MPA PROJECTS

SUNY Buffalo State, School of Education and Applied Professions, Department of Business, Economics, and Public Administration

September 3, 2025

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| **PA Student** | **Project Title** | **Project Advisor** | **Defended** |
| Donald Dentice | The Role of the Manager:  Workforce Reduction and Effective Communication in the Buffalo and Rochester, New York Offices of the Red Cross | Silverman | 5/2012 |
| Jestina Eubanks | Evaluation of Re-Entry Services at the Center for Employment Opportunities' Administration Model | Henderson | 5/2014 |
| Donna Estrich | Buffalo Fiscal Control Board:  Was it Effective from a Cost-benefit Perspective? | Penksa | 5/2014 |
| Linda Siragusa | Community Residence for Developmentally Disabled People | Conorozzo | 5/2014 |
| Justin Stokes | Evaluation of Administrative Resources in Managing After-School Programs in Buffalo | Kasymova | 5/2014 |
| Seraphine Udahemuka-Sargent | [Western New York Nonprofit Organizations:  Programs and Services to Help Support Immigrants/Refugees to Build Businesses and Neighborhoods](about:blank) | Penksa | 5/2014 |
| Jesse Young | Administration of Veterans' Benefits in Higher Education through the Lens of Erie Community College | Henderson | 5/2014 |
| Jeffrey Brown | Growth Coalition Theory and the Ralph Wilson Stadium Lease Agreement:  A Social Network Analysis | Ciaccia | 8/2014 |
| Jennie Hauser | Erie County Provision of Services to Karen Refugees | Conorozzo | 8/2014 |
| Megan Keogh | [Care Transitions: Assessing Delivery Gaps in the Services System in Erie County](about:blank) | Oyler | 8/2014 |
| Joshn Lamourth-Rivera | Programs to Limit Drug Abuse among Foster Children: Evaluation of a Nonprofit in WNY | Conorozzo | 8/2014 |
| Samuel Mattle | Senior Management Roles for People with Developmental Disabilities within Non-for-Profit Service Providers in WNY | Conorozzo | 8/2014 |
| Genna Mitchell | Training Karen Refugees in the City of Buffalo to Use Computers  (project funded by the John R. Oishei Foundation) | Buonanno & Henderson | 8/2014 |
| Leishia Smallwood | A Look at the Wage Inequality among Women and Men | Conorozzo | 8/2014 |
| Elizabeth Smith | Non-Profit in Transition:  Organizational Needs Assessment of the Western New York Council on Occupational Safety & Health | Oyler | 8/2014 |
| Paige Taylor | [Nonprofit Public Service Motivation: Comparison of Direct Care Staff and Managers at Suburban Adult Services, Inc](about:blank). | Oyler | 8/2014 |
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| Michelle Amoako | What are Some Factors that Impact Job Satisfaction among Health Care Administrators?  A Case Study of Buffalo General Hospital | Penksa | 12/2014 |
| Siraj Bah | Veteran Health Administration in the Public Sector: Evaluation of the Use of HealthEVet, Electronic, and Personal Health Records | Conorozzo | 12/2014 |
| Rozanne Cuebas | [Encouraging and Maintaining Employee Participation in the Erie County Wellness Program](about:blank) | Oyler | 12/2014 |
| Nidia Goitia | The Impact of Performance-Based Budgeting at the University of Buffalo | Penska | 12/2014 |
| Nidia Goitia | The Perceptions of Performance-Based Budgeting at the University of Buffalo | Penksa | 12/2014 |
| Daniel Keppel | [Affordable Care Act Impact on the Infectious Disease Management Workload in Nonprofit/Public Hospitals - A Case Study of Roswell Park](about:blank) | Oyler | 12/2014 |
| Lisa Noonan | Foster Parent Training in Erie County | Conorozzo | 12/2014 |
| Megan Wilson | The Relationship between Public Service Motivation and Volunteering:  A Case Study of Nonprofit Employees at the Primary Care Research Institute | Kasymova | 12/2014 |
