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News from the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences at UT Dallas



Letter from EPPS Dean Jennifer S. Holmes

Summer is coming up and we are happy to share some exciting updates and reflections.

First, Green Hall is a little noisier than normal. Green Center, next door, is finally being demolished. Soon, it will be replaced by a new Student Union and Student Success Center to enhance the campus environment for all students. Best of all, now no one will get Green

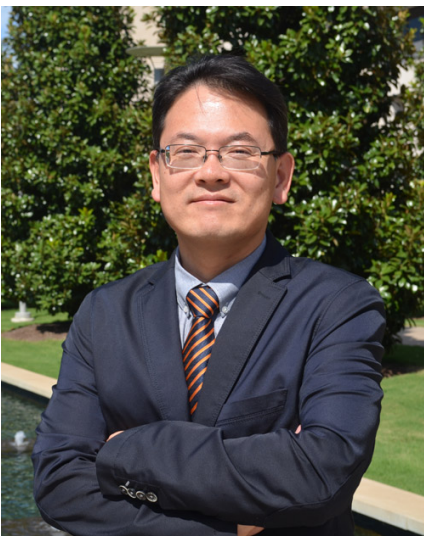
Hall confused with Green Center anymore!

Next month, our School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, the Texas Schools Project, the Economics Program, and the Office of Research and Innovation, will host a special conference to honor the legacy of Dr. Rodney Andrews, who passed away last spring. Dr. Andrews, a renowned labor economist and Fellow, Vibhooi Shukla Professor of Economics and Political Economy made invaluable contributions in labor economics and the economics of education. The conference will showcase scholarship dedicated to advancing equitable outcomes in higher education and the labor market, echoing Dr. Andrews' legacy.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all EPPS students graduating this month. Your journey to this moment has been marked by dedication, perseverance, and countless hours of hard work. As you prepare to embark on the next chapter of your lives, remember to embrace every opportunity with courage. May your future endeavors be filled with success.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer ahead!

Publications & Accolades



2024 ASPA's Excellence in Leadership Award

Dr. Dohyeong Kim was honored with the 2024 Excellence in Leadership Award by the ASPA Section on Korean Public Administration (SKPA) during the annual conference in Minneapolis, MN, held from April 11th to the 15th. This prestigious recognition highlights his exceptional contributions to the SKPA and the wider community.



Economics of Incident Response Panels in Cyber Insurance

Dr. Daniel Arce, Ashbel Smith Professor and Program Head of Economics, recently published a research paper delving into incident response panels, a crucial element of cyber insurance. This paper offers an in-depth look on a game-theoretic model that clarifies how such panels address double adverse selection and the challenges posed by incomplete contract structures.

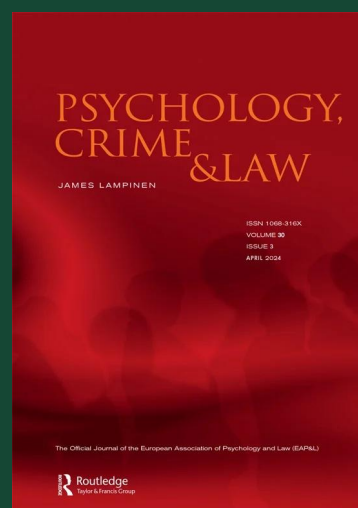
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Understanding the Mental Calculus of a Victim Advisor: A Survey Experiment in the Context of College Campus Sexual Victimization

A joint study by Assistant Professors Dr. Alexander Burton and Dr. Michelle Harris, along with PhD Student Haley Puddy from the Criminology & Criminal Justice Program, investigates the factors influencing a victim advisor's decision to report a crime to the police. Using a factorial design within a survey of 1221 college students, the study reveals what factors impact an advisors' decisions and biases.

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Collaborative Brilliance - Dr. Rebecca Cordell and PhD Student Kashmiri Mehdi Earns Best Paper Award

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Dr. Cordell and PhD Student in Political Science, Kashmiri Mehdi, have recently won the International Student Association (ISA) Human Rights Section Best Paper Award.

Their research paper titled "Transnational Repression: International Cooperation in Silencing Dissent" evaluates the extent of international cooperation in transnational repression by using a new dataset comprising of direct physical cases of transnational repression from 160 unique country-dyads.

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Medhi will assume a role as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the political science program after she successfully defends her dissertation.



Ebola Survivors' Struggles & Gender Equity in Liberia: Dr. Jessi Hanson-DeFusco's recent works

Assistant Professor of Global Health Policy, Dr. Jessi Hanson-DeFusco, recently published two articles.

"Broken Promises: Prolonged Diminished Quality-of-Life among Liberian Ebola Survivors Half a Decade after the 2014-16 West African Outbreak", with contributions from two EPPS undergraduate students, Zainab Olaniyan and Meghana Bommareddy, uses snowball sampling to analyze data collected from 19 Liberian EVD survivors in 2022.

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Sexual Violence Against Female Children



in Liberia: A Cross- Sectional Study of Statutory Rape Prevalence Rates Related to Correlates of Gender Equity" presents the results of a mixed method study of 719 Liberian young women (ages 18-35) and their parents, from urban/rural areas in Montserrado, conducted in 2018.

