



The Center for Public Policy and Administration presents

The 2009 Capstone Conference

May 13th & 14th 620 Thompson Hall

Time	Name	Title	Advisor
Wednesday, May 13			
9:00 – 9:20	Kevin Greer	The Relationship between Ownership Status and Patient Outcomes at U.S. Nursing Homes	Brenda Bushouse, Political Science/CPPA
9:25 – 9:45	Emily Mew	Proposal to the City of Holyoke: A Mobile Cart Initiative for Increased Access to Healthy Food	Brenda Bushouse, Pol Sci/CPPA Rick Taupier, Int'l Research
9:50 – 10:10	Michele DesAutels	Understanding Value, Sacrifice and Group Identity: An Investigation of a Nonprofit's Member Retention	Brian Brown, School of Management
Break			
10:20 – 10:40	Dana Sambuco	Persistence in Adult Learners: A Case Study of Holyoke Community College Adult Learning Center	Cristine Smith, School of Education
10:45 – 11:05	John Ake	The Effects of District Consolidation on Administrative and Transportation Costs in North Carolina Public Elementary and Secondary Education	Katie McDermott, School of Education/CPPA
11:10 – 11:30	Vanessa Otero	Increasing Parental Involvement: Is Springfield Ready for The Comer Model?	Katie McDermott, School of Education/CPPA
Break			
11:40 – 12:00	Ludgarda Rehfisch	Nuestras Raices: Identifying Core Principles, Organizational Capacities, And Ways To Transfer Knowledge And Practices To Other Organizations	Jane Fountain, Political Science/CPPA
12: 05 – 12:25	Nyudlia Araeva	What Can Russia Do To Increase Fertility Rates?	Betsy Krause, Anthropology
12:30 – 12:50	Sorin Dan	Welfare and Work: How and How Much Do TANF Cash Benefits Affect the Labor Supply of Single Parents?	Michael Ash, Economics/CPPA



Thursday, May 14

9:00 – 9:20	Carrie Bernstein	Who Gets Community Development Block Grant funds? A Case Study of San Francisco	Michael Ash, Economics/CPPA
9:25 – 9:45	Diana Gerardi	Looking to the Future: A Comprehensive Program for University of Massachusetts Amherst Student Veterans	Katie McDermott, School of Education/CPPA
9:50 – 10:10	Ryan Kidder	Massachusetts Articulation Agreements In Computer Science: Use, Perceptions, And Best Practices In The Quest For Efficient Transfer	Jane Fountain, Political Science/CPPA
10: 15 – 10:35	Carol Stewart	Exploring the Commitment to Community College Transfer Students at One Elite Liberal Arts Institution: A Case Study of the Frances Perkins Program	Shederick McClendon, School of Education
Break			
10:50 – 11:10	Caitlin Gould	Residential Renewable Energy Programs in Massachusetts: Are the funds going to their most productive use?	Robert Muth, Natural Resources Conservation
11:15 – 11:35	Paul Newlin	Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers: Appraisal of an International Environmental Policy Instrument	Michael Ash, Economics/CPPA
11:40 – 12:00	Haley Keenan- Gray	The Women’s Foundation of Arkansas and the Girls of Promise Conferences: Managing the Volunteers	Brenda Bushouse, Political Science/CPPA