| Dinash Lal | [Investing in the Arts as a Regional Economic Development Tool: A Case Study of Buffalo State College Arts Students](about:blank) | Stone | 1/2015 |
| Joella Lukwiya | A Web-based Program Evaluation of Nonprofit Organizations | Conorozzo | 1/2015 |
| Miguel A. Reyes-Mariano | [Stress Impact of Supervisor Styles in U.S. Navy Reservists in Central New York](about:blank)  **OUTSTANDING MPA PROJECT AWARD 2015** | Conorozzo | 1/2015 |
| Maria Garozzo-Payne | Property Tax Abatements in City of Buffalo:  Assessing the Impact of the Mixed Use Exemption (*NYS Real Property Tax Law 485 [a]* | Buonanno | 5/2015 |
| Chelcie Gramza | A Qualitative Analysis of Administration in Public Schools:  A Case Study of Two Buffalo Public Schools | Cappella | 5/2015 |
| Carolyn Martino | [SUNY Buffalo State Faculty and Administrator Perception of Using Electronic Portfolios for Promotion and Tenure Reviews](about:blank) | Buonanno | 5/2015 |
| Andrea Myers | Identifying Barriers to Parent Involvement:  AA Case Study of Buffalo Public Schools | Conorozzo | 5/2015 |
| Tara Territo | Cross-Sector Differences in the Awareness of the Glass Ceiling Commission and Recourse Options | Oyler | 5/2015 |
| Erica Stempniak | Improving Care Transitions through Partnership with the Aging Network | Oyler | 8/2015 |
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| Cheryl Wailand | [Generational Comparisons of Motivation and Learning in the Public Sector:  A Case Study of Erie County](about:blank) | Oyler | 8/2015 |
| Ryan Gadzo | [SNAP Administration in NYS Counties: Which is More Effective - Case or Team Based?](about:blank) ([Poster](about:blank)) | Buonanno | 12/2015 |
| Kimberly German | [A Financial Analysis of Buffalo Charter Schools: Are Charter Schools Getting Their Fair Share of Public Funds?](about:blank) ([Poster](about:blank)) | Buonanno | 12/2015 |
| Ashley Hawley | Professional Development for Head Start Teachers: A Study of Mentoring and Coaching in Chautauqua County ([Poster](about:blank)) | Soni | 12/2015 |
| William Langer | [Student Service Members/Veterans Programs in Erie County Colleges and Universities:  Analyzing Programs for Removing Barriers and Facilitating Identity Transitioning](about:blank)([Poster](about:blank)) | Buonanno | 12/2015 |
| Sharon Rochelle | [A Study of Compassion and Job Satisfaction among Erie County's Child Protective Services Caseworkers:  Vicarious Trauma, Coping, Supervisory Style, Bureaucratic Structure, and Safety](about:blank) ([Poster](about:blank))  **OUTSTANDING MPA PROJECT AWARD 2015**  Sharon published the results of her research in a peer-reviewed journal:  Rochelle, S. & Buonanno, L. (2018).  Charting the Attitudes of County Child Protective Services Staff in a Post-Crisis Environment.  [Children and Youth Services Review](about:blank).  [https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.01.032](about:blank) | Buonanno | 12/2015 |
| Esperance Rwigamba | [Examination and Evaluation of H.E.A.L.’s Summer Youth Programs](about:blank) ([Poster](about:blank)) | Buonanno | 12/2015 |
| Jordan Then | [The Effect of Commercial Development Styles on Property Tax Revenue: A case study of commercial property in North Buffalo, New York](about:blank) ([Poster](about:blank))  **OUTSTANDING MPA PROJECT AWARD 2015** | Stone | 12/2015 |
| Jholane Haber | Buffalo's 311 Call Center:  Program Evaluation Focusing on Department Goal of Reaction Time and Resident Satisfaction | Buonanno | 5/2016 |
| Megan Swendsen | Communication and Social Media Strategies for Project Flight | Ceesay | 5/2016 |
