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)
- 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