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Fall 2021 Commencement

Congratulations Class of 2021! UT Dallas EPPS will offer an in-person commencement on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

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#UnwokeID

Named in honor of recent protests worldwide for social justice, the inaugural *#UnwokeID: Ethical Issues in 21st Century International Development* will bring researchers and professional practitioners together, with a special focus on representation from the global South.

EPPS Assistant Professors, Chair Dr. Jessi Hanson-DeFusco and Co-chair Dr. Camila Morales, along with UT Dallas will host a series of in-person and virtual speakers that will elevate the quality of the conference starting in February.

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ACCOLADES SPOTLIGHT

Assistant Dean and Associate Professor Named Among Top UT System Teachers

Dr. Carol Cirulli Lanham was recently honored for her



dedication to teaching. Dr. Lanham was one of 14 recipients of the UT System's 2021 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award (ROTA).

[LEARN ABOUT HER JOURNEY](#)

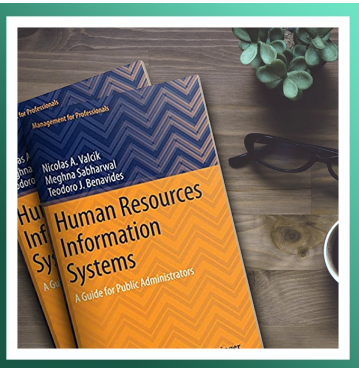


Sigma Xi Selects New President

Ashbel Smith Professor of Geospatial Information Systems Dr. Daniel Griffith has been elected as the President of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society at UT Dallas. As one of the oldest and largest scientific organizations in the world, Sigma Xi has a distinguished history of service to science and society for more than one hundred and twenty-five years.

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PUBLICATION SPOTLIGHT



Human Resources Information Systems

Dr. Teodoro Benavides and Dr. Meghna Sabharwal along with colleague Dr. Nicolas A. Valcik have recently published a book that provides an introduction to Human Resource Information Systems (HRIS) for those in the public administration field.

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Not all Asians End up on Third Base

Dr. Brenda Gambol Gavigan recently published a journal article on how Filipino Americans differ from those in other large hyper-selected Asian groups and the need to avoid treating Asians as a homogenous group.

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Ethnic Organizations and Adaptation

Dr. Meghna Sabharwal, EPPS Alumnus Zeeshan Noor PhD'21, and their colleague Roli Varma have published a case study on Indian immigrant engineers in the US. Utilizing 40 in-depth interviews, the paper examines the importance of ethnic organizations in Asian immigrants' adaptation and integration.



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Four New Publications for Assistant Professor of Public and Nonprofit Management

Dr. Elizabeth Searing recently co-authored four journal articles.

READ:

- [Finding Your Crowd: The Role of Government Level and Charity Type in Revenue Crowd-Out](#) in the *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*
- [Resiliency Tactics during Financial Crisis: The Nonprofit Resiliency Framework](#) in *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*
- [The Elephant in the Dark: the Social Origins of Research in Nonprofit Financial Management](#) in the *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management*
- [Growing Up Nonprofit: Predictors of Early-Stage Nonprofit Formalization](#) in *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Assistant Provost & Associate Professor Seeks Better Picture of Lyme Disease Cases in Texas.

Dr. Sarah Maxwell's research on new approaches to tick-borne disease surveillance in Texas has been featured across multiple media outlets.

LEARN MORE:

- [Tick-Borne Surveillance Patterns in Perceived Non-Endemic Geographic Areas: Human Tick Encounters and Disease Outcomes](#) in *MDPI*
- [LymeDisease.org](#)
- [Global Lyme Alliance](#)
- [Global Lyme Alliance on Facebook](#)

EPPS IN THE NEWS

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

KDFW Fox 4

[Violent crimes down in Dallas, police chief boasts](#)

Texas Tribune

[Texas' new political maps create safer districts for incumbents](#)

[Dallas County DA Heads New Program to Get Help for Low-Level Offenders and Out of Jail](#)

Real Clear Investigations

[There Are Far More Defensive Gun Uses Than Murders. Here's Why You Rarely Hear of Them](#)

United States Politics and Policy

[Persistent inflation seriously threatens the](#)

MSN

[Democrats' chances of controlling Congress in the 2022 midterm elections](#)

[Imbalance of power: Why low-wage, working women bear the brunt of anti-mask backlashes](#)

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