



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS  
School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

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### Publication Spotlight

Dr. James Harrington, Associate Professor of Public and Nonprofit Management, and Dr. John McCaskill, Clinical Professor of Public and Nonprofit Management, published a new book.

***The Perils of Posting*** provides a timely analysis of court cases on the off-duty social media conduct of public employees.

[Learn more](#)



### UT Dallas Podcast

Public and Nonprofit Management Professor Dr. Douglas Kiel sat down with [The University of Texas at Dallas's \*Comets Discuss\*](#) podcast to offer advice to those who are able to work from home during COVID-19.

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### UT Dallas Magazine

EPPS Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education Dr. Denise Paquette Boots urges her students to focus only on what they can control and to continue to balance work and life stressors to ensure their health and well-being.

Read: [Mental Health Class](#)

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## Awards Spotlight



Associate Professor of Public Policy and Political Economy Dr. Jonas Bunte has won the [2020 IPE Best Book Award](#).

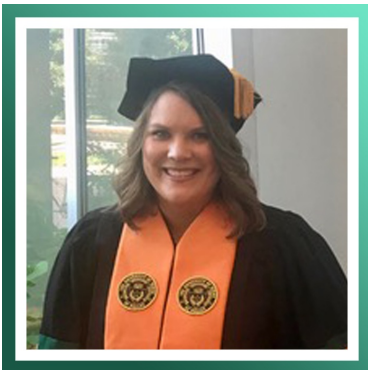
Dr. Bunte's winning book, [Raise the Debt](#), was recognized for an outstanding monograph in the field of international political economy. It was evaluated on the basis of originality, significance, and rigor.

[Learn more](#)



Dr. Teodoro Benavides, Associate Professor of Practice of Public and Nonprofit Management, has been awarded the *2020 Paul Van Riper Award for Excellence and Service* by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) for his significant contributions both as an academic and practitioner in developing the public service of the future.

[Learn more](#)



In recognition of the work by doctoral students, each of the UT Dallas schools with PhD programs has selected the best dissertations of all those submitted over the past year.

The faculty in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences selected EPPS Alumna Adrienne Gathman as the recipient of the *Best Dissertation Award*. Gathman graduated in 2019 with a PhD in Political Science, and her dissertation is titled: *Divided Plural Executives: Explaining the Where, the Why, and the Do They Even Matter*.

[Learn more](#)



EPPS Alumnus Andrew I. E. Ewoh has been awarded the *Trailblazer Award* by the Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA) for his outstanding scholarship and service to the field of Public Administration.

Dr. Ewoh is an Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs as well as a Professor of Political Science at Texas Southern University. He earned his PhD and MA in political economy from EPPS.

[Learn more](#)



Public Affairs PhD Student Shahrin Upoma has been awarded the *2020 David Gould Scholarship*.

This award is given by ASPA's Section on International and Comparative Administration (SICA).

[Learn more](#)



## EPPS Teaching Awards

Six faculty members and teaching assistants were honored recently with an EPPS Teaching Award. A committee made up of their peers selected the following recipients for the EPPS Spring 2020 Teaching Awards.

[See all the winners](#)

**ask me anything**

**DE'EDRA WILLIAMS**  
EPPS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER &  
CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT EXECUTIVE  
AT SAP ARIBA

**FRIDAY  
MAY 1  
2020  
12 p.m. to 1 p.m.**

**LEVERAGE OPPORTUNITIES  
VIA INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS**

Join us via WebEx  
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### Join us Fridays at 12 p.m. for *Ask Me Anything*

Ask Me Anything brings Alumni and leading practitioners together with our students and community. Join us for a live virtual discussion on career advice, crisis management, and more. This week's topic:

#### Leverage Opportunities via Informational Interviews

Featuring **De'Edra Williams**, EPPS Advisory Council Member and Customer Engagement Executive at SAP Ariba.

[Learn more and watch previous discussions](#)

**If you're interested in presenting an Ask Me Anything session, please contact:**

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## Internship Opportunities

EPPS has outstanding students seeking internship opportunities that will enhance their education and further their professional goals. Internships may be paid or unpaid and may be completed remotely.

If you know of an existing internship opportunity or if you are interested in learning more about offering an internship opportunity for current EPPS students, please contact EPPS Career Consultant [Satin Blair](mailto:Satin Blair) at [satin.blair@utdallas.edu](mailto:satin.blair@utdallas.edu).

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Podcast**

**Read: EPPS Student Blog**

## EPPS In the News

A curated look at recent articles featuring EPPS faculty, students and alumni.

**The Washington Post**

[Yes, Biden is more likely than Sanders to beat Trump. Here's how we know.](#)

**The Dallas Morning News**

[Why Patchwork of stay at home orders is dangerous](#)

**The American Spectator**

[COVID-19 and Our Flimsy Social Safety Net](#)

**Dallas Business Journal**

[Some local tech companies insulated, seeing sturdy demand so far in COVID-19 environment](#)

**FOX 4 - KDFW**

[Cook Children's sees spike in child abuse cases likely from COVID-19 stress](#)

We hope you will share this newsletter with your colleagues and friends!

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