

**MPA Graduating Students'**  
**Oral Presentation Topics for Assessment Purposes**

**Fall 2013**

- Defense of Marriage Act
- Tax and expenditure limitations and student performance
- Getting the Job Done—Employment strategies for veterans
- Aim High—Teachers and Math in summer programs
- State policies impacting local governments in California
- Veterinarian Behavior Services Program Evaluation
- Hedgehog Concept in Collins' Good to Great
- Subprime and predatory lending
- Sustainable and mutually beneficial collaboration: Thune House for Youth
- California's new Local Control Funding Formula for Schools
- Bay Area Regional Planning Information Cluster Analysis
- Family smoking prevention and the Tobacco Control Act
- Beyond Machiavelli: Policy Analysis

**Spring 2013**

- Case study of the leadership of Rudy Giuliani
- Social impact bonds
- Public and private management / Pay for Performance
- Urban Service Innovations: Bay Area Project
- AB 32
- Crisis in Louisiana: An assessment of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill
- 2020 Vision for Berkeley's children and youth
- Nonprofits and social media
- Receivership and special monitors for cities
- CSR and women's empowerment
- National Park Service's economic impact
- Deferred action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- Office of Portfolio Management—New York City School District 2010-2011
- Rent control policies in San Francisco
- Student loans reforms under President Obama
- Initiative system in California
- Impact investing in the US
- Supporting disabilities in the workplace
- Nonprofit Sector—social service or social change?
- DREAM Act

- Stockton's fiscal meltdown
- California's efforts to reduce teen pregnancy
- 501c3 organizations and requirements
- Ranked choice voting

### **Fall 2012**

- Leadership of Nelson Mandela
- Economic Development
- Facts on teacher dismissal
- Discipline and termination—employee rights in the public sector
- Policy Analysis—Health Care / Healthy San Francisco
- Policy entrepreneurs—The big win and street level bureaucrats
- Future technology applications in criminal justice
- Smartphone- public servant of the future?
- New Conservatory Theater Center
- Usefulness of captioning

### **Spring 2012**

- Debt financing
- Understated leader trait—emotional maturity
- Rainy day funds
- Modern rise of quasi-governments
- Local economic development
- Recruitment and selection
- Gloria Molina—No Prison in East LA / community change through political action
- Risk management
- Strategic planning for nonprofit organizations
- Leadership at Hamilton Family Center
- Generations
- Technology and strategic human resource management
- Capacity building in nonprofit organizations
- Crowdsourcing

### **Fall 2011**

- Public private partnerships

- No Child Left Behind
- Aggression in the Workplace
- UCSF Staff Engagement Survey
- Fire following earthquakes
- Ways women lead
- What makes a leader? emotional intelligence
- Sports stadiums as economic development / public subsidies
- Educational opportunity in the US: A Policy Analysis
- OC Transport—bus rapid transit in action
- AB 109
- SF Police Department Use of Force Policy

### **Spring 2011**

- Challenges of government service consolidation
- Containing health care costs: Experience from San Francisco Health Plan
- Tools for network management
- Generations in the workplace
- New Consumer Protection Bureau
- Health care reform
- Capacity building movement
- Plans for the Bayview Hunters' Point area
- LGBT policies
- Public engagement and government
- Nonprofit boards of directors
- Multi-jurisdictional cooperation between Oakland and San Francisco
- Devolution
- Indian Land Consolidation Act and its amendments
- The California Global Warming Solution Act
- Impact of the economic downturn on state and local government