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The University of Guam Graduating Candidates for the Master of Public Administration (MPA), in collaboration with the UOG Regional Center for Public Policy (RCPP) and the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA), will be hosting the **2022 Guam Housing Symposium: “Bridging Gaps for a Sustainable Tomorrow”**. This symposium will be held on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022**, at the **Hyatt Regency Guam** as a part of the 2022 University of Guam Conference on Island Sustainability.

This symposium seeks to address many of the fundamental issues surrounding housing needs for the people of Guam, ranging from Guam’s homelessness issues, housing sustainability, quality of life, to the future of housing here in Guam. We are honored to have many of our community stakeholders both public and private provide their institutional knowledge and perspectives on these critical issues.

Those interested in attending can register at: <https://2022mpaghura.eventbrite.com>

Conference participation is limited to 50 seats; registration is free and on a first come, first served basis. For questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at suban@gotritons.uog.edu

If in-person conference participation has reached capacity you can also tune in via zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93465183609>

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Natasha Suba
2022 Guam Housing Symposium Co-Chair
MPA Graduating Candidate



Conference Program w/ Panelists

09:00 AM - 09:30 AM Opening Address by Lieutenant Governor Joshua F. Tenorio

09:30 AM - 10:30 AM Panel 1- Guam Homeless Coalition

- LT. Governor Joshua F. Tenorio (*Moderator*)
- Therese Arriola - Director, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center
- Samantha Taitano - Executive Director, Mañe'lu
- Sarah Thomas Nededog - Director, Office of Homelessness and Poverty Prevention
- Margaret Hattori-Uchima Ph.D. - Dean/Assistant Professor of Nursing, UOG

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Panel 2- Quality of Life: Guam's Elderly and Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

- Senator Amanda Shelton - Senator, 36th Legislature (*Moderator*)
- Charlene San Nicolas - Administrator, DPHSS Senior Citizens
- Ginger Porter - Advocate for Persons with Disabilities
- Elizabeth Napoli - Acting Executive Director, Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority
- Michelle Perez - Deputy Director, Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Keynote Address by Siska Hutapea - Cornerstone Valuation Guam, Inc.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch (will be provided)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Panel 3- Housing Sustainability

- Austin Shelton, Ph.D. - Director, Center for Island Sustainability (*Moderator*)
- Rebecca Respicio - Director, Guam Energy Office
- Fabienne Respicio - Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Gigacrete
- Bobby Sachdev - Citi Development & Construction
- Heidi Kujawa - CEO, ByFusion
- Brennan Purtzer - International research coordinator for the Blue Continent Alliance, and President of Purtzer Publishing International

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Panel 4 - Future of Housing

- Melchor Castigador (MPA Practicum Co-Chair, *Moderator*)
- James Martinez - President, Guam Contractors Association
- Joe Diego - Area Director, Rural Development USDA
- Vince Arriola - Director, Department of Public Works
- Mary Guerrero - Loan Administrator, Guam Housing Corporation
- Carlos Camacho - Micronesia Community Development Corporation
- Elizabeth Duenas - Guam Association of Realtors

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM Closing Remarks by GHURA Acting Executive Director Elizabeth Napoli