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AREAS OF INTERESTS: *research in higher education policy, finance and governance; policy analysis; community organizing & advocacy; non-profit leadership*

ACADEMIC PREPARATION: Ph.D., Education – Higher Education and Organizational Change
University of California, Los Angeles (In progress: Doctoral candidate)

M.A., Education – Higher Education and Organizational Change
University of California, Los Angeles (2011)

M.P.P., Public Policy with Higher Education emphasis
Meyer and Renee Luskin School of Public Affairs
University of California, Los Angeles (2009)

B.S., Environmental Science and Policy with Social Science emphasis
B.A., Economics
California State University, Long Beach (2007)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: POLICY AND STRATEGY ANALYST, ASI Leader and Program Development,
Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Incorporated (2008/6-2011/9)
Duties and responsibility include:

- *Providing research and analysis of federal, state and local policy issues and other university and public policy topics which directly impacts CSU students.*
- *Offering supports and guidance to student leadership in developing and executing advocacy and messaging strategy.*
- *Developing and implementing effective transition and training programs for student leadership in their advocacy efforts.*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
Teaching Assistant

- ED137: Public policy in higher education (Fall 2011, Fall 2012)
- ED250B: Organizational theory in higher education (Winter 2012, Winter 2013)
- ED263: Higher education finance: Perspectives on economic diversity & social justice (Spring 2012)
- ED265: Higher education policy (Spring 2011)

Graduate Student Researcher, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies
(2010/1-2010/6, 2012/1-2012/6)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE
Graduate Student Researcher, California Community College Collaborative (C4),
Graduate School of Education, (2009/2-2009/9)

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH
Graduate Assistant, Office of the Academic Senate, (2008/2-2008/5)

**WORKS IN
PROGRESS:**

Santos, J. L., & _____ *Higher education stratification in Arizona: Demographics, enrollments, and graduation rates.* (In preparation)

_____ *Who's driving the price up?: An analysis of state policy preference & individual costs for postsecondary education and federal financial aid awards.* (Dissertation study in progress | Faculty advisor: José Luis Santos)

**REFEREED
CONFERENCE
PAPERS:**

_____ (accepted). *What's driving it up?: A multi-level analysis of out-of-pocket costs & state postsecondary education policies.* A poster presentation at the Association for Education Finance and Policy 38th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

_____ & Santos, J.L. (accepted). *Worth a trouble?: An examination of two-year college debt & labor market outcomes.* A poster presentation at the Association for Education Finance and Policy 38th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

_____ (2012, April). *An exploratory study of California's college student out-migration pattern.* Accepted for a poster session at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Education Research Association, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

_____, Qi, W., Reiss, E. & Lenio, J. (2011, April). *Building community, building futures: The relationship of community service to employment-related outcomes.* Presented at a poster session at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Education Research Association, New Orleans, LA.

Santos, J. L., Franke, R. & _____ (2011, March). *Beyond the baccalaureate: An examination of how student indebtedness impacts graduate school attendance.* Accepted for a presentation at the Association for Education Finance and Policy 36th Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

**THESIS &
DISSERTATION:**

Bui, V.K., Chijiwa, R., _____, & Ortiz, D. (2009). *Textbook affordability at California State University, Fullerton.* Applied Policy Project submitted toward partial fulfillment for a degree of Master of Public Policy. University of California, Los Angeles. (Faculty advisor: Andrew Sabl)

**TALKS &
LECTURES ON
PUBLIC POLICY
& LEADERSHIP:**

Organizational paradigm perspectives in analysis of higher education (2013, February 12). A graduate seminar and discussion for ED250B: Organizational analysis of higher education at University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

Changing policy landscape: Research and public discourse on direct student aid programs and policies (2012, November 21 and 26). A two-part lecture for ED137: Public policy in higher education at University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

What's on your ballot?: A guide to make sense of ballot propositions (2012, November 2). A community workshop at Islamic Institute of Orange County, Anaheim, CA.