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Insights in Political Science: Dr. Curtis Bram's Latest Publications

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Dr Curtis Bram recently had two articles released.

"Beyond Partisan Filters: Can Underreported News Reduce Issue Polarization" tests whether exposure to news stories produced by political adversaries can alleviate political polarization. This study utilized real-world political newsletters to assess a participants' willingness to reassess their positions in response to such exposure.

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"Do At-Large Elections Reduce Black Representation? A New Baseline for County Legislatures" explores Black descriptive representation within North Carolina's county commissions, introducing a novel measure termed "seats above expectations" to assess representation levels. Using a counterfactual simulation approach, the study evaluates the impact of at-large and ward-based elections.

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Dr. Muhammad Tauhidur Rahman Presents Findings from Two New Research Papers

Associate Professor of Instruction of Geospatial Information Sciences, Dr. Muhammad Tauhidur Rahman, has two new research articles out.



"The impact of earth fissures on flood hazard extent for the Northern part of the Qaa'Jahran Basin, Dhamar, Yemen" addresses a crucial gap in our understanding of flooding in the predominantly agricultural Qaa'Jahran watershed in Yemen, where urbanization, though currently limited in extent, is rapidly expanding.

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"A comprehensive review of navigating urbanization induced climate change complexities for sustainable groundwater resources management in the Indian subcontinent" examines the impact of urbanization on groundwater droughts, flood risks, urban heat islands, agriculture, food security, and public health.

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Examining Immigration Enforcement: Dr. Camila Morales' Recent Work

Assistant Professor of Economics, Dr. Camila Morales, recently published a research paper titled "Immigration enforcement and labor supply: Hispanic youth in mixed-status families" at the Journal of Population Economics. This paper examined the changes in the labor supply behavior of US-born Hispanic youth in mixed status households following incidences of ICE arrests in their communities. The paper was done in collaboration with Dr. Joaquin Rubalcaba (UNC Chapel Hill) and Jose Bucheli (UT El Paso).

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Dr. Jared Edgerton Expands on



Conflict and Social Relations

Assistant Professor in the School of Economic, Political & Policy Studies, Dr. Jared Edgerton, has published some new research work.

"Past and Present Group Exclusion and Conflict: Group Marginalization, Opportunity, and Islamic State Foreign Fighter Mobilization" analyzes how historical and present-day group exclusionary policies and opportunity shape mobilization - with a focus in Islamic state foreign fighters.

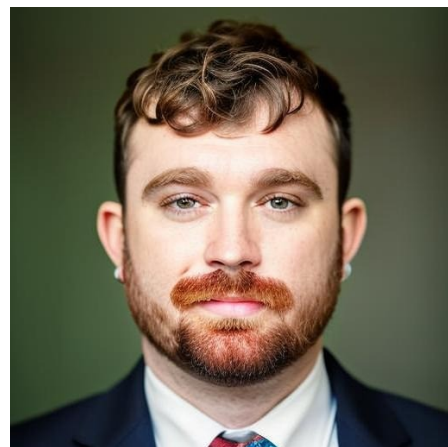
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"Cooperative communities in the international system: Networked cooperation of similar states" argues that frequent interactions and dynamic network formation help states signal their preferences, interests, and capabilities

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EPPS Alumni Takes on South Korea

After graduating from UT Dallas with both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in International Political Economy, Dakota McCarty embarked on an overseas journey. He pursued his passion for academia, completing his PhD in Urban Planning and Policy from Incheon National University in 2023. This paved the way for his upcoming role as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental Science and Policy at George Mason Korea, starting this August.



WEIS'24



April 8-10, 2024, University of Texas at Dallas

The 23rd Workshop on the Economics of Information Security took place from April 8th to 10th, co-hosted by UT Dallas and the Economics Program at the School of EPPS. Esteemed scholars and guests from across the globe congregated to exchange insights on the interdisciplinary study on information security and privacy.

This year's proceedings were marked by an emotional moment as attendees mourned the sudden passing of Ross Anderson, the founder of WEIS. A dedicated panel paid homage to his remarkable legacy, reflecting on the essence of the conference and the enduring impact of his contributions to the field.

Public and Nonprofit Management Program Conference





April 5, 2024, Toyota Stadium in Frisco Fostering and Sustaining Local Economic Growth

Public and nonprofit leaders are game-changers in fostering equitable economic development and community cohesion in growth-oriented contexts. On April 5, the Program in Public and Nonprofit management brought together city managers and nonprofit leaders of the largest cities of North Texas including Plano, Frisco, Irving, Flower Mound, and McKinney to promote cross-sector collaboration, community, and equity in local economic development. The annual conference included a plenary session, two panels, and an award ceremony where PNM students and alumni were recognized for their academic achievements and public service.

The next PNM annual conference will focus on Innovation in Public and Nonprofit Management. It is tentatively scheduled to take place on campus on April 11, 2025. To receive conference announcements, please email Eugenia Gorina at egorina@utdallas.edu.

Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY

15

May

10:30 am

EPPS Spring Commencement



Ways to Give and Make a Difference.

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