| Edmund Barfour | Heightening Awareness of Human Trafficking in Western New York and Development of Needed Services ([Poster](about:blank)) | Soni | 8/2016 |
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| Kayla Carrasquillo | [Nonprofit Organizations in Partnerships: An Evaluation of Partnership for the Public Good's 2015 Community Agenda Process](about:blank) ([Poster](about:blank))  **OUTSTANDING MPA AWARD 2016** | Ceesay | 8/2016 |
| Christine Matos | Assessing the Effect of Resident Assistant Training on Implementing Programs at SUNY Buffalo State ([Poster](about:blank)) | Soni | 8/2016 |
| Allison Polakiewicz | Evaluation of Psychosocial Support Services for Adolescent and Young Adult Patients at Roswell Park Cancer Institute ([Poster](about:blank)) | Ceesay | 8/2016 |
| Kimberly Renda | Development of a Community Paramedicine Program for the City of Tonawanda | Buonanno & Roberts | 8/2016 |
| Naima Yancey | Attitudes of Detention Care Workers in a Juvenile Non-Secure Detention Nonprofit Facility in Erie County | Buonanno | 8/2016 |
| Kayla Cornell | An Evaluation of the Effectiveness and Implementation of the NYS Donate Life Registry:  A Case Study of UNYTS | Rivera | 12/2016 |
| Joseph Gramaglia | [Police Officers' Perceptions of Body-worn Cameras:  Comparison of Buffalo and Rochester Police Departments](about:blank)([Poster](about:blank)) **OUTSTANDING MPA PROJECT AWARD 2016**  Joe published the results of his research in a peer-reviewed journal: Gramagila, J.A. & Phillips, S. W. (2017). "[Police Officers' Perceptions of Body-Worn Cameras in Buffalo and Rochester](about:blank)," *American Journal of Criminal Justic*e. | Phillips | 12/2016 |
| Brett Loschiavo | Permanency Outcomes for Children in Erie County's Department of Social Services | Soni | 12/2016 |
| Paul Perez | Clean Sweep Program Evaluation | Rivera | 12/2016 |
| Krystal Collado | Job Satisfaction among Probation Officers:  A Case Study of US Probation and Pretrial Services in Buffalo, NY | Rivera | 1/2017 |
| Patrick Hanlon | South Buffalo Brownfield Opportunity Area: An Evaluation of the Dynamics of a Private-Public Collaboration | Buonanno | 1/2017 |
| Ye Myo Aung | Organizational Assessment:  Addressing Challenges of Burmese Community Services, Inc. | Soni | 5/2017 |
| Natalie Crespo | A Program Evaluation of Journey's End Refugee Services Matching Grant Program | Rivera | 5/2017 |
| Alaska McInnis | Truancy in Buffalo Public Schools | Ceesay | 5/2017 |
| **PA Student** | **Project Title** | **Project Advisor** | **Defended** |
| Corenia Murphy | Nutritiona Meals on a Nonprofit Budget:  Comparing the Costs of Food Supply Vendors for Boys and Girls Club | Stone | 5/2017 |
| Marisa Nold | [An Idea Whose Time Has Come? Explaining the Adoption of the Board Business Re-engineering Project](about:blank) ([Poster](about:blank)) | Buonanno | 5/2017 |
| Monique Owens | Evaluating Third Sector Participation in Emergency Management Planning: A Case Study of Nonprofits in Buffalo, New York | Rivera | 5/2017 |
| Katiurka Paniagua | Nonprofit Lifecyle:  A Look at Project Flight | Ceesay | 5/2017 |
| Lauren Picone | The Effectiveness of School-Based Pantries Operated by the Food Bank of Western New York: A Comparative Case Study of Two Buffalo Charter Schools | Ceesay | 5/2017 |
| Julia Sty | Assessing Parent Outcome Data in Early Intervention:  A   Case Study of People Inc's Program | Soni | 5/2017 |
| Muhammed Sam Sumbundu | Enterpreneurship and Agency Cooperation in Buffalo's CitiStat Performance-based Measurement Tool | Stone | 5/2017 |