Application of Eugen Bardach's "Eightfold Path" to analysis of postsecondary education policy (2012, October 8, 24 and November 14). A three-part lecture for ED137: Public policy in higher education at University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

Survey of the contemporary history of US postsecondary education and “Access” as a value & social contract (2012, October 6). A lecture for ED137: Public policy in higher education at University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

When you judge someone: Stereo-typing and opportunities lost for leadership in community engagement (2012, April 22). A talk given at AMCLI xChange: Leadership, Uninhibited, hosted by American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute, Washington, D.C.

Human capital investment and economic & non-economic returns: Theoretical perspectives in contexts of higher education finance (2012, April 17). A graduate seminar and discussion for ED263: Higher education finance: Perspectives on economic diversity and social justice at University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

Review of organizational theories & applications in studies of higher education (2012, April 4). A review session for first-year PhD/MA students in HEOC program, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA. ***Co-taught with Jennifer Berdan*

Policy challenges for postsecondary education in California (2012, March 11). A lecture for the 2012 and inaugural cohort of the New Leaders Council-Orange County Chapter fellows, Anaheim, CA.

Survey and application of three fundamental approaches to organizational analysis in higher education (2012, January 17). A graduate seminar and discussion for ED250B: Organizational analysis of higher education at University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

**AD-HOC
ADVISEMENT &
CONSULTATION
ON POLICY
ANALYSIS:**

The 2012 Voter Development Campaign Strategy for Orange County Congregation Community Organization, Anaheim, CA. Contributed to development of talking points for community leaders and agenda for the campaign kick-off event, as well as to organizing of candidates’ forums for local city council & school boards. (2012/6-2012/11).

Development of a Learning Outcome Assessment Instrument for the Youth Program for Islamic Institute of Orange County, Anaheim, CA (2011/11).

Development of a Program Review Strategy for Mentors for Academic and Peer Support, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA (2011/10).

The 2011 Budget Advocacy Campaign Platform for Orange County Congregation Community Organization, Anaheim, CA. Contributed to development of the higher education portion of the county-wide advocacy message and provided statistical backgrounds for implications of the Governor’s proposed budget for K-12 and postsecondary education. (2011/5-2011/6).

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS:**

Annual Performance Evaluations for the Executive Director of Associated Students UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. (2009/2010, 2010/2011 & 2011/2012: As the committee chair & principal author).

Initial Three-Year Administrative Review for the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs -Graduate and Undergraduate Programs, CSULB. (2006/2007: As a committee co-chair).

Review of Policies on State-Support & Self-Support Academic Programs for the Academic Senate, CSULB. (2006/2007: As a committee member).

Initial Three-Year Administrative Review of the Vice Provost and Director of Strategic Planning, CSULB (2005/2006: As a committee member)

OTHER WORKS: *What Does the Muslim Vote Mean?*, an opinion piece contributed for “[Where do we go from here: Four one years of Obama](http://www.illumemagazine.com/)” by Affad Shaikh in ILLUME Magazine (<http://www.illumemagazine.com/>). (2013/1/23).

Japanese-English Translation of the Teacher Evaluation Protocol of the Fukuoka Board of Education for José Felipe Martinez, Assistant Professor of Education, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. (2012/11).

Convert(sation), a panel discussion on perspectives of Muslim converts in the United States, hosted by the Muslim Student Union of the University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA. (2012/3/1).

Interview and Selection Panel for the Inaugural Cohort of the New Leaders Council-Orange County Chapter, Anaheim, CA (2011/11).

