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School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

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CLASS OF 2020



Congratulations!

While nothing can replace commencement, EPPS featured Spring 2020 graduates in a virtual celebration. Join Dean Jennifer S. Holmes in congratulating graduates for their achievements during an extraordinary time along with UT Dallas President Richard C. Benson and Provost Inga Musselman.

- [VIEW: UT DALLAS EPPS VIRTUAL GRADUATION](#)
- [WATCH: PNM VIRTUAL GRADUATION](#)

AWARDS SPOTLIGHT



EPPS Professor Receives Piper Honor

In recognition of her dedication, EPPS Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education Dr. Denise Paquette Boots has been selected as a *2020 Piper Professor*, an award that honors the top professors in Texas. Dr. Boots is known to her colleagues and students as a passionate teacher and engaged scholar, and for her commitment to serving the University and the greater community.

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2020 Provost's Award Nomination

Dr. Bobby Alexander, EPPS associate professor of sociology, was one of 10 UT Dallas faculty members nominated for the *2020 Provost's Award for Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring*. The Office of Undergraduate Education and the Office of the Provost annually recognize faculty members who excel in their undergraduate research mentoring efforts. This was

the third consecutive year Dr. Alexander was nominated.



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Young WISE Investigators Program Awards

Stephanie Clark and Brent Dell, EPPS geospatial information sciences (GIS) PhD students, received the *Mentor Award* from the UT Dallas Young Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Investigators. They each mentored a team of GIS STEM high school students on projects during the 2019-20 academic year.

Stephanie's team won first place in the research competition against 13 other UT Dallas science and engineering teams with mentors, winning \$2,000 scholarships to attend UT Dallas. This year was the first time GIS participated in the Young WISE program.

WATCH:

[Young WISE Investigators Virtual 2019-20 Awards Ceremony](#)

RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT



Charting Vital Territory with COVID-19 Data Dashboard

A dashboard created by Dr. Timothy Bray, EPPS associate professor of practice of public policy and political economy and director of the Institute for Urban Policy Research, provides COVID-19 information that can help city and county governments plan ahead.

The site shows information such as infection rate over a two-week period and per capita comparisons for individual counties, the state or dozens of U.S. metropolitan areas, as well as DFW hospital capacity and area testing rates.

- [SEE THE DASHBOARD](#)
- [UT DALLAS NEWS CENTER](#)
- [D MAGAZINE](#)

Managing racial diversity: The context of state legal and political cultures

Dr. Sheryl Skaggs, professor of sociology, co-authored a study that considers how variation in state-level equal employment law and state political cultures matter for upper- and lower-level managerial race/ethnic diversity in U.S. work establishments.

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Advanced Sociology Class Works Remotely with Homeless Shelter

Due to COVID-19, EPPS upper division sociology majors took on a new community research challenge. Before recent social distancing measures, students made regular visits to a homeless shelter for face-to-face interviews and observation. Learn about how Dr. Skaggs' class adjusted to collecting data remotely.

[READ THE STORY](#)

PUBLICATION SPOTLIGHT



Professor Featured on *Think* by KERA

Dr. Lloyd Dumas, EPPS professor of political economy, economics and public policy, joins host Krys Boyd to talk about the intersection of morality and money. Dr. Dumas' book is called *Building the Good Society: The Power and Limits of Markets, Democracy and Freedom in an Increasingly Polarized World*.

[LISTEN TO THE FULL EPISODE](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



University of Southern Mississippi College of Arts Sciences Award

Dr. Iliyan Iliev MA'11, PhD'14 has been selected for the 2020 College of Arts & Sciences Junior Faculty Award. Dr. Iliev, USM assistant professor of political science, is recognized for his exemplary achievements and for diligently surpassing expectations in research, teaching, and service. In his short career at USM, Dr. Iliev has published 6 peer-reviewed articles; 2 book chapters; has achieved publications in top journals.

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CAREER CENTER UPDATES

Employers - Network with students!

The UT Dallas University Career Center is hosting a new opportunity to get engaged with our students.

Virtual Explore the World of Work (WoW) is a week-long career networking opportunity for students to get first-hand knowledge and experience from employers and they want YOU to be a participant! Between July 27th -



EXPLORE THE WORLD OF WORK VIRTUALLY

31st, employers will network with current Comets, virtually, and provide a valuable opportunity to learn about their chosen career field.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN NETWORKING, PLEASE COMPLETE [THIS FORM](#).



Pathways to Employment

The Pathways to Employment Series brings EPPS and the University Career Center together for advice on how to find their ideal role. **Undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni are invited to this session. Free to attend, registration required.**

Upcoming Event: Navigating USAJOBS
June 16, 2020
12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER](#)

Will the Economic Crisis Torpedo Trump's Re-Election Prospects?
featuring Dr. Harold Clarke

The Pandemic

in Policy, Practice and Politics

Thursday, June 25th at 2 p.m.
utd.link/pandemic

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EPPS IN THE NEWS

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

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS
How Data Can Help Us Defeat Coronavirus

Dallas Saw More Killings in March Than a Year Earlier, Despite the Pandemic and Lockdown

The Coronavirus Does Not Ignore Prisoners, Nor Should We

LSE US CENTRE
Economic Inequality Can Help Predict COVID-19 Deaths In The US

KRLD
Research Shows Increase in Domestic Violence After Coronavirus Shelter-at-home Orders

FOX 4

**UT Dallas Provides Overview of North Texas
COVID-19 Cases**

NPR

**Pick For Top Cop Did Not Reduce Violent
Crime In Dallas. How Will He Do In Chicago?**

QRIUS

Will Trump Get Re-elected?

**Study: Economic Inequality Can Help Predict
COVID-19 Deaths**

MIAMI HERALD

**Ice Detainee With COVID-19 in Miami Detention
Center Will Be Released — With Nowhere to
Go**

CBS DFW

**Coronavirus In Texas: How To Protect Yourself
Against COVID-19 Spam, Hackers**

LISTEN: PEP TALK PODCAST

READ: EPPS STUDENT BLOG

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