| DeWayne Thomas | Bullying Policies:  A Review of The Dignity for All Students Act Implementation in Buffalo Public and Charter Schools | Ceesay | 5/2017 |
| Corneisha Brown | Factors Associated with "Success" in a Community-based Nonprofit Organization:  A Historical Look at Family Help Center of Buffalo, New York | Ceesay | 8/2017 |
| Caroline Alagna | [Education for the Changing Public Sector:  An Impact Study of the SUNY Buffalo State MPA in the Erie County Department of Social Services' Employee Education Program](about:blank)  ([Poster](about:blank))  **OUTSTANDING MPA PROJECT AWARD 2018** | Buonanno | 12/2017 |
| Sheldon Anderson | Summative Program Evaluation of New York State Minority and Women Owned Businesses (MWBE) Development Program ([poster](about:blank)) | Rivera | 12/2017 |
| Anthony Astran | [The Impact of Casino Revenue-Sharing on Tourism Efforts in Niagara Falls USA, 2006-2016](about:blank) ([poster](about:blank))  **OUTSTANDING MPA PROJECT AWARD 2018** | Buonanno | 12/2017 |
| Michael Hughes | [Factors Influencing Recruitment into the U.S. Armed Services:  Could Health Insurance be a Motivator?](about:blank) ([Poster](about:blank)) | Buonanno | 12/2017 |
| Bria Johnson | Best Practices for Youth Councils:  Lessons for the City of Buffalo ([poster](about:blank)) | Buonanno | 12/2017 |
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| Christopher Kuwik | T[he New York Safe Act:  County Clerks and County-State Relations](about:blank) ([Poster](about:blank)) | Buonanno | 12/2017 |
| John Figueroa | Raise the Age Program Development in New York State | Buonanno | 1/2018 |
| Sarita Sanders | Evaluating Retention Rates at Gloria J. Parks Senior Services Center ([poster](about:blank)) | Rivera | 1/2018 |
| Ana Brignoni-Waliczek | Challenges in Providing Appropriate and Effective Language Access in Western New York Courts ([Poster](about:blank)) | Ceesay | 5/2018 |
| Joseph Campbell | Satisfaction in Correlation to Age at the YMCA - Does Varying Age Groups, Over 65 Years versus Under 65 Year, Find the YMCA Fitness Services More Satisfactory than the Other? | Rivera | 5/2018 |
| Wendy Cook | The Impact of Ineffective Supervision on Communication, Consistency in Production, Training and Teamwork in the EFP Department at Erie County Department of Social Services | Reyes-Mariano | 5/2018 |
| Joanne Deneus | Investigating the Healthcare Infrastructure in Haiti in the Partners in Health Organization | Soni | 5/2018 |
| Jessica DePasquale & Sarah Klotzbach | [President Trump's Executive Order No. 13780: Impact on Refugee Resettlement Organizations in Buffalo](about:blank) ([Poster](about:blank)) | Buonanno | 5/2018 |
| Mackenzie Docteur | Examining Variables Affecting Funding Allocation to City Emergency Management Departments in the U.S. | Rivera | 5/2018 |
| Douglas Hoopsick | Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Substance Use, Treatment, and Coverage: A National and Local Perspective ([Poster](about:blank)) | Buonanno | 5/2018 |
| Patrick Lyons, III | [The Impact of Lexical Complexity on the Public's Understanding of Governmental Communication](about:blank) ([Poster](about:blank))  **OUTSTANDING MPA PROJECT AWARD 2019** | Ceesay | 5/2018 |
| Khadar Maow | [Somali Refugees in Buffalo:  The Impact of Language Barriers on Healthcare](about:blank) ([Poster](about:blank))  **OUTSTANDING MPA PROJECT AWARD 2019** | Ceesay | 5/2018 |
| Rada Montroy | Student Success Solutions in SUNY:  Expectations and Perceptions of the Starfish Early Alert System at SUNY Buffalo State | Rivera | 5/2018 |
| Stephen Murphy | Democratic Governance Structures:  A Case Study of the Graduate Student Association at SUNY Buffalo State | Rivera | 5/2018 |
