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Department of Public Administration PA Digest

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## PA Digest

March 99, 2020

### SPOTLIGHTS

### IMPORTANT DATES

## Coronavirus and CSUSB-- READ THIS !!!!

Dear MPA and PA students:

We are living in strange times. But we have done that before, and I guarantee we will continue to do it in the future. One of the strengths of humanity is its resilience and ability to adjust to changing conditions. As we move past the initial shock of the coronavirus, we need to consider how to adjust—because we can't stop living our lives the best we can. I encourage everyone to take deep breaths and think about how best to keep moving forward. We need to take precautions, but not be paralyzed by fear.

CSUSB has taken steps to help us all maintain our social distance while continuing to live our lives. All classes for Spring quarter have moved online allowing everyone to continue with their education.

The PA Office will be open, virtually. Marisol, Toni, Biany and I will all be available. Please email us at [mpainfo@csusb.edu](mailto:mpainfo@csusb.edu). We will reply by email or set up a Zoom call.

MPA students--- your classes will begin as scheduled on Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Undergraduates – your classes will begin Monday April 6. This allows additional time for on-campus classes to be converted to online. Undergrads please note that if you are taking 500 level classes- you will begin with the graduate students on March 30. Also, if you are taking PA 472 – that is linked with PA 672 and will also begin March 30.

For those registered for on-campus classes, whenever your class was scheduled to meet, it will continue to meet at that same time through Zoom. You may have alternative activities, like a hybrid class, but any online Zoom engagement will be at your assigned face-to-face class time.

If you have never used Zoom – No problem – you can prepare through viewing a variety of tutorials. Go to your My Coyote – select the Collaborate tile, then Zoom Video

conferencing. Look on the left hand column and you will see a link for Video tutorials. View at least the first one – Join a Meeting – it is only one minute long.

You will see your Blackboard classes in My Coyote Blackboard next Wednesday, March 25. Make sure you go there and see any information provided by your instructors. Call the PA office with any questions.

Together we will work through all of this.

Keep in touch.

Jonathan

## Comprehensive Exam

The faculty and I are discussing how we will manage the Comprehensive Exam. I will let you know as soon as any decision is made. One thing I can say is that the Exam will NOT be held on campus- so any airline or hotel reservations can be cancelled.

## Commencement

No decision has been made. I imagine that will be not for a couple months.

## CANCELLED National ASPA Conference in Anaheim April 3-7

### Fall SEMESTER begins August 22nd

Make sure you are clear about how the transition affects you.

March 23-27 Spring Break

March 30 MPA Classes Begin

March 31 Cesar Chavez Day Campus Closed

April 6 Undergraduate Classes Begin

April 3-7 National ASPA Conference/Anaheim

April 4 Comp Exam Review PENDING

April 20 Spring Census

April 24 Comprehensive Exam PENDING

April 25 MPA Orientation  
9 am

April 25 Advancement to Candidacy 11 am

May 4 Summer Registration Begins

May 21 Fall Registration Begins

May 25 Memorial Day/ Campus Closed

## OPPORTUNITIES

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**I believe all live events have been cancelled.**

### **EPA Intern Program**

**United States Environmental Protection Agency Pathways Intern Program**  
**Come work for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9! We will soon be accepting online applications for paid student internships in our San Francisco, CA office, giving junior thru graduate level students an opportunity to explore career paths and interests in the fields of environmental engineering, life & physical science, grants, finance, business, contracts, IT and environmentalism. Apply through [USA Jobs](#)**

### **Transportation Research Challenge**

**The CSUSB Leonard Transportation Center, led by our own Dr. Kimberly Collins will hold a student research competition on now to obtain and measure a sustainable and equitable transportation system for the Inland Empire. Check this out [HERE](#). Application deadline is April 15. For more information contact [lfc@csusb.edu](mailto:lfc@csusb.edu).**

### **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?**

**Follow Us and keep informed of what is going on.**

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