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Policy in Action Symposium: MPA Class of 2024

Joukowsky Forum, 111 Thayer Street

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 and Thursday, May 9, 2024

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Program Schedule

DAY 1 - May 8, 2024

9:00am - 9:30am **Welcome/General Guidelines/Continental Breakfast**

9:30am - 10:00am **Presentation 1**
Annenberg Institute at Brown - Envisioning Pathways for Climate Resilience and Adaptation Across U.S. K-12 Public Schools

Jawaher Al-Shamari

Zesheng (Tim) Li

Gulsima Young

10:00am - 10:10am **Transition Break**

10:15am - 10:45am **Presentation 2**
US-Mexico Foundation - A Comparative Analysis of the European Union, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and MERCOSUR

Laura Cianciolo

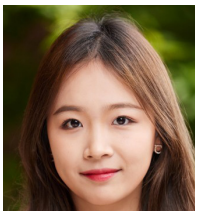
Ruochen Sun

Jitripat (Juno) Tantipipatpong

10:45am-10:55am **Transition Break** (with Coffee Break built-in)

11:00am-11:30am **Presentation 3**
Annenberg Institute at Brown - High School Immigrant Newcomer Students in Massachusetts Public Schools

Mallory Bedford


Yilu Bian

Jessica Saenz Gomez

11:30am-11:40am **Transition Break**

11:45am-12:15pm **Presentation 4**
Department of Defense - Advancing Responsible AI Governance: Refining the Department of Defense's Strategic Vision

Vanessa Marie Iustina Booth

Tzion Jones

Tyler Lu

12:15pm-2:00pm **Lunch** (Agora, 280 Brook Street)

2:00pm-2:30pm **Presentation 5**
Annenberg Institute - Teacher Induction: Supporting Early Career Teachers

Carl Austin Grondin

Lizbeth Lucero

Maxwell Macort

2:30pm-2:40pm **Transition Break**

2:45pm-3:15pm **Presentation 6**
United Way of Rhode Island - Workforce Development and the Importance of Partnerships in Rhode Island

Grant Cohen

Lina Jubreel

Qiuyi Wu

3:15pm-3:25pm **Transition Break**

3:30pm-4:00pm **Presentation 7**
US Coast Guard Academy (USCGA) Center for Arctic Study and Policy

Rachel Feldman

Brendan McGinty

Yunija Xu

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DAY 2 - May 9, 2024

9:00am-9:30am **Welcome/General Guidelines/Continental Breakfast**

9:30am-10:00am **Presentation 8**
Federal Communications Commission (FCC) - Implementing a Framework for Harmonizing Federal Cybersecurity Policies

Caroline Kells

Will Murray

Peter Terrazas

10:00am-10:10am **Transition Break**

10:15am-10:45am **Presentation 9**
State Innovation Exchange (SiX) - Building Capacity to Address Threats to American Democracy from Emerging Technology

Farren Fuquea

Kingslee Gourrick

Elise Kreutzer

Muhammad Shabbir

10:45am-10:55am **Transition Break** (with Coffee Break built-in)

11:00am-11:30am **Presentation 10**
RI's Governor's Workforce Board & Department of Labor & Training - Understanding the Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Workforce Development and Skill Demand in Rhode Island

Noel Bartley

Yunda (Scarlett) Hang

Fanqi Meng

Ben Youngwood

11:30am-11:40am **Transition Break**

11:45am-12:15pm **Presentation 11**
Siddi Chittarra - Developing an NGO Operational Plan

Spencer Budden

Allison Clark

Allie Hansen

Fatima Rezaie

12:15pm-2:00pm **Lunch** (Agora, 280 Brook Street)

2:00pm-2:30pm **Presentation 12**
Providence Department of Recreation - Improving Data Capture

Ashley Delgado

Nya Grantham

Tianyue Liu

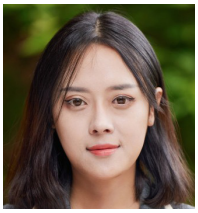
Luyun Wei

2:30pm-2:40pm **Transition Break**

2:45pm-3:15pm **Presentation 13**
RI Department of Human Services - Energy Assistance in Rhode Island: Understanding and Alleviating Energy Burden in the Ocean State

Jackson McGough

Sriram Raman


Yulai Zheng

3:15pm-3:25pm **Transition Break**

3:30pm-4:00pm **Presentation 14**
RI Department of Human Services - "People Become Vulnerable Again When They Get Here:" Assessing Newcomer Needs in Rhode Island

Aaron Ayala

Annette Y. Lee

Christopher Pool

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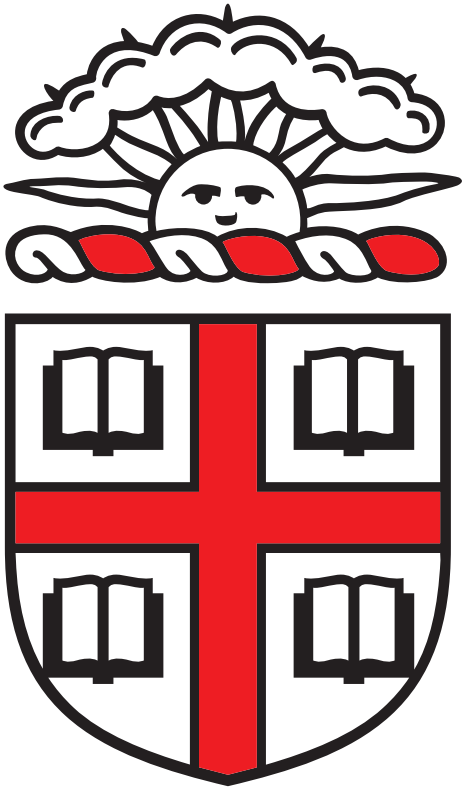

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