| Stefany Nakatsubo | Analyzing Nonprofit Organizational Culture through External Perception:  Spectrum Human Services Case Study ([Poster](about:blank)) | Ceesay | 5/2018 |
| Michael Ramos | [E-Government in the City of Buffalo](about:blank) | Soni | 5/2018 |
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| Alexis Willard | Puerto Rico *Se Levanta*:  Challenges to Distributing Emergency Supplies Post | Rivera | 5/2018 |
| Ulysses O. Wingo, Sr. | Building a City of Buffalo Youth Council:  Implementation Report and Early Evaluation ([Poster](about:blank)) | Ceesay | 5/2018 |
| Taryn Moss | Homeless Service Delivery Assistance: Understanding and Enhancing Outreach Strategies | Rivera | 12/2018 |
| Casey Shannon | [Informal Rulemaking and Democratic Participation:  A Text Mining Analysis of FDA Food Labeling and FCC Net Neutrality](about:blank) | Buonanno | 12/2018 |
| Merintha Nesbitt-Hayes | Diversion Approach to Juvenile Programming: A Review of the Literature | Rivera | 1/2019 |
| Chad Austin | The Effects of Gentrification on the Burmese Refugee Population in Buffalo, NY | Rivera | 5/2019 |
| Abdirahman Farah | H.E.A.L. International Cultural Funding Application to Erie County to Provide Transportation to Health Care Appointments for Refugees in Buffalo | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
| Jill Gebauer | Fraud Allegation: Anonymity versus Disclosure in Erie County Social Services | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
| Jennifer Jacobs | Mayor Brown’s Opportunity Pledge and the Role of Compliance Regulations | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
| Shardai Johnson | Increasing Client Enrollment in the Health Home Services Program at Western New York Independent Living | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
| Doralis Jones | Analyzing the Importance of Quality Survey Evaluation for Clients in a Care Coordination Organization | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
| Evelyn Jones | Family Satisfaction Survey at Kids Capital Daycare, Inc. | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
| Mary Kage | Investigating the Veterans Health Administration programs for PTSD post 911 veterans: Effects on Family Dynamics | Ceesay | 5/2019 |
| Joan Kane | Survivors of Domestic Violence:  Erie County Community Needs Assessment | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
| Heather LaForme | New York State Compliance with the 2016 revision of the *Indian Child Welfare Act* | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
| Rebecca Masse | Examining Differences in Mission Attachment, Satisfaction, and Turnover Intention Across Direct Support Community Service Positions | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
| Charles Mays | Brand Equity: Marketing Plan for Buffalo Urban League’s Young Professionals | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
| Julian Patterson | Program Evaluation of the Referral System at the Community Action Organizations Food Pantry | Ceesay | 5/2019 |
| John Rodgers | New York State’s *Olmstead* Implementation Plan: The Administrative Effects on Western New York Agencies that Provide Services to Developmentally Disabled Individuals | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
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| John Rodgers | New York State’s *Olmstead* Implementation Plan: The Administrative Effects on Western New York Agencies that Provide Services to Developmentally Disabled Individuals | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
