EPPS Celebrates Fall 2019 Commencement

UT Dallas honored its newest alumni in its 50th Anniversary celebration year during seven Fall Commencement ceremonies this month. The festivities began on Monday morning and recognized 146 students from the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences.

Read the Photo Recap

Honors for Highly Cited Research

EPPS Criminology Professor Alex Piquero has been recognized in the 2019 list of Highly Cited Researchers by the Web of Science.

This list identifies scientists that have demonstrated significant and broad influence reflected in their publication of multiple papers, highly cited by their peers over the course of the last decade.

Read the overview by UT Dallas

Alumni Research Spotlight

EPPS Political Science Alumna Nancy Fairbank '15 is currently pursuing a Juris Doctorate degree at Harvard Law School.

Fairbank has published a research article in the Journal of Cyber Policy that seeks to understand the role that corporations can play as global cyber norm entrepreneurs.

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Faculty Research Spotlight

Dohyeong Kim, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Political Economy and Geospatial Information Sciences, has published two new research articles.

Read:
Dynamic Emergency Medical Service Dispatch: Role of Spatiotemporal Machine Learning
When policy meets the pedal: A reduction in motorcyclist fatalities following the implementation of a road traffic law in Lagos, Nigeria

ASPA Selects 2020 Founders’ Fellows

Md. Fazle Rabbi, a second year EPPS Public and Nonprofit Management PhD student, has been selected as an ASPA Founders' Fellow.

The ASPA Founders’ Fellows program recognizes outstanding students and new professionals in the field of public service and public administration. Rabbi’s areas of research include civil service, accountability, and responsiveness.

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

Washington Post: Is the Clock Ticking on daylight saving time?

The Conversation: These four decisions by the opposition could deliver Boris Johnson a majority in this election

Community Impact Newspaper: Citizens can learn about state, federal restricting at upcoming training

WESH-TV Orlando: Study: Crime rates increase the closer you get to theme parks

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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

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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

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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

IXAN-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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**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.

[Learn More](#)

**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).

[Read More](#)

**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 Yanting Liau 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.

[Learn More](#)

**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.

**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
  [Learn More](#)

- **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.
  GR_3.420
  [Learn More](#)

- **Pivot Workshop**
  Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020
  1:30 p.m
  San Antonio Room (GR 2.326)
  [Learn More](#)
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
Learn More

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)
Learn More

Final Examination of Lan Hu - Geospatial Information Sciences
Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020
1:30 p.m.
San Antonio Room (GR 2.326)

Leaders & Luminaries Lecture Series
Leila Afsa Afsa, 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

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
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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 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

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Dear School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends,

Our mission in EPPS is to prepare current and future leaders to tackle the challenges facing our society and economy. The unprecedented changes that have occurred around the world and in our communities over the last few months have made abundantly clear the great urgency to continue in this mission.

As Dean, I want to acknowledge how hard these changes have been. University life is defined by collective experiences, shared breakthroughs, and relationships with peers, mentors and colleagues. I know that we will meet that challenge with creativity and focus, and that we will come through this time with expanded tools, knowledge, and connections as a result.

Jennifer S. Holmes
Dean, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

Faculty Awards Spotlight

Lloyd Viel Berkner Regental Professor Dr. Brian Berry is a pioneer of modern geography and is credited with changing the course of his discipline.

Dr. Berry has been selected to receive the 2020 Stanley Brunn Award for Creativity in Geography from the American Association of Geographers (AAG).

Program Head of Public and Nonprofit Management Dr. Meghna Sabharwal is the recipient of the 2020 Rita Mae Kelly Distinguished Research Award by the Section for Women in Public Administration (SWPA) of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

This is a special honor, given that Rita Kelly was the dean of the UT Dallas School of Social Sciences from 1996 to 2001.

Ashbel Smith Professor of Political Science Dr. Paul F. Diehl has been chosen to receive the PEACE Distinguished Scholar Award given by The International Studies Association (ISA). This award honors an individual in the field of peace and conflict studies with a record of service to the ISA.

Read Dr. Diehl's publication: "International Conflict Management"
Research Spotlight

Dr. Dohyeong Kim, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Political Economy and Geospatial Information Sciences, has recently co-authored two articles. Read:

Crowdsourced Mapping for Healthy Food Accessibility in Dallas, Texas: A Feasibility Study

Associations of lifestyle factors with phthalate metabolites, bisphenol A, parabens, and triclosan concentrations in breast milk of Korean mothers.

UT Dallas Podcast

EPPS Public and Nonprofit Management Professor Dr. Douglas Kiel sat down with The University of Texas at Dallas’s Could We Ever podcast to see whether we could ever get smart about work.

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NBC DFW  
16 Dallas Officers Disciplined for Offensive Social Media Posts

Science  
Crime did not surge when California became a 'sanctuary state'

MarketWatch  
This three-digit number predicts how likely it is that you’ll get divorced

Phys.org from Science X  
Study finds no acceleration in crime from Formula 1 race

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