# New Professional Doctorate Program Offers New Opportunities for Embedded Librarianship with Policy Practitioners

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### Overview

Details of a teaching faculty/library liaison partnership for a new Public Policy doctoral program

How a multi-part strategic approach was used to introduce professional practitioners to library research, research assignments, policy white papers, and their final Capstone project

What comes next?

UNLV, UNLV Libraries, Greenspun College of Urban Affairs (GCUA)



UNLV: Founded in 1957; 30K Students; R1/Carnegie (12/18)



UNLV Libraries: Library liaison program has a strong collaboration component with teaching faculty and students



GCUA: Created in 1996; 5 schools/departments; over 3,700 undergrads; 432 master's; 105 doctoral students

School of Public Policy and Leadership; Doctor of Public Policy (DPP) Program



School of Public Policy & Leadership: 1 undergrad program; 2 grad certificates; 2 Master's; 2 PhD programs



DPP: Began in 2018; Professional doctorate designed for individuals interested in developing skills in policymaking/implementation; majority of students employed by all levels of government or higher education



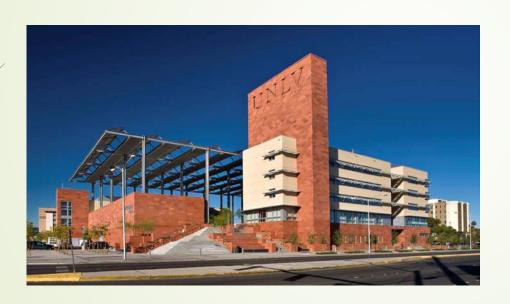
44 students enrolled; Hybrid (all online since 2020); 3-year program over 6 semesters

Faculty/Librarian
Partnerships: UNLV
Faculty Institute (2018)

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## Library Partnership: DPP Teaching Faculty & Urban Affairs Librarian









### DPP Coordinator/Librarian Strategic Approach

Orientation/research
workshop w/School of
Public Policy &
Leadership
master's/doctoral
cohorts

Introductory LibGuide for PPY beginning courses

DPP coordinator shares new cohort's research interests/plans

Add research starting points for each student on LibGuide

Virtual small group library workshops over a 2-day period; students grouped by similar interests (health, education, etc.)

Post-workshop research follow-ups

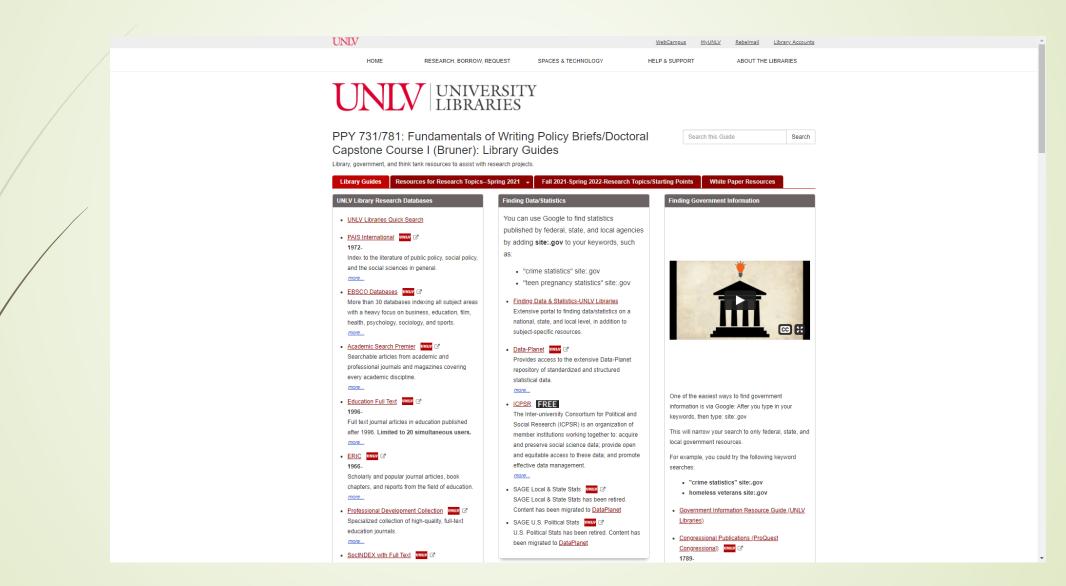
Virtual office hours; appointments; emails

