

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
Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Panel 1: Examining Diversity Issues

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

1. **Soknai Min Chanchea** *Foreign-Born Versus U.S. Born: Success Defined by Cambodians*
John Garcia, Ph.D., Chair; Kilolo Brodie, Ph.D., Committee Member
2. **Jose Miguel Oropeza** *The Influence of DACA on Pathways: DACA'mented*
Kilolo Brodie, Ph.D., Chair; John Garcia, Ph.D., Committee Member
3. **Lorie Webb** *Exploring the Dynamics of Intersectional Gender Gap in Social Services*
Shradha Tibrewal, Ph.D., Chair; John Garcia, Ph.D., Committee Member
4. **Sandra Alcantar-Casillas** *First Generation: Student Experience Surrounding an Imposed Label*
John Garcia, Ph.D., Chair; Yvonne Berenguer, MSW, Committee Member

Panel 2: End of Life Options Act

10:10 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

1. **Anna Billy** *End of Life Options Act Symposium*
Shradha Tibrewal, Ph.D., Chair; John Garcia, Ph.D., Committee Member
2. **Leonor Sierra** *Physician-Assisted End of Life Options Act and California Social Workers: Are They Ready?*
Valerie Leyva, Ph.D., Chair; John Garcia, Ph.D., Committee Member

Panel 3: Graduate Projects

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1. **Jaime George** *Utilizing Social Media to Expand Grassroots Voices in the Central California Valley*
Jane Rousseau, Ph.D., Chair; Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Committee Member
2. **Brenda Reyes** *Merced Family Fitness Fair*
John Garcia, Ph.D., Chair; Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Committee Member
3. **Madison Pimentel** *Understanding the Signs of Sex Trafficking: How Knowledgeable are You About the Sex Trafficking Industry?*
Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Chair; John Garcia, Ph.D., Committee Member
4. **Kylee Croom** *The Happiness Trap: College Students and Stress*
Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Chair; Paul Sivak, MSW, Committee Member
5. **Jon Grammatico** *Workshop for Mental Health Providers that Serve LGBTQ+ Youth in the Central Valley*
Valerie Leyva, Ph.D., Chair; Robin Ringstad, Ph.D., Committee Member

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Panel 4: Factors Impacting Academic Success

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

1. **Tarina Porchia** *Factors That Impact Academic Success of Middle School Students*
John Garcia, Ph.D., Chair; Kilolo Brodie, Ph.D., Committee Member
2. **Sylvia Jasso** *Imposter Phenomenon among graduate students*
Kilolo Brodie, Ph.D., Chair; John Garcia, Ph.D., Committee Member