

## 2015 Capstone Research Forum

The second Master of Public Policy Capstone Research Forum was held on April 14 at the Kellogg Center. The Forum provided this year's graduating class the opportunity to showcase its scholarship before a large and diverse audience of over 130--including distinguished alumni, college leadership, policy practitioners, faculty, family, and friends.

Below is a list of participants and their projects.

**Kasey Bey** - [Gender Differences in Civic Participation: A Mixed Methods Approach](#) - Faculty Advisors: M. Rinkus, S. Reckhow, V. Bali

**Kent Dell** - [Term Limits and Polarization in State Legislatures](#) - Faculty Advisors: C. Jackson-Elmoore, L. Papke, V. Bali

**Meijun Dong** - *Why Are the Nation's Heroes Losing the Battle on Their Homeland? An Analysis of Barriers to Civilian Employment for Post 9/11 Veterans* - Faculty Advisors: T. Smith, J. Sapotichne, V. Bali

**Qiang Feng** - [The Impact of Gender Imbalance on Crime: Evidence from China](#) - Faculty Advisors: L. Lakdawala, G. Chen, V. Bali

**Erik Hanser** - [Year-Round Schooling: A Strategy to Reduce the Achievement Gap](#) - Faculty Advisors: L. Papke, S. Reckhow, V. Bali

**Michael Ignagni** - [One Citizen, One Vote? How Public Opinion, Partisan Support and Ideology Affect Healthcare Policy](#) - Faculty Advisors: M. Grossmann, C. Smidt, V. Bali

**Joanne Lamar** - *Destination: Connecting Detroit for the Health of the City* - Faculty Advisors: J. Sapotichne, V. Bali

**Stephanie Lawalu** - [Economic Growth and Democratic Development in South East Asia and in the Context of a Financial Crisis](#) - Faculty Advisors: L. Cook, S. Chandra, V. Bali

**Michael Sadler** - [Winning the Turnover Margin: The Impact of Stability in College Football](#) - Faculty Advisors: T. Hammond, J. Sapotichne, C. Smidt

**Michael Sayre** - [The Impact of the Dear Colleague Letter on Sexual Assault Reporting on College Campuses](#) - Faculty Advisors: L. Papke, S. Schneider, V. Bali

**Yahui Tang** - [Analyzing the Effectiveness of Different Local Economic Development Strategies](#) - Faculty Advisors: L. Reese, P. Fan, V. Bali

**Chinnapong Trakuldist** - [Understanding Crime: The Factors behind Crime Trends in Thailand, 2004-2013](#) - Faculty Advisors: M. Nalla, C. Ostrom, V. Bali

**Haining Wang** - [Evaluating the Impact of China's Housing Purchase Limit Policy](#) - Faculty Advisors: L. Lakdawala, C. Ballard, V. Bali

**Blane Wetzel** - *State Versus Federal Safety Regulation: An Examination of the Effect of State Provisions of OSHA on Worker Safety* - Faculty Advisors: J. Sapotichne, L. Papke, V. Bali

**Wiequin Wu** - [An Empirical Study on the Impact of Free Cash Flow and Bank Loans on Corporate Over-Investment](#) - Faculty Advisors: T. Jeitschko, L. Cook, V. Bali

**Keran Zhu** - [How Renewable Portfolio Standards Impact Electricity Price: An Economic Analysis of 50 States from 2003 to 2012](#) - Faculty Advisors: L. Lakdawala, J. Zhao, V. Bali