| Nicole Staszak | Regulatory Oversight of Voluntary Agencies in New York State Serving Individuals with Developmental Disabilities: Bureaucratic Power and Mission Efficacy of Voluntary Quality Departments | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
| Gordon Stewart | [ISO and the City of Niagara Falls](about:blank) | Rivera | 5/2019 |
| Geoffrey Szymanski | Exploring the Strategic and Financial Options for Lackawanna City Hall | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
| Taylor Vishion | [Public Utilities' Disaster Response and Management Plans:  An Evaluation of National Grid and New York State Electric and Gas](about:blank) | Rivera | 5/2019 |
| Laquita White | Evaluation of Re-Entry Services at New Life Residential Center | Brown/Buonanno | 5/2019 |
| Tyler Bridgewater | Out on the street: A review analyzing homelessness among LGBTQ youth of Compass House | Ranahan | 5/2019 |
| Saladi Shebule | An Evaluation of Grade-Level Placement Of Ells In The Buffalo City School District: A Case Study Of The Somali Bantu Refugee Children | Soni | 08/2019 |
| Tiylaa’ Adams | Human Resource Practices and Nonprofit Organizations: A Systematic Review | Ceesay | 12/2019 |
| Tammi Blajszczak | Taking Inventory: The challenges of building a wellness center at the University of Buffalo | Ceesay | 12/2019 |
| Marcella Griffin | Factors That Influence Buffalo Public High Schools Students To Attend College | Brown | 12/2019 |
| Maura Kutnyak | Maintaining Fidelity, Implementing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. (Perspectives From the State Level) | Buonanno | 12/2019 |
| Caitlin McNulty | Volunteer Engagement in Higher Education | Ceesay | 12/2019 |
| Britney Moore | “Local Cooperation with Federal Immigration Enforcement: In-depth Study of New York State” | Ceesay | 12/2019 |
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| Doran Parham | The role of the Public University in Providing Recreational Opportunities: SUNY Buffalo State Case Study | Ceesay | 12/2019 |
| Stephanie Perez | Evaluating the need for adequate and affordable housing options for Erie County’s older adults | Ceesay | 12/2019 |
| Antonio Regulier | Buffalo Block Club Operational Manual | Brown/Buonanno | 12/2019 |
| Esmeralda Sierra | Communicating and Assisting People with Disabilities during Emergency Management and Disaster Relief: Assessment of Current Practices and Recommendations | Ceesay | 12/2019 |
| Alex DeSha  Katherine Malik-Willard | The NYS Annual Budget Process & Simulation for Undergraduate and Graduate Students | Buonanno/Brown | 1/2020 |
| Jayla Williams | Go & Dine – Formative Evaluation of Pilot Programs for Albany County and Erie County, Six-Month Cycle | Buonanno | 5/2020 |
| Edward Helling | Knowledge of and Attitudes about Community Policing Programs at SUNY Buffalo State College | Buonanno | 5/2020 |
| Ola Alhussein | Community-Based Policing: Buffalo, NY | Rivera | 5/2020 |
| Lawrence Cole | Business Plan for Transitional Housing for At-Risk Youth Aging Out of Foster Care | Rivera | 5/2020 |
| Kelly Craig | Specific Service Required by Transgender Women of Color After Gender-Affirming Surgery | Rivera | 5/2020 |
| Peter Kwabena Danso Frimpong | Examining the Impact of Public Service Motivation and Person-Organizational Fit on Organizational Commitment | Rivera | 5/2020 |
| John Karyczak | Cultivating Sustainable Communities: A Comparison of Climate Action Plans for the Largest Upstate New York Municipalities | Rivera | 5/2020 |
| Kaili Morris | Bringing the Public into Public Administration: An Argument for Increased Public Participation in Public Administration and Policy Design | Rivera | 5/2020 |
