

## **Robbins Serves as Visiting Fellow in CA**

DPP Professor Mark Robbins spent time over the past year as a Visiting Fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC). The PPIC is an independent nonpartisan “think tank” that conducts independent scholarly research on public policy topics of importance for California. Professor Robbins worked in the public finance area conducting a study into the implications of California and other state government’s borrowing programs.

He spent much of his time in the San Francisco office but also represented the Institute at meetings and functions in Sacramento, the state capitol.

“PPIC is a great place. The research fellows and staff are very skilled and enthusiastic, and they are committed to conducting high quality policy research,” said Robbins.

Professor Robbins also commented that working at the PPIC might be something that would appeal to current DPP students. “They have programs in a variety of areas, including educational, environmental, and social policy, in addition to public budgeting and finance.”

Professor Robbins will maintain a role as an adjunct fellow at PPIC in an effort to guide their research and recruiting efforts. This includes recruiting for the Institute’s intern program which provides support for students to come and work with a team of PPIC researchers on one or more projects over the summer.

Project descriptions are posted in mid-January with an application deadline of mid-March. Students interested in learning more about this opportunity should contact Mark directly.