



## PA Digest

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### SPOTLIGHTS

#### Statement of the Chair

**The United States was founded on the EXPLICIT institution of racism, and implicit exclusion of women and Native Americans from governance. Other groups, ethnic and otherwise, were added to this exclusion from democratic governance. This is not ideology. This is historical fact. Public managers must, in their behavior and advocacy, actively oppose the attack on democratic principles of equality and equity and work to eliminate the vestiges of institutional bias. While we must advocate for equal treatment of all- regardless of identities- the largest issue is treatment of persons of color, in particular Black Americans. I stand with others to say that this blot on our democracy must be stopped and I will actively work to that end.**

### IMPORTANT DATES

**June 22 Summer Classes Begin**

**June 30 Summer Census**

**July 23 Last Day of Summer Classes**

**August 24 First Day of Fall Semester**

# Summer Offering of PA 619 Managing Diversity in Organizations

This summer term I will be teaching PA 619 Managing Diversity in Organizations. As part of my commitment to this need I will remove the cap on enrollment and accept any who want to enroll in the class.

## Two Resources

The National Museum of African American History and Culture- part of the Smithsonian- has a new website "[Talking About Race](#)" that is worth your time.

The New York Times has a resource called the [1619 Project](#) which is an excellent resource on the foundation of our nation on slavery.

## Fall Semester Registration

Registration for Fall semester (yes semester) continues. Undergraduate classes are all available. For the MPA at this time PA 6640 and PA 6720 are full, but you may be included on the waiting lists. Other sections are open. Make sure you know what you need to take and that you register promptly. Remember that Department permission or consent just means you call the PA Office. If you are uncertain what to take, undergrads contact the [SSC](#) or myself. Grads contact [Dr. Roman](#).

Under semesters classes are 15 weeks long, and entail 25% less coursework each week (4

unit to 3 unit). If you have the time, you may want to consider taking more classes than you have under quarters in order to complete your program more quickly.

## **Zoom with the Chair converted to PA 6985**

Under the semester catalog all MPA students must take two semesters of PA 6985 the Professional Development Seminar. This is a once a month- one hour -zero credit - pass fail - zoom with the chair seminar. This seminar will provide orientation to the MPA, introduce faculty, engage career development issues and generally promote communication about the degree and public service. While only semester catalog students are required to take this (two semesters) all students are welcome to attend. The seminar will be held monthly on Wednesday evenings from 6-7 pm on zoom beginning August 26.

## **Semester Transition**

On August 24 classes will start for the first semester at CSUSB. Requirements for both the Undergraduate Concentration and the MPA degree will change. MPA students-- complete your program plan with this [Planning Sheet](#). PLEASE talk to us if you have any uncertainty about how this impacts you. View the [Academic Calendar](#) for important semester dates.

## **Full Time / Part time in Semesters?**

We have had a lot of questions from Grad Students about what constitutes full or part time status under semesters. The office of Financial Aid tells us that grad students will be considered full time with 6 units or two classes and half time is 3 units or one class.

## **A bit of a Change in the Public Administration Leadership Plan**

You may have heard me tell you that this was my last term as Department Chair. Due to a delay in faculty recruitment I will continue as Chair at least through Fall semester. You may weep or cheer as you see fit.....

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

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### **Free Software for Students**

Check out the software available free of charge to CSUSB students.

[CLICK HERE](#)

### **The Obershaw DEN and Palm Desert Campus DEN**

The Obershaw DEN and PDC DEN remain open with modified hours and service for students. To minimize risk of exposure and follow best practices for food pantries, both locations will provide pick up service only. The Obershaw DEN hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and Thursday from noon-5 p.m. The Palm Desert Campus DEN hours are Tuesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Thursday from 1-5 p.m. Visit the CSUSB [Basic Needs website](#).

### **ASPA Student Memberships**

The PA Department will pay for one year of your digital 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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