

A master's thesis or graduate project is a requirement for the Master's degree in Social Work and represents the capstone of the Master's program. Under the direction of a thesis/research advisor and a faculty committee, the student carries out a substantive scholarly endeavor which contributes to the advancement of knowledge or practice in social welfare.

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*Thesis & Graduate Project
Defense Presentations
Tuesday, May 15, 2018*

Panel 1: Increasing Awareness and Implementing Change
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

1. **Whitney Powers** *Implementing Trauma Informed Care Training for all New Stanislaus County Juvenile Hall Employees*
Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Chair; Sevaughn Banks, Ph.D., Committee Member
2. **Olphelia Nguyen** *New Beginning Sober Living Home*
John Garcia, Ph.D., Chair; Kilolo Brodie, Ph.D., Committee Member
3. **Matthew Mercado** *Suicide Prevention Curriculum in the MSW Program*
John Garcia, Ph.D., Chair; Kilolo Brodie, Ph.D., Committee Member

Panel 2: Stress & Well-Being
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

1. **Crystal Davenport** *Tuition on the Rise: How Students are Coping*
Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Chair; Mr. Paul Sivak, MSW, Committee Member
2. **Christie Campos** *The Stressors of College: A Student-Led Workshop*
Jane Rousseau, Ph.D., Chair; Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Committee Member
3. **Faria Alamkhel** *Tools for Well-Being Curriculum: Qualitative Assessment of the Pilot Program*
John Garcia, Ph.D., Chair; Ms. Yvonne Berenguer, MSW, Committee Member
4. **Naomi Villasenor** *Big Sis Lil Sis Mentor Program*
Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Chair; Valerie Leyva, Ph.D., Committee Member

Panel 3: College Persistence and Diverse Student Populations
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

1. **Chris Germer** *The Impact That Campus Climate and Sense of Belonging Have on Men of Color and Their College Persistence*
Shradha Tibrewal, Ph.D., Chair; John Garcia, Ph.D., Committee Member
2. **Tara Emerick** *Transgender Students' Experiences with Microaggressions and Its Effect on College Persistence*
Shradha Tibrewal, Ph.D., Chair; John Garcia, Ph.D., Committee Member
3. **Ingrid Medina** *Intersectional Students' of Campus Climate and Sense of Belonging at Stanislaus State*
Shradha Tibrewal, Ph.D., Chair; Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Committee Member
4. **Annalisia Delgado** *Student Perceptions of Campus Climate and Sense of Belonging at Stanislaus State*
Shradha Tibrewal, Ph.D., Chair; Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Committee Member

Lunch

Panel 4: Child Welfare
1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

1. **Wendy Miller** *Examining the Relationship Between AOD Involvement and Family Reunification Outcomes in Child Welfare Cases*
Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Chair; Sevaughn Banks, Ph.D., Committee Member
2. **Danielle Bravo** *Foster Parents Perspectives on Foster Care and How Services Can Be Enhanced*
Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Chair; John Garcia, Ph.D., Committee Member
3. **Melinda Hunt** *African American Hair Care – Resources for Foster Parents*
Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Chair; Valerie Leyva, Ph.D., Committee Member
4. **Anabel Vera** *Integrating a Health Relationship Workshop Among Foster Youth at Rainbow Valley Foster Care*
Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Chair; Sevaughn Banks, Ph.D., Committee Member