



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)

UNLV | UNIVERSITY
LIBRARIES

UNLV



Library Partnership: DPP Teaching Faculty & Urban Affairs Librarian



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College of
URBAN AFFAIRS

UNLV | UNIVERSITY
LIBRARIES

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

Public Policy and Leadership

Resources and information for the UNLV School of Public Policy and Leadership, including Public Administration, Urban Studies, Nonprofit Management, Public Management, and Urban Leadership

Questions? Ask Us!

Getting Started

Finding Articles & Databases

Finding Books & Ebooks

Recommended Public Policy-Related Web Resources

Finding Online Movies & Streaming Videos

Finding Data & Statistics

Welcome Master's & Doctoral Students!

Citing Sources

Questions? Ask Us!

Library Orientation PowerPoint

- Public Policy Beginning Research Presentation

Video Tutorials

- All UNLV Libraries Tutorials
- Literature Review Tutorial (NC State University Libraries)

Welcome!

Welcome to the Master's & Doctoral Public Policy Resource Guide!



Please [register your Rebel Card](#) at this [link](#) to check-out materials from the UNLV Libraries.

To begin, view the [UNLV Libraries Tutorials](#) at this by clicking [here](#).

Sign up for Interlibrary Loan at this [link](#). (Click on First Time Users to set up account.

Need more help? Contact your librarian, Susie Skart at susie.skart@unlv.edu

The Inquiry Process

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1	2	3	4
Pose Real Questions	Find Resources	Interpret Information	Report Findings
What do I want to know about this topic?	What kinds of resources might help?	How is this relevant to my question?	What is my main point?
What do I know about my question?	Where do I find them?	What parts support my answer?	Who is my audience?
How do I know it?	How do I know the info is valid?	How does it relate to what else I know?	What else is important?
What do I need to know?	Who is responsible for the info?	What parts do not support my answer?	How does it connect?
What could an answer be?	What other info is there?	Does it raise new questions?	How do I use media to express my message?

DPP Pre-Workshop Introductory LibGuide

The screenshot shows the UNLV University Libraries website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for WebCampus, MyUNLV, Rebelmail, and Library Accounts. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for HOME, RESEARCH, BORROW, REQUEST, SPACES & TECHNOLOGY, HELP & SUPPORT, and ABOUT THE LIBRARIES. The main header features the UNLV University Libraries logo. The page title is "PPY 731/781: Fundamentals of Writing Policy Briefs/Doctoral Capstone Course I (Bruner): Library Guides". There is a search box with the text "Search this Guide" and a "Search" button. Below the title, there is a navigation bar with tabs for "Library Guides", "Resources for Research Topics--Spring 2021", "Fall 2021-Spring 2022-Research Topics/Starting Points", and "White Paper Resources". The main content area is divided into three columns:

- UNLV Library Research Databases:** A list of databases including UNLV Libraries Quick Search, PAIS International (1972-), EBSCO Databases, Academic Search Premier, Education Full Text (1996-), ERIC (1966-), Professional Development Collection, and SocINDEX with Full Text.
- Finding Data/Statistics:** A section explaining how to use Google to find statistics published by federal, state, and local agencies by adding "site:.gov" to keywords. It includes examples like "crime statistics" site:.gov and "teen pregnancy statistics" site:.gov. It also lists resources like Finding Data & Statistics-UNLV Libraries, Data-Planet, and ICPSR (FREE).
- Finding Government Information:** A section explaining how to find government information via Google by typing "site:.gov" in keywords. It includes examples like "crime statistics" site:.gov and homeless veterans site:.gov. It also lists resources like Government Information Resource Guide (UNLV Libraries) and Congressional Publications (ProQuest Congressional).

DPP Cohort's Research Starting Points LibGuide

UNLV UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

PPY 731/781: Fundamentals of Writing Policy Briefs/Doctoral Capstone Course I (Bruner): Fall 2021-Spring 2022-Research Topics/Starting Points

Library, government, and think tank resources to assist with research projects.

Library Guides Resources for Research Topics—Spring 2021 **Fall 2021-Spring 2022-Research Topics/Starting Points** White Paper Resources

Gelista: Artificial intelligence/robotics in the workplace and policy to deal with ongoing labor displacements due to technology

- [Artificial Intelligence Policy: A Primer and Roadmap Symposium - Future-Proofing Law: From RDNA to Robots](#)
- [How to Compete in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Implementing a Collaborative Human-Machine Strategy for Your Business \(e-book\)](#)
- [Employment Law Red Flags in the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Hiring \(ABA\)](#)
- [The Rise of Robotics and Its Collision with the Workforce](#)
- [The Work of the Future: Building Better Jobs in an Age of Intelligent Machines \(MIT\)](#)

Additional resources:

- [Insurance 2030—The impact of AI on the future of insurance](#)
- [INSURANCE MARKETS Benefits and Challenges Presented by Innovative Uses of Technology. \(GAO report, 2019\)](#)
- [ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: IMPLICATIONS FOR SOCIAL INFLATION AND INSURANCE](#)

Taylor: Internet Access in Nevada

- [State Medicaid Health Information Technology Plan \(SMHP\) 2017.. Broadband Internet Access Challenges to Rural Areas](#)
- [WHAT IS BROADBAND AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation & Technology.](#)
- [THE NEVADA BROADBAND TASK FORCE \(Annual Report, 2016\)](#)
- [In rural Nevada, bridging the education 'digital divide' largely means improving internet access. \(NV Independent, 2020\)](#)

Additional Resources:

- [Nevada Legislature Considers Bill to Bridge the Digital Divide for Students](#)
- [Nevada's Digital Divide -Guinn Center](#)
- [Pandemic highlights gaps in internet access \(NV Current\)](#)
- [Nevadans are counting on infrastructure broadband boost \(LV Sun\)](#)
- [CORTEZ MASTO CO-LEADS BILL TO PATCH GAPS IN INTERNET ACCESS AND LITERACY IN NEVADA THROUGH INVESTMENT AND TRANSPARENCY](#)

Thompson-Häbert: Streamlining communication in workforce development/education.

- [State Workforce and Economic Development \(Urban Institute, 2016\)](#)
- [WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD-\(State of Washington, 2016 Report\)](#)
- [2018 Southern Nevada Behavioral Health Annual Report Prepared by: Southern Nevada Behavioral Health Policy Board November 1, 2018. Please send all correspondence to: Ariana Saunders, Southern Nevada Behavioral Health Coordinator Ariana.saunders@clarkcountynv](#)
- [Using Data to Advance Workforce Development in Public Health Agencies: Perspectives From State and Local Health Officials](#)

Additional Resources:

- [Nevada PY's 2020-2023 - WIOA State Plan Portal](#)
- [Principles of Policy Design for Connecting Education to Work](#)
- [Is Nevada higher ed's quest to 'align' colleges with workforce a solution in search of a problem?](#)

<https://www.library.unlv.edu/creative-study-spaces>

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 \(Dec 2019\)](#)

Revised 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 & Statutes

- [The Multiracial 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: <https://hhsdo.nv.gov/Resources/AdminSupport/Reports/CaseloadData/> that didn'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.

Urban Affairs Librarian





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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