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School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

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### EPPS Alumna Named President of Macalester College

Dr. Suzanne Rivera, who holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs from EPPS, has been appointed the 17th President of Macalester College, a nationally recognized liberal arts college in St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Rivera is Macalester College's first female President and first Latinx President.

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### EPPS PhD Candidate Shares Perspectives on Brazil's Foreign Investments

Public Policy and Political Economy PhD Candidate Paulo Cavallo discusses Brazil's investment treaties in his peer-reviewed blog published in The Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI).

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### Research Spotlight: *Imputed Spatial Data: Cautions Arising From Response and Covariate Imputation Measurement Error*

EPPS Ashbel Smith Professor of Geospatial Information Sciences Dr. Daniel Griffith and GIS PhD Candidate Yan-Ting Liao have co-authored a paper that offers strategies for working with real-world datasets that have missing values due to measurement error or other problems.



## Publication Spotlight: *Building the Good Society*

EPPS Professor of Public Policy and Political Economy Dr. Lloyd Dumas has published a book that investigates how to secure political freedom and sustainable democracy.

Dr. Dumas will be doing a book signing on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at Times Ten Cellars winery and wine bar.

[Learn More About the Book](#)

## Coming Next Month: *Featured Alumni*

EPPS will be adding a *Featured Alumni* section to our upcoming newsletters. If you are interested in being highlighted, please contact Erin Dougherty BA'03, MPA'07, director of development and alumni relations for EPPS, at [erin.dougherty@utdallas.edu](mailto:erin.dougherty@utdallas.edu).

## Upcoming Events

### *Attracting and Retaining Talent in Organizations*

A panel featuring U.S. Representative Colin Allred

**Friday, Feb. 21, 2020**

**1 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

Founders Building - 2nd Floor Atrium

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### *2020 Taiwan Election Forum: A New Era for Taiwan, China, and the U.S.*

**Friday, Feb. 21, 2020**

**1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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[Learn More](#)

### *Pivot Workshop*

**Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020**

**1:30 p.m.**

San Antonio Room (GR 2.326)

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### *Peace Corps Prep - Information Sessions*

**Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020**

**1 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

and **Friday, Feb. 28, 2020**

**10 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

FA 2.206

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### *Public Service Expo Prep Workshop*

with the UT Dallas University Career Center

**Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020**

**2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

San Antonio Room (GR 2.326)

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### *Final Examination of Lan Hu - Geospatial Information Sciences*

**Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020**

**1:30 p.m.**

San Antonio Room (GR 2.326)

# Leaders & LUMINARIES

Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020

*How to Be Your Company's Secretary of State*

**Leila Afas**

**@TheTradeLady**

Director, International Public Policy  
Toyota Motor North America



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## Leaders & Luminaries Lecture Series

Leila Aridi Afas, Director, International Public Policy At Toyota

*How to Be Your Company's Secretary of State*

Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020

Reception 6 p.m. | Lecture: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center

[RSVP](#)

An art installation by Beili Liu. A woman in a black dress sits at a table in a room with a brick wall and a waterfall. The name 'BEILI LIU' is written in large red letters at the bottom of the image.

**BEILI LIU**

Dr. Rebecca Cordell of EPPS | Ashley Faye of Refugee Services of Texas

*Art, Refugee Policy, Human Rights*

## Beili Liu - *Art, Refugee Policy, Human Rights*

Thursday, Mar. 12, 2020

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

TI Auditorium (ECSS 2.102)

[RSVP](#)

## Leaders & Luminaries Lecture Series

Vince Poscente, New York Times Bestseller, Olympian, and Motivational Keynote Speaker

*The Winner's Mindset*

Monday, Apr. 6, 2020

Reception 5:45 p.m. | Lecture: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

ATEC Auditorium

**Listen: PEP Talk  
Podcast**

**Read: EPPS Student Blog**

## **EPPS In the News**

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

**FOX 4**

[DPD Police Chief Releases Strategy to Combat Crime](#)

**KVUE - ABC Austin**

[Formula 1 race in Austin did not increase crime rates, according to study](#)

**CBS 11**

[Hackers Target Banking System](#)

**Reuters**

[Gun homicides of teens rise after 'Stand Your Ground' self-defense law](#)

**The Dallas Morning News**

[The U.S. must stop playing financial games and restore our real economic vitality](#)

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

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