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PA Digest

September 4, 2019

SPOTLIGHTS

IMPORTANT DATES

Welcome to Academic Year 2019-2020

Greetings to all our new students. We are happy to have you on board and look forward to assisting you in your studies. Please stay connected! The PA Office is now on regular hours 8-5 Monday - Friday. New MPA students note our orientation on September 28.

Fall Registration Update

Classes begin in two weeks. All undergraduate classes have seats open. Online MPA classes are filled to capacity with the exception of PA 590 section 71 Executive Nonprofit Leadership. Most on-campus classes have seats available. One class I want to highlight is PA 590 section 01 Nonprofit Fundraising and Grantwriting - which qualifies for the Public Financial Management Concentration.

One reason for the full online classes is an upsurge in enrollments in the MPA as our reputation grows. We are welcoming over 100 new students this Fall.

One Year to Semesters!

Beginning Fall 2020 CSUSB will convert to a semester schedule. Semesters will be 15 weeks long and courses will be 3 unit rather than 4. An academic calendar is now available. MPA students consult our semester conversion page. I have a new MPA Planning Sheet for all students. Please check it out.

Zoom with the Chair - October 5

I tried a Friday noon hour last time and it did not increase attendance, so I am reverting back to Saturday morning at 9 am.

Under the semester catalog this will be called PA 6985 and will be required (two semesters) for all students. If you plan to graduate under the semester catalog-attendance at this years Zoom with the Chair sessions will count for the semester requirement.

SAVE THE DATE - PA PARTY Saturday October 26

Please plan on joining us all at our Annual PA Gathering - once again being held at the former Castaway Restaurant - (now called the Hilltop Banquet Center. More details to come. BE THERE!

Free Software

CSUSB students may download a number of software programs for FREE!. This includes Microsoft Office (Word/Excel/Powerpoint). Go to the [STUDENT SOFTWARE PAGE](#) and scroll down through the various options.

Grad Updates

Congrats to Mary Ulatan-Robles (MPA 2017). After a year in her new position as Senior Budget Analyst for CSUSB Student Affairs, she could not keep away from school and will start her Doctorate of Public Administration (DPA) program at California Baptist University. Way to go Mary!!

Congrats to Claudia Harris (MPA 2018). Three months after her graduation she was offered a position as District Manager for Aging and Adult Services with the County of San Bernardino. Way to go, Claudia!

Congrats to Jess Laird (MPA 2019) who has taken a position with the Rainbow Community Center, an LGBTQ+ community resource center in Contra Costa County where he is the Intake & Referral Coordinator. Way to go, Jess!

Congrats to Abe Stanton (MPA 2016) who was hired to a permanent federal position with the Bureau of Land Management at the California Desert District Office in Moreno Valley. He began as an Administrative Support Assistant (GS-07) and was immediately given a series of elevated responsibilities to include fleet and property management as well as records administration. Way to go, Abe!!

Public Administration Faculty Updates

Congratulations to Dr. Monty Van Wart who was recently awarded the prestigious [Faculty Innovation and Leadership Award](#). Dr. Van Wart is

recognized for having demonstrated extraordinary leadership to advance student success at the CSU, and for improving program quality and student outcomes specifically in his leadership in online teaching.

Congratulations to Dr. Anna Ni who was recently promoted to Associate Dean of the JHB College of Business and Public Administration. We will miss Dr. Ni on the PA Faculty.

We welcome our newest Faculty Dr. Pamela Medina- joining us from the University of Colorado and Dr. Sharon Pierce who was selected for a permanent tenure track position with the Department. Dr. Pierce was recently recognized in our [Impact Magazine for being a Role Model in Public Service](#).

Dr. Alexandru Roman will not be teaching this Fall as he undertakes a Saabbatical Leave in Moldova to undertake research and to write the second edition of his textbook [Public Procurement: A guide to the Body of Knowledge](#).

Congratulations to Dr. Marc Fudge who was recently promoted to Full Professor of Public Administration at CSUSB. Dr. Fudge is currently acting as interim chair for the Department of Special Education Rehabilitation and Counseling in our College of Education.

Dr. Kimberly Collins continues as Executive Director of the Leonard Transportation Center. If you are interested in Transpiration Policy [check out their website](#).

September 19 First Day Fall Classes

September 28 New MPA Student Orientation 9am

September 28 Comprehensive Exam Review 11am

September 19 First day of classes

September 25 Last day to add open classes without permission

October 5 Zoom with the Chair 9am

October 9 Census (last day to drop classes without record)

October 26 MPA Orientation 9am

October 26 Advancement to Candidacy Advising 11am

October 26 PA PARTY! 6pm

November 4 Winter 2020 registration begins

November 11 Veterans Day- Campus closed

OPPORTUNITIES

Presidential Management Fellowship

One of the highest opportunities students have is the national [Presidential Management Fellowship Program](#). An informational Webinar on this opportunity will be held Wednesday, September 18, 2019 11:30 – 1:00pm (PST). If you are interested, read through the site and attend the Webinar. The audio will come from a toll-free conference line. Instructions will be visible when you connect to the webinar on how to call into the conference line.

Upon entering the webinar, use the “Guest” login and enter your first and last name, dash, and academic institution abbreviation (e.g., John Doe – xxx). Please use this link at the time and date of the webinar <https://opmhrs.adobeconnect.com/pmfacademia>.

National Federation of Municipal Analysts Scholarship

The NFMA is accepting applications for the Fugiel Scholarship to attend the Introduction to Municipal Bond Credit Analysis in Philadelphia on November 21 & 22. The scholarship covers registration, hotel, meals and the cost of travel for this event. The total value of this scholarship is up to \$2,500. Applicants must apply for this scholarship by October 4, 2019. For more information on the NFMA go to www.nfma.org. Download the application [HERE](#)

Rangel International Affairs Fellowship

The Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship Program is now accepting applications for the 2020 Fellowship at www.rangelprogram.org.

The Rangel Graduate Fellowship is a U.S. Department of State program, administered by Howard University, that seeks to attract and prepare outstanding young people for careers as Foreign Service Officers in the U.S. Department of State.

Student Jobs with the US Census Bureau

As the Census Bureau gears up for the decennial Census, they will be hiring thousands of people for temporary positions. If

**you are interested in learning more-- check this out
at <https://www.2020census.gov/en/jobs>**

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.**

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