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New Master's Degree Combines Public Policy with Cybersecurity

Starting in fall 2020, EPPS will offer a Master of Science in Cyber Security, Technology and Policy in conjunction with the Department of Computer Science in the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science (ECS).

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Denise Boots Elected as 2nd Vice President for ACJS

Dr. Denise Boots, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences and UT System Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award recipient, has been elected as the 2nd Vice President of the [Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences \(ACJS\)](#) 2020 Executive Board.

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Research Spotlight: Prevalence and Risk Factors Associated with Carrying a Gun to School

EPPS Criminology Professor Dr. Alex Piquero has co-authored a study that examines self-report data from 122,840 eighth, 10th, and 12th grade students from 426 schools across Arizona. Findings suggest that programs aimed at reducing handgun carrying more generally might have an impact on carrying a gun to school.

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Research Spotlight: Predicting Asthma Attacks

Dr. Dohyeong Kim, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Political Economy and Geospatial Information Sciences, has published a pilot study that explores the feasibility of a deep learning algorithm for predicting asthma risk. This approach could potentially play a groundbreaking role for scientific, data-driven medical decision making.

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Research Spotlight: How Has the Content of US State Department Human Rights Reports Changed Over Time?

Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Rebecca Cordell co-authored a study that investigated the general changes in the amount of information included in the annual US State Department's *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices* as well as the administration-specific changes in this information.

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In Memoriam

"It is with great sadness that I share the news with you that Paul Tracy passed away on January 5, 2020. Paul joined the faculty in EPPS in 1992. He was our colleague for 19 years. He founded our Crime and Justice Studies Program, was recognized as teacher of the year for the 2003-2004 academic year, and served as Editor-in-Chief of Crime & Delinquency for 15 years. He will be missed by his students and colleagues at UT Dallas, University of Pennsylvania, Northeastern, and U Mass Lowell." - *Dr. Jennifer Holmes, Professor of Political Science, Public Policy and Political Economy, and Dean of EPPS.*

[Paul E. Tracy, Jr. Obituary](#)

Listen: PEP Talk
Podcast

Read: EPPS Student Blog

Upcoming Events

Summer 2020 - Korea Class Information Session with Dr. Doug Goodman

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

San Antonio Room (GR 2.326)

ECON Brown Bag: Dynamic and distributional analysis of the medical spending for older adults in Chile by Sebastian Carlos Faundez Madariaga

Friday, Jan. 24, 2020

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

San Antonio Room (GR 2.326)

Happy Hour with UMANT (Urban Management Assistants of North Texas)

Friday, Jan. 24, 2020

5:30 p.m.

American Tap Room, 3000 Northside Blvd, Richardson, TX

GIS Colloquium Series presented by Dr. Eric Delmelle (Department of Geography & Earth Sciences University of North Carolina at Charlotte)

Friday, Jan. 31, 2020

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

San Antonio Room (GR 2.326)

Leaders & Luminaries - Lecture Series

Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020

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

Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center

[Register](#)

EPPS In the News

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

Associated Press

[Silence After Texas Police Shooting Risks Mistrust](#)

Washington Post

[Conservatives Won Big in the U.K. election](#)

The Conversation

[Why Boris Johnson should stick to his 'one nation' promise and resist the urge to swing to the right](#)

The Dallas Morning News

[Reading Between the Lines of Dallas Mayor's Tough Letter on Crime](#)

KXAN-TV

[Study Found Crime Did Not Go Up in Austin During Last Year's Formula 1 Race](#)

Vox

[The U.K. Election Explained](#)

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