| Andrew Uttaro | New Public Service Principles and Attitudes Prevalence in Town Government Elected Officials and Civil Servants in Grand Island, NY | Rivera | 5/2020 |
| Nikia Brown | Assessing the Value of the State University of New York at Buffalo State College MPA Degree Program: An Alumni Assessment | Rivera | 5/2020 |
| Joshua Curry-Bascome | A hole too deep: Understanding COVID-19 eviction moratorium impacts on landlords in the Buffalo-Cheektowaga metropolitan area | Ceesay | 12/2020 |
| Laura M Hoehn | Policing the Student Body: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Codes of Conduct | Ceesay | 12/2020 |
| Taylor Johnson | City of Buffalo Urban Agriculture Guide | Ceesay | 12/2020 |
| Stephanie A Perez | Evaluating the Need for Adequate and Affordable Housing Options for Erie County’s Older Adults | Ceesay | 12/2020 |
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| Abdullahi Mohamed | Data Visualization: Geographic Information Systems in Promoting Public Health and Safety in Buffalo, NY and Erie County. | Soni | 5/2021 |
| Jessica Trainor | The Impact of Accessible Art Programming in Low-Income Communities | Soni | 5/2021 |
| Amiyah King | The Use of Meditation in Organizations and How it Relates to Public Service Motivation | Soni | 5/2021 |
| Ginger Lillis | An examination of farmers market incentive usage among SNAP and WIC benefit recipients | Soni | 5/2021 |
| Joi Patterson | Equity for African American Communities through Community Land Trusts: How displacement, gentrification, and wealth accumulation are impacted by this nonprofit | Soni | 5/2021 |
| Kham Sian Sang | Future Crisis: Changing Local Public Policy Can Help Refugee Community Leaders Better Serve Their Community by Allowing Them as An Authorized Representative | Soni | 5/2021 |
| Keiona Carter | A Look into Opioid Use Disorder in Pregnant Women and the Opioid Navigator Program of WNY | Ranahan | 5/2021 |
| Kaley Donaldson | Diaper Need in Erie County | Brown/Ceesay | 5/2021 |
| Shiana D Eves | Potential Paths to Prostitution in Buffalo | Brown/Ceesay | 5/2021 |
| Katlyn Keane | Strategic Planning: A Case Study of Justice for Migrant Families, 501(c)3 | Brown/Ceesay | 5/2021 |
| Elda A Pichardo | The Emergence of the Hispanic Heritage Cultural Institute in Buffalo, New York’s West Side: the challenges facing the community and the institute that will serve them. | Brown/Ceesay | 5/2021 |
| Jared Voelker | The Higher Calling in Higher Ed: Public Service Motivations of SUNY Educational Support Staff | Brown/Ceesay | 5/2021 |
| Norman Simmons | Impact of Navigation Programs on Cancer Screening Rates at Jordan Health in Rochester, New York  **OUTSTANDING MPA PROJECT AWARD 2022** | Brown/Buonanno | 12/2021 |
| Maria Molina | Covid-19 Impact on Resident Life: The Resident Assistant as a Street Level Bureaucrat | Brown/Buonanno | 12/2021 |
| Victor Ibhawa | Developing a Curriculum for the Upcoming Catholic College of Nursing Services, Department of Midwifery for the Diocese of Auchi, Edo State, Nigeria | Brown/Buonanno | 12/2021 |
| Courtney Trautmann | Strategic Plan for Increasing the Number of Volunteers at Miracle League of Western New York | Brown/Buonanno | 12/2021 |
| Jenna Grainer | Assessing Wildfire Disaster Preparedness | Rivera | 12/2021 |
| Jayde Lucas | Impacts of the Clean Sweep Program: Helpful or Ineffective? | Brown/Ceesay | 12/2021 |
| Emily Bingenheimer | NIMBYism and Affordable Housing Impacts on a Neighbourhood | Rivera | 5/2022 |
| Nicole Golias | Formula for Success: Education Funding in New York State | Rivera | 5/2022 |
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| Jamila Ball | The Needs of Transgender Youth and Families in Western New York | Rivera | 5/2022 |
