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ACCOLADES SPOTLIGHT



EPPS Program in Public and Nonprofit Management: New Ranking, Awards, and Publications

The Public and Nonprofit Management Program has received a number of accolades including ASPA awards for faculty and current students and a first-place ranking at the 2021 NASPAA-Batten Student Simulation Competition.

Featuring faculty members: Dr. Meghna Sabharwal and Teodoro Benavides. Current students: Thanh Hoang, Sharin Upoma, Zeeshan Noor, and Lexi Jenson. Alumnus: Dr. Romeo Abraham.

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Dr. Morales Honored by AEFP

The Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) recently honored Assistant Professor of Economics Dr. Camila Morales with an honorable mention for the 2021 Jean Flanigan Outstanding Dissertation Award.

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- [LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AWARD](#)

PUBLICATION SPOTLIGHT

Two New Publications for the EPPS Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education and Professor of Public Policy

Dr. Denise Paquette Boots recently co-authored two journal articles. The first, published in the *Journal of*



Interpersonal Violence, examines how firearms are leveraged by domestic abusers against their victims. The second article, published in *Feminist Criminology*, presents a historical account of specialized domestic violence courts as well as recent developments.

READ:

- ***Firearm-related Abuse and Protective Order Requests Among Intimate Partner Violence Victims***
- ***Courting Justice: Tracing the Evolution and Future of Domestic Violence Courts***



Allies and Obstacles: Disability Activism and Parents of Children with Disabilities

A book co-authored by Professor of Sociology and Public Policy and Political Economy Dr. Richard Scotch just received the Scholarly Achievement Award from the North Central Sociological Association. The award will be presented in a ceremony at the NCSA Annual Meeting in April 2021. The book, published by Temple University Press in 2020, was co-authored with Allison Carey and Pam Block.

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Making Trains from Boxcars: Studying Conflict and Conflict Management Interdependencies

Dr. Paul F. Diehl is co-editor of a special issue of the journal *International Interactions* (vol. 47, no. 1, 2021). The special issue focuses on how different conflict management strategies (e.g., mediation, legal) influence one another and conflict outcomes. Among the articles in the collection is one on peacekeeping co-authored by Dr. Diehl and his EPPS colleague, Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Rebecca Cordell.

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Four New Publications for Ashbel Smith Professor of Geospatial Information Systems Dr. Daniel Griffith

Dr. Griffith has recently published his research in four journals. The first article is co-authored with recent GIS alumna, Dr. Yan-ting Liao.

READ:

- ***Imputed spatial data: Cautions arising from response and covariate imputation measurement error***
- ***Interpreting Moran Eigenvector Maps with the Getis-Ord G_i^* Statistic***
- ***Moran eigenvector filtering of multi-year yield data with application to zone development***
- ***Important considerations about space-time data: Modeling, scrutiny, and ratification***

Geospatial Information System Use in Public Organizations: How and Why GIS Should be Used in



the Public Sector

EPPS alumnus, Dr. Nicolas Valcik BA'94, MPA'96, PhD'05, has published a book that shows how Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) can be used for operations management in public institutions. It covers theory and practical applications, ranging from tracking public health trends to mapping transportation routes to charting the safest handling of hazardous materials.

Additional EPPS contributors include: Dr. Daniel A. Griffith, Dr. Yongwan Chun, Dr. Anthony Cummings, Dr. Todd A. Jordan, and Benjamin Kennedy. The forward was written by Dr. Brian Berry.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



EPPS Alumnae Lead The Lone Star Parity Project

An innovative partnership between two alumnae, Brooke López BS'17 and Adrianna Maberry MS'18, has resulted in the Lone Star Parity Project.

Their recent report, *2021 State of the Texas Woman*, aggregates Texas election data down to the local level and is thought to be the only such report to do so.

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Alumna Helps Students Gain Access to Organized Sports

Aditi Mutatkar MPA'17 is following her passion of building a grassroots level sports ecosystem. Mutatkar is a former international badminton player who has represented India in all major events, including the World Championships. After graduating from UT Dallas and retiring from sports, Mutatkar moved back to India where she is helping thousands of government school students gain access to organized sports.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

With notable EPPS alumni, faculty, students, and community members from across the globe.

WEDNESDAY

5 p.m.

07

April

Slice & Dice with the Dean

Shepherd's Pie presented by Dr. Denise Boots



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FRIDAY
07
May

10 30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Public and Nonprofit Management Annual Conference

Comments by UT Dallas President Dr. Richard Benson and Provost Dr. Inga Musselman. **Featuring** the Texas House of Representatives, Big Thought, Texas Women’s Foundation, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Reimagine Redbird, and Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance. **Moderated by** UT Dallas Vice President for Facilities and Economic Development Dr. Calvin Jamison.



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

The Dallas Morning News
[Opinion: Instead of Forced Outages, What If Electricity Customers Had Choices in an Emergency?](#)

Houston Chronicle

KDFW FOX 4
[Data Shows Females Are the Most Vaccinated Group](#)

[Survey: Many would choose to work from home indefinitely](#)

[Grieder: A Leader Should Be 'an Anchor,' At Least, During a Crisis](#)

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