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Scholar to present research on municipal bankruptcies

Robert Benedetti, visiting scholar at Sacramento State’s Center for California Studies, will present his research on municipal bankruptcies in California from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, at the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Conference Center, 1020 11th St., Sacramento.

Benedetti’s topic, “Avoiding the Cliff: Bankruptcies in California,” will use a case study of several cities throughout the state, centering on three underlying factors that can prompt the decision to declare bankruptcy. These include the city’s position in a regional economy, the administrative environment that the state provides to cities and the urban political system established within the city.

An emeritus professor of political science from the University of the Pacific, Benedetti also served as the dean of the college from 1989 to 2002 and as the executive director of the Harold S. Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership from 2002 to 2013.

The symposium will bring together academic experts, local leaders and other stakeholders to engage in this topic and research. Sac State faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend this free event, which includes lunch. Funding for the presentation is provided by the Don & Bev Gerth Endowment.

For the agenda and list of speakers, go to www.csus.edu/calst/upcoming_events.html. Register by Friday, June 13, at www.eventbrite.com/event/8716921547.

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