



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

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### PUBLICATION SPOTLIGHT



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

Dr. Richard Scotch, professor of sociology, public policy and political economy, co-authored a book about parents of children with disabilities. The publication covers advocacy in areas such as the right to education and to liberty via deinstitutionalization as well as how parents can engage in legal and political advocacy.

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### FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



#### **EPPS Professor Appointed as Fellow at Marine Corps University**

Dr. Paul F. Diehl, Ashbel Smith Professor of Political Science, has been named a Non-Resident Fellow at the Krulak Center for Innovation and Creativity at Marine Corps University. He will serve on committees, participate in seminars, and when the campus reopens, work with students and give guest lectures.

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### ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

#### **Texas City Management Association (TCMA) 2020-21 Selects President Elect**

Sereniah Breland MPA'05, city manager of Pflugerville, is now serving as the president elect for TCMA.

TCMA is an organization comprising local government employees and is designed to facilitate governance, service, leadership, ethics and educations for the



communities they serve.

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



### ***PA Times Online* Selects New Author**

Katie Robinson, a second year public affairs PhD student, has been selected as an author for *PA TIMES*. Katie will be writing a monthly column on topics including social equity, disability policy, and accessibility in public administration.

*PA TIMES Online* is a newsletter published by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

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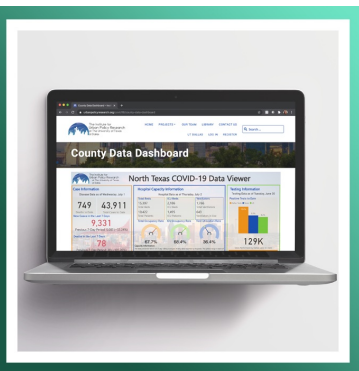


### **McDermott Scholar Receives Distinguished Truman Scholarship**

Carla Ramazan, a political science major and Eugene McDermott Scholar, joins an elite group of 62 Truman Scholarship recipients from across the country this year. She is recognized for her passion and leadership in organizing students at UT Dallas and elsewhere to advocate for reproductive rights.

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## Major Changes to the North Texas COVID Data Viewer



[The Institute for Urban Policy Research](#) at UT Dallas is offering a cohesive view of the pandemic by combining hard-to-navigate publicly available COVID case information with non-publicly accessible data on hospital utilization and COVID testing information.

The release of the second major revision to the North Texas COVID Data Viewer includes even more detailed information on hospitalization data.

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## Graduate Admission at UT Dallas

### **UT Dallas Quick Admit**

Due to COVID-19, recent graduates face one of the most precarious economies and difficult hiring circumstances in over a decade.

The UT Dallas Office of Admission and Enrollment has designed a **Quick Admit** process to facilitate an application to continue your education in a UT Dallas graduate program.

Depending on your program of study and academic coursework, there are also **Auto Admit** and **Expedited Review** options.

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*We're Not All in This Together:  
A Sociological Look at the Coronavirus*  
featuring **Dr. John Malek-Ahmadi**

## The Pandemic

in Policy, Practice and Politics

Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.  
[utd.link/pandemic](https://utd.link/pandemic)

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### EPPS IN THE NEWS

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

**KRLD**  
**Economic Inequality can Predict COVID-19**

**CBS 11**  
**Family Violence Increased with Quarantine**

**WFAA**  
**Mother/Child Killed in Murder Suicide Identified**

**The Conversation**  
**The Real Threat to Boris Johnson is Economic Crisis**

**Mother Jones**  
**Biden's "Breakfast Club" Comment About Black Voters Was Off. So Were These 5 Claims About the Crime Bill.**

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