Sara, thank you for all the subtle yet empowering ways you have listened, guided, and affirmed my experience and aspirations throughout my time in this program and beyond!"

Joseph Michael Donaldson Jr., MPPA Spring 2021



*California Wildfires: The New Normal
Reprioritizing Budget Resources for
Wildlife Prevention
(Advisor Wassmer)*



Alexis Dascoulias Foley, MPPA

Spring 2021



California Child Support Debt: A Policy Analysis
(Advisor Wassmer)

*“Familia, Faculty, Contemporaries, Colleagues,
Thank you for supporting me on my journey.
You inspire me to get out there and do the good
work that needs to be done. Now, let's
collaborate, innovate and make some PPA
magic!” - Alexis*

Braden L. Henderson, MSULD

Spring 2021



Alternatives to Reduce the Burden of Future Power Outages for California Local Governments Served by Investor-owned Electric Utilities
(Advisor Wassmer)

“I was originally supposed to become an engineer but the thought of having to expend my creative energy on things that make practical everyday life even more refined, with a loathsome capital gain as the goal, was unbearable to me.” -Albert Einstein

Baron Siegfried Marsh, MPPA

Fall 2020



*Improving Plastic Recycling Rates
in California*

(Advisor Cabaldon)

“To all those who supported me in this project: I hope to provide you with this information to protect our environment and improve our quality of life.”



Anna Meier, MPPA

Spring 2021



Pushed Out: The Impact of Residential Land Prices on Commuting Times and Geographic Mobility
(Advisors Wassmer and Lascher)

“I will never forget the love and support I have received from my family, friends and cohorts during this eventful journey. Thank you for everything”



To Lan Phin, MPPA Spring 2021



*Equity and Walkability in the Sacramento
Region
(Advisor Wassmer)*

*“Thanks to my friends for all your love and
support! ”*



Sareena Rai, MSULD

Spring 2021



*Clean Transportation Equity: An
Analysis for the California Air
Resources Board
(Advisor Wassmer)*

*“Thank you to all my friends and family
who made sure that I felt that no dream was
too big or too small! From winning the 7th
grade math contest to being the first in my
family to go college.”*

Giselle Sanchez, MPPA

Spring 2021



*Increasing Latinx Faculty in the
California Community Colleges
(Advisor Wassmer)*

*“ ¡Muchas gracias a mi familia! ¡Los
amo! 🤍 And to my friends, thank you for
always having my back.”*



Nick Thomas, MPPA

Spring 2021



*Mitigating Property Destruction
Resulting from California Wildfires
(Advisor Wassmer)*

*"I just want to thank my mom, who's
been there for me every step of the
way. I'm here today because of her
support."*



Josh Williams, MPPA
Fall 2020

*Literature Review on the Influence of
Regulation of Residential Land Prices
(Advisor Wassmer)*





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Congratulations!

Thank you for celebrating
with us.



Breakout Rooms

Rob Wassmer's Room

Sara McClellan's Room

Ted Lascher's Room

In the breakout rooms your audio and video will be on so you can meet and interact with students, faculty, family, and friends.

If you need assistance with entering/leaving a room, please use the “Call for Help” function.

