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From the UT Dallas Historical Collection: Founder Cecil Green and group viewing progress on Green Hall. Circa 1975

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

Dr. James Harrington, Associate Professor of Public and Nonprofit Management, and Dr. John McCaskill, Clinical Professor of Public and Nonprofit Management, published a new book, *The Perils of Posting*, which provides a timely analysis of court cases on the off-duty social media conduct of public employees.

Learn more

UT Dallas Podcast

Public and Nonprofit Management Professor Dr. Douglas Kiel sat down with The University of Texas at Dallas’s Comets Discuss podcast to offer advice to those who are able to work from home during COVID-19.

Listen on: *Apple* *Google* *SoundCloud* *YouTube* *Anchor*

UT Dallas Magazine

EPPS Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education Dr. Denise Paquette Boots urges her students to focus only on what they can control and to continue to balance work and life stressors to ensure their health and well-being.

Read: Mental Health Class: Transformed from Theory to Real Life

Awards Spotlight

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Political Economy Dr. Jonas Bunte has won the 2020 IPE Best Book Award.

Dr. Bunte’s winning book, *Raise the Debt*, was recognized for an outstanding monograph in the field of international political economy. It was evaluated on the basis of originality, significance, and rigor.

Learn more

Dr. Teodoro Benavides, Associate Professor of Practice of Public and Nonprofit Management, has been awarded the 2020 Paul Van Riper Award for Excellence and Service by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) for his significant contributions both as an academic and practitioner in developing the public service of the future.

Learn more

In recognition of the work by doctoral students, each of the UT Dallas schools with PhD programs has selected the best dissertations of all those submitted over the past year.

The faculty in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences selected EPPS Alumna Adrienne Gathman as the recipient of the Best Dissertation Award. Gathman graduated in 2019 with a PhD in Political Science, and her dissertation is titled: *Divided Plural Executives: Explaining the Where, the Why, and the Do They Even Matter?*

Learn more

EPPS Alumnus Andrew I. E. Ewoh has been awarded the Trailblazer Award by the Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA) for his outstanding scholarship and service to the field of Public Administration.

Dr. Ewoh is an Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs as well as a Professor of Political Science at Texas Southern University. He earned his PhD and MA in political economy from EPPS.

Learn more
Public Affairs PhD Student Shahrin Upoma has been awarded the 2020 David Gould Scholarship. This award is given by ASPA’s Section on International and Comparative Administration (SICA).

EPPS Teaching Awards
Six faculty members and teaching assistants were honored recently with an EPPS Teaching Award. A committee made up of their peers selected the following recipients for the EPPS Spring 2020 Teaching Awards. See all the winners.

Join us Fridays at 12 p.m. for Ask Me Anything
Ask Me Anything brings Alumni and leading practitioners together with our students and community. Join us for a live virtual discussion on career advice, crisis management, and more. This week’s topic:
Leverage Opportunities via Informational Interviews
Featuring De’Edra Williams, EPPS Advisory Council Member and Customer Engagement Executive at SAP Ariba.

If you’re interested in presenting an Ask Me Anything session, please contact:
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Read: EPPS Student Blog
EPPS In the News
A curated look at recent articles featuring EPPS faculty, students and alumni.

The Washington Post
Yes, Biden is more likely than Sanders to beat Trump. Here’s how we know.

The American Spectator
COVID-19 and Our Flimsy Social Safety Net

FOX 4 - KDFW
Cook Children’s sees spike in child abuse cases likely from COVID-19 stress

The Dallas Morning News
Why Patchwork of stay at home orders is disastrous

Dallas Business Journal
Some local tech companies insulated, seeing sturdy demand so far in COVID-19 environment

We hope you will share this newsletter with your colleagues and friends!
Send your updates or suggestions to epps@utdallas.edu.
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, Ph.D’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 - 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

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

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?

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
- 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 Scam, Hackers

LISTEN: PEP TALK PODCAST

READ: EPPS STUDENT BLOG
**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 Scholars in 2020, and will receive $20,000 in funding for graduate school.
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.

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.

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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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.
AWARDS SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Bunte Receives 2020 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award

Dr. Jonas Bunte, associate professor of public policy and political economy, has been selected by students, peer faculty and external reviewers as a model representative of The University of Texas System's educational mission. Dr. Bunte is among 27 faculty members across the state’s 14 academic and health institutions chosen for the honor.

LEARN MORE

Dr. Clarke Receives The Conversation Award

Dr. Harold Clarke, Ashbel Smith Professor of Political Science, has received The Conversation Award by the University of Essex. This award goes to the writers of the best-read articles in the 12 months up to June 2020. Academics use their expertise to analyze the latest news and encourage engagement with their research by writing for The Conversation.

LEARN MORE

Dr. Griffith Receives International Spatial Research Award

Dr. Daniel Griffith, Ashbel Smith Professor of Geospatial Information Sciences, is the recipient of the International Spatial Accuracy Research Association's (ISARA) 2020 Peter Burrough Medal for outstanding contributions to spatial research. The medal is given in recognition of outstanding contribution to the measurement, modeling and management of uncertainