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Department of Public Administration PA Digest

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## PA Digest

January 3, 2019

### SPOTLIGHTS

### IMPORTANT DATES

## Welcome Back- Classes begin Monday January 9

I hope everyone had a restful break from school. Now it is time to get back into the rhythm.

- You should have access to your Blackboard class sites today. If you do not, please contact your instructor.
- Remember online classes begin on the first day of the quarter (unless your instructor says differently).
- If you are on the waiting list for a class, you **MUST** attend the first week in order to be considered if there is an opening.

**If you have ANY questions on Registration PLEASE call the PA Office! 537-5758**

## Take Advantage of these opportunities

1. You can still register for the Spring Break Study Tour of Seoul Korea. This is an MPA/PA elective and counts for the Leadership Concentration. For more information click [HERE](#) and also contact [Dr. Dong Man Kim](#). See the syllabus [HERE](#).

2. Are you interested in a Cybersecurity Scholarship? Attend the information session will be held in Jack Brown Hall, Room 122, from 12PM-1PM on the following dates: Tues. January 15 and Wed. January 23

3. The PA 590 Social Justice Theater class on campus also counts as as an elective for the MPA Leadership Concentration.

## **Summer 2019 PA Classes are Set**

There will be six different classes offered this summer.

PA 315 - both on campus and online sections

PA 380 Online

PA 501 Online Administrative Leadership

PA 619 Online Managing Diversity

PA 628 Online Intergovernmental Relations

PA 655 Online Strategic Planning for Governments

PA 663 Summer 1 Public Budgeting

## **Comprehensive Exam Review 1/12 - All Welcome**

On Saturday January 12 from 12-12 in Jack Brown 280 I will hold our quarterly comprehensive exam review in preparation for the February 1st Winter Quarter Exam. While this is particularly of interest to those taking the exam in February, any MPA student may attend. All students taking the exam this year are encouraged to form study groups and make sure you carefully review the PA 999 syllabus. You may attend virtually through Zoom and the link will be <https://csusb.zoom.us/j/483732840>. The Zoom session is NOT recorded.

## **Zoom with the Chair Saturday January 19th at 9 am**

Save the date for our first Zoom session of 2019. We will talk about Cesar Chavez and his legacy in California and the US. I have also asked Dr. Thomas McWeeney to join us and share a bit about his background and activities at CSUSB.

## **Fall 2020 Semesters are Coming - Time to Focus!**

I have had this note in the Digest for over a year now and I am sure most are just blipping over it. But if your program will continue past summer 2020 -- just a year and a half away - then you need to start getting into a planning mode. Within the next month I will be asking ALL students who will not graduate by that time to submit a planning sheet on how they plan to complete their degree.

See [Semester Conversion](#) for the MPA program changes.

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## **Alumni Highlight**

Congratulations to Edward Vargas (MPA 2018) who recently began working for the Shasta County Superior Court as the Court Information Technology Manager. Ed tells me that,

“There were two main components to getting this job, the technical aspect and the management aspect. I know full well that without having gone through the MPA Curriculum, I would not have made it past the first round of interviews, let alone the second interview with the Court

**Executive Officer, Assistant Executive Officer and the current CTO.**

**Some of the questions they had for me were nearly identical to those of the MPA comprehensive exam. Such as the qualities that a good public service manager must have and why, the type of management style that I prefer and why, as well as a case scenario question. It dealt with an employee situation which involved Human Resources, Management Style, Administrative Regulation, Law and Litigation. This question had to be hand written and I had to provide an answer within a 15 minute window."**

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**Way to go, Ed!!!**

January 7 (Monday) First day of Winter Quarter classes

January 12 Comprehensive Exam Review

January 19 Zoom with the Chair

January 21 Campus Closed Martin Luther King Day

January 28 Census

February 1 Winter Comprehensive Exam

February 11 Registration for Spring Quarter

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

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### **Nonprofit Highlight**

**I want to take the opportunity to highlight local nonprofit organizations doing good in our region.**

**This month I want to highlight Thrive- and organization by single Moms, for single Moms- located in Redlands <https://www.thrivesinglemoms.org/> It is dedicated to "engaging, equipping and empowering single Moms." Check out their website.**

**Please send me info about an organization you would like to highlight.**

### **Student Engagement Expo February 15**

**The Engagement Expo will present students with a holistic picture of involvement and engagement opportunities at CSUSB. The goal is to inform all CSUSB students of the curricular and co-curricular opportunities that allow students to connect with campus, build**

**leadership, and develop skills that will assist them beyond CSUSB. Join us Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-2:30pm at the New Coyote Commons Courtyard and the Coyote Walkway (between Jack Brown Hall and the Commons)**

**Learn about:**

**Study Abroad**

**Volunteer Positions**

**Model United Nations**

**ASI Board of Directors**

**Student Ambassadors**

**Resident Assistants**

**Student Mentoring Programs**

**Student Leadership Positions**

**Research Positions**

## **[Paid Internship in Sacramento- Capital Fellows](#)**

The Capital Fellows Programs are nationally recognized public policy fellowships offering unique experiences in policy-making and development in each branch of California state government. Fellows work for 10-11 months as full-time, paid staff members in the State Assembly, State Senate, Executive Branch or the Judiciary. The fellowships are administered by the Center for California Studies at California State University, Sacramento, and are an outstanding opportunity for college graduates to engage in public service and prepare for future careers.

Watch the introductory video

<https://youtu.be/mxaJ9s7ieFY> . Deadline for applications is February 19. for more information contact Sacramento State's Center for California Studies at (916) 278-6906, [calstudies@csus.edu](mailto:calstudies@csus.edu).

## **[Undergraduate Summer Opportunity](#)**

The Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program is a six-week program at Howard University that helps prepare undergraduate students for careers in international affairs. The program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women and those with financial need. The Application deadline is February 5, 2019. For more information see

<https://www.rangelprogram.org/summer-enrichment-program/>

## **[ASPA Memberships](#)**

The PA Department will pay for one year of your student membership in the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). We encourage you to continually engage in your profession. Leaders are engaged!

**Contact Toni Ditty with your request.**

## **MPA/PA Social Media- Follow Us!**

**Did you know that we have a Facebook Page? Twitter? Instagram?**

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