| Toni Martinucci | [Financial Literacy among Buffalo State College Undergraduate Students](https://digitalcommons.buffalostate.edu/mpa_projects/34/) | Brown/Buonanno | 12/2022 |
| Joshua Obalim | Does Social Accountability Improve Public Service Delivery? A Case Study of the Amur District Uganda | Brown/Buonanno | 12/2022 |
| David Jankowiak | A Review of and Modification of League of Women Voters of Buffalo/Niagara Standard Internal Protocols with an Emphasis upon the Establishment of a Definitive Focus of Each Committee | Brown/Buonanno | 12/2022 |
| Antwanaisja Johnson | The Positive Effects of Teambuilding in Residential Programs | Brown/Buonanno | 12/2022 |
| Katherine Stoll | Implementation Plans for People Inc: An Evaluation of Qualitative Narratives for Individual Residential Alternatives | Brown/Buonanno | 12/2022 |
| Tessa Janicke | F BITES Curriculum for Niagara Charter School 22-23 | Brown/Buonanno | 12/2022 |
| Jingmei Dong | Mental Health and Career Choice of Social Work Interns during the COVID-19 Pandemic | Brown/Ceesay | 05/2023 |
| NeCole Ervin | Local Challenges of Implementing Services Projects under TANF Purposes 3 – Reduce Out of Wedlock Pregnancy & TANF Purposes 4 – Promote the Formation and Maintenance of Two- Parent Families | Brown/Ceesay | 05/2023 |
| Charles Gardinier | Are civil service rules negatively impacting the recruitment of new employees and retention of current employees in the Erie County Department of Social Services? | Brown/Ceesay | 05/2023 |
| Sara Kfoury | Travel Experiences for People with Disabilities: The Impacts of Social Connectedness | Brown/Ceesay | 05/2023 |
| Julia Witherell | Barriers to Recruitment and Retention in Volunteer Fire Departments of Cattaraugus County | Brown/Ceesay | 05/2023 |
| Christina Luke-Grace | Impact of Customer Satisfaction Survey on  Erie County Department of Senior Services Case Management Division | Buonanno | 12/2023 |
| Candice O’Brien | Retention of Health Care Professionals:  A study at Buffalo Psychiatric Center | Buonanno | 12/2023 |
| Tirzah Peters | | Assessing Motivations and Barriers to Volunteerism Among AmeriCorps Seniors: RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) Members in Erie County, NY | Buonanno | 12/2023 |
| Nathania Capriles | | Academic Transitions of International Students at the Local Comprehensive University: Evidence from SUNY Buffalo State University | Cho | 05/2024 |
| Paul Land | | The Effects of Income and Wealth Inequality on the Quality of Life | Cho | 12/2024 |
| Hope DeGarie | | Performance Management in Nonprofit Membership Organizations | Cho | 12/2024 |
| Jeremy Howard | | School Discipline: Assessing Cultural Misperception and Biased Perspective of Teachers | Cho | 12/2024 |
| Julia Lange | | [Hope after Grief: A Needs Assessment of Peer-Led, Non-Denominational Bereavement Support Services at Laurel’s Grief Center](https://digitalcommons.buffalostate.edu/mpa_projects/35/) | Buonanno, Soni (2nd reader) | 5/2025 |
| Derek Smith | | The Sword and the Compass: The New Frontier’s Approach to Public Communication | Buonanno, Hughes (2nd reader) | 5/2025 |
| Lily Wright | | The Effects of Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) on Students’ Outcomes | Cho, Ceesay (2nd reader) | 5/2025 |
| Todd O’Bryan | | New York State’s Green Light Law: A Policy Analysis | Buonanno, Floss (2nd Reader) | 5/2025 |
| Musah Abubakar | | Do Government Efficiency Commissions Deliver on Their Promises? An Analysis of the Grace Commission and the National Partnership for Reinventing Government | Buonanno, Floss (2nd Reader) | 5/2025 |