Following semesters: Library check-ins; emails; LibGuide revisions

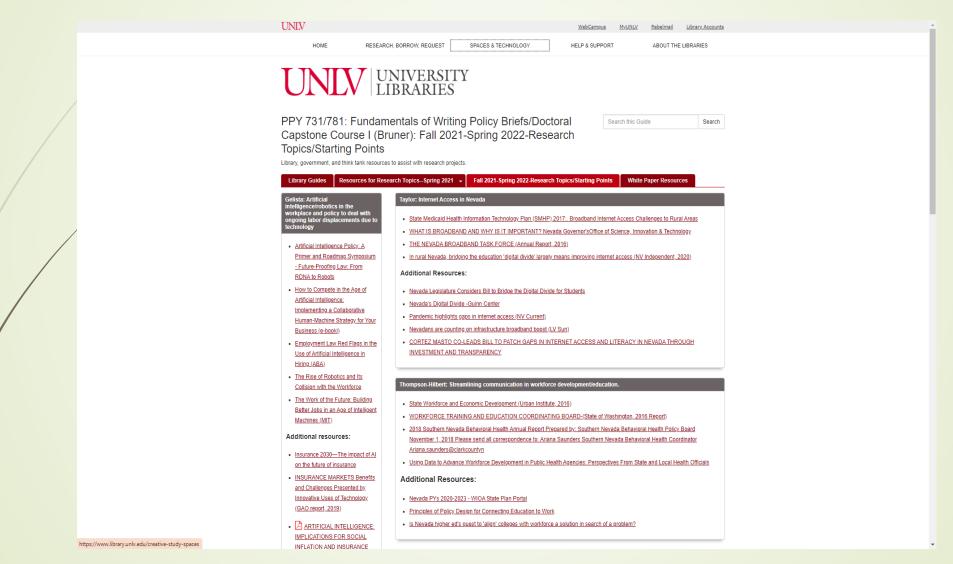
## Public Policy & Leadership Master's/Doctoral Orientation



## DPP Pre-Workshop Introductory LibGuide



## DPP Cohort's Research Starting Points LibGuide



## Example of Student's Research Plan over Two Semesters

### Royce: Support services for disadvantaged, single, African American mothers.

- . Single Mother Families and Employment, Race, and Poverty in Changing Economic Times\*
- . Black Women's Maternal Health: A Multifaceted Approach to Addressing Persistent and Dire Health Disparities
- . Inequalities in Poverty and Income between Single Mothers and Fathers

### Additional Resources

- . Health Literacy in African-American Communities: Barriers and Strategies
- Exploring the Relationship between Maternal Health Literacy, Parenting Self-Efficacy, and Early Parenting Practices among Low-Income Mothers with Infants
- . COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN (Dec 2019)

### evised Topic: Maternal Health Literacy

### Keywords:

"maternal health literacy"

disproportionate OR disproportionalities

child welfare

race OR ethnicity

### E-books, .gov & .org sources, newspaper, and scholarly articles

- Racial Disproportionality and Disparities in the Child Welfare System
- . Child Welfare Practice to Address Racial Disproportionality and Disparity
- Examining Racial Disproportionality in Child Protective Services Case Decisions
- Disproportionality and Race Equity in Child Welfare
- Advocates strive to improve maternal mortality rate among Blacks in Las Vegas (Las Vegas Sun article, 1/7/22)

### Laws & Statute

- The Multiethnic Placement Act & Transracial Adoption 25 Years Later;
- Federal/State Legislation on these areas (Summaries from NCSL org)

### Medicaid Usage Reports--Where to find them?

Student asked for help finding reports or data on maternal Medicaid usage for mothers in Clark County. After investigating the State of Nevada Medicaid data resource. <u>This infection on yournessources/AdminiSupport/Reports/Caseload/Data/</u> that dign't have the county info, I reached out to State of Nevada data center to see if they could help the student find the county info.

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### Future Plans/Goals

Assessment: How are we doing? How can we improve?

Pilot Project with SPPL Director/Libraries Collection Management: Making All Course Resources Available

## Thank You! Any Questions?



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