NON-PROFIT LEADERSHIP: ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles, CA: *Member, Board of Directors* (2009/6-2012/6), *Board’s Personnel Committee Chair* (2009/10-2012/7)

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH, INC., Long Beach, CA: *Vice President and Chairman of the Board of Directors* (2005/6-2007/5), *Trustee, University Student Union* (2005/6-2007/5), *Member, Board of Directors* (2003/6-2005/5), *Board’s Bylaws Committee Chair* (2004/6-2005/5)

FORTY-NINER SHOPS, INC., Long Beach, CA: *Member, Board of Directors* (2005/6-2007/5)

CALIFORNIA STATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION, Long Beach, CA: *Parliamentarian, Board of Directors* (Winter/Spring 2006), *Board’s Liaison to the Academic Senate CSU* (2005/2006, Winter/Spring 2007)

SELECT UNIVERSITY SERVICES: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES: *Chancellor’s Enrollment Advisory Committee* (2007/2008), *Undergraduate Council* (2007/2008)

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM: *Academic Planning Council* (2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013), *University Committee on Academic Freedom* (2008/2009)

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH:

Academic Senate (2005/2006, 2006/2007), Student Fee Advisory Committee (2005/2006, 2006/2007), Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Committee (2004/2005, 2005/2006, 2006/2007), Curriculum and Educational Policy Council (2004/2005, Spring 2007)

THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM:

Chancellor's General Education Advisory Committee (2005/2006, 2006/2007)

**FELLOWSHIP &
SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDED:**

FUNDING FELLOWSHIPS:

Roe L. Johns Travel Grant from the Association for Education Finance and Policy (2013)

University Fellowship from UCLA (2011/2012)

Nonresident Tuition Grant from UCLA (2011/2012)

Lawrence W. Erickson Memorial Fellowship from UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Sciences (2010/2011)

Non-resident Fee Scholarship from UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Sciences (2009/2010)

Christina Speaker Leadership Scholarship from CSULB Associated Students, Inc. (2005/5)

INSTITUTE FELLOWSHIPS:

Institute for Training in Educational Evaluation Fellowship at the UC Educational Evaluation Center, University of California, Santa Barbara (2012/7)

American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute Fellowship at the Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California (2011/2012)

National Summer Data Policy Institute Fellowship by the Association of Institutional Research/National Center for Educational Statistics/National Science Foundation (2010/6)

Education for Leadership in Public Service at the Leon and Sylvia Panetta Institute for Public Policy, California State University, Monterey Bay (2005/6)

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

Faculty Award from the Faculty of the UCLA Higher Education & Organizational Change Division (2012/10)

Certificates of Commendation from the UCLA Chancellor and Executive Director of the Associated Students UCLA (2010/6, 2011/6 & 2012/6)

The Gabrielino/Forty-Niner Award from the Associated Students, CSULB (2007/5)

Chair's Award from the Chair of the California State Student Association (2006/5)

Earl Durham, Jr. Student Government Award from the Associated Students, CSULB (2005/5)

Senator of the Year Awards from the Associated Students, CSULB (2004/5 and 2005/5)

SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Bilingual (Written and Oral Communications): Japanese and English

Strong working knowledge in MS Office: Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook

Competency in statistical and quantitative analysis: GRE Quantitative 800/800, Acquaintance with Stata and SPSS, Completed 20+ quarter units of graduate-level quantitative analysis coursework

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Educational Research Association (AERA), Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), Association for Institutional Research (AIR), Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE)

SELECT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS:

NEW LEADERS COUNCIL – ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER, Anaheim, CA (2012/6-present): *Advisory Board Member*

ISLAMIC INSTITUTE OF ORANGE COUNTY, Anaheim, CA (2010/6-present): *Public Relations Committee Chair*

OPERATION: BROWN PAPER BAGS (Quarterly homeless feeding project), Long Beach, CA (2008/11-present): *Co-Founder and Organizer*

MUSASHINO GAKUEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Tokyo, Japan (Summer 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006): *Summer Camp Teaching Assistant*

NISHIHAMA SURF LIFESAVING CLUB, Kanagawa, Japan (Summer 2001, 2002 and 2003): *Surf Life Guard*

REFERENCES: References are available upon request.