"Knowing Home" Research Series

Inaugural Panel – Democratic Deficiencies

This is the inaugural activity in a series that explores current themes that reflect the reality of public administration. Specifically, the panelists will discuss situations prompted by the failures of democracy. The idea of a democratic society is usually appealing to many people, as democracy aims to provide opportunities for citizens of all classes to participate in shaping their own governance. However, since its inception and through modern times, democracy has faced multiple challenges.

Oftentimes these challenges manifest in practical terms through various mechanisms, some systemic, others haphazard. The purpose of this panel is an exploration of the real-life consequences of democratic deficiencies. The panelists will discuss some of these issues from different disciplinary perspectives:

Dr. Matthew Witt – The systemic issues arising from an unequal society and how representation has failed minorities and communities of color in a democratic society that has institutionalized discrimination.

Dr. Jack Meek – The challenges involved in governance by networks and the pitfalls of collaborative processes when not all sectors of society are represented.

Dr. Adrian M. Velazquez Vazquez – The differentiated outcomes that follow policy processes related to migration and refugee crises, as it relates to effects in local communities.

Moderated by **Dr. Suzanne Beaumaster, DPA Program Chair**

Dr. Matthew Witt

Dr. Jack Meek

Dr. Adrian Velazquez Vazquez

Dr. Suzanne Beaumaster

Saturday, September 29, 2018

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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President's Dining Room ♦ Lunch Will Be Provided

(corner of Third and C Streets)

Limited Seating Available ♦ RSVP Required by 8.24.2018 at cbahouth@laverne.edu

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