

Overview of Annual Research Topics/Literature Review

December 2021

Upcoming Events

John Burton Advocates for Youth Webinars. Foster Academic Achievement (FAAN) Webinar Series. January 19, 2022 @ 11:00 AM; February 16, 2022 @11:00 AM; March 16, 2022 @11:00 AM.

Link to Webinar Information:

<https://faannetwork.com/>

Link to Webinar Registration:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yDLr00GkTea511O78XB68g

Adult Welfare

Fresno Bee. December 16, 2021. Jocelyn Wiener. Fresno Nursing Home Slapped with Million Dollar Fine. Families Kept in Dark. Article discusses a Fresno Nursing Home that was given an Immediate Jeopardy Fine, families kept in the dark.

Link to Article:

<https://www.fresnobee.com/news/local/article256650177.html>

Child Welfare

John Burton Advocates for Youth. Updated December 2021. Financial Aid Guide for California Foster Youth.

Link to Publication:

<https://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide-for-california-foster-youth/>

Drought

National Drought Mitigation Center. Drought Update December 2021.

Link to report:

<http://drought.unl.edu/>

Health

Calmatters.org. December 1, 2021. Kristen Hwang. First US Omicron Infection Found in San Francisco. The article advised that this infection comes less than a week after a variant was identified in South Africa.

Link to article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/coronavirus/2021/12/first-us-omicron-infection-san-francisco/>

Calmatters.org. December 2, 2021. Newsome: Emily Hoeven. Omicron Lockdowns Unlikely. The article advises, that at a News Conference on Wednesday, the Governor advised more lockdowns are not likely.

Link to article:

<https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2021/12/california-omicron-covid-lockdown/>

Calmatters.org. December 7, 2021. Updated for April 2021. John Osborn & Lo Benichou. Tracking Coronavirus Hospitalizations in California by County. The article explores which California Counties have the highest rates of Coronavirus Hospitalizations.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/health/coronavirus/2020/04/california-coronavirus-covid-patient-hospitalization-data-icu/>

Calmatters.org. December 14, 2021. Emily Hoeven. California's Statewide Mask Mandate is Back after a Six-Month Hiatus. The article advised that starting Wednesday, all residents will be required to wear face coverings indoors. This is regardless of vaccination status.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2021/12/california-mask-mandate/>

CNN.com December 19, 2021. Dakin And one & Susannah Cullinane. Omicron is Going to Take Over this Winter and Fauci Says Americans Should brace for a Tough Few Weeks to months.

Link to Article:

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/12/19/health/us-coronavirus-sunday/index.html>

AP California December 20, 2021. Philip Marcelo & Jill Lawless. Virus Fears Trigger More Holiday Cancellations & Restrictions. The article discusses the nations largest cities; to include Los Angeles are cancelling large events tied to virus fears.

Link to Article:

<https://kesq.com/news/ap-california/2021/12/20/virus-fears-trigger-more-holiday-cancellations-restrictions-2/>

Los Angeles Times. December 21, 2021. Jump In LA Omicron Cases Heightens Alarm About Unvaccinated. Los Angeles County confirmed 60 new cases of the highly mutated variant.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-21/jump-in-l-a-omicron-cases-heightens-alarm-about-unvaccinated>

AP/Time.com December 27, 2021. Steve Lablanc. Federal Program Offers Cash to Cover Covid-19 Funeral Expenses. The article discusses a FEMA program that covers funeral expenses from interment, caskets/urns, burial plots, cremation niches and other costs.

Link to Article:

<https://time.com/6131637/federal-funeral-costs/>

Poverty

Calmatters.org. December 2, 2021. Sameea Kamal. Why Isn't California's Economy Adding Jobs Faster? The article discusses how the experts believe the economy has changed tied to the pandemic and why there is reason for hope.

Link to article:

<https://calmatters.org/economy/2021/12/california-economy-jobs-event/>

Calmatters.org December 7, 2021. Dan Walters. California Housing Crisis, Both Wide and Deep. The articles discuss the housing crisis as an issue that has been developing for decades; there are no magic solutions for it.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2021/12/california-housing-crisis-both-wide-and-deep/>

Calmatters.org. December 12, 2021. Grace Gedy. Why Does California Have the Highest Jobless Rate in the Country? The article explores the factors that contribute to California's high unemployment rate which includes leisure and hospitality sectors.

Link to article:

<https://calmatters.org/economy/2021/12/california-unemployment-rate/>

Pension

Calmatters.org. December 13, 2021. Dan Walters. Biden Helps Unions Attack California Pension Reform. The article discusses pension reforms under Gov. Jerry Brown now has efforts by unions and the Biden Administration to undermine the law.

Link to article:

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2021/12/biden-helps-unions-attack-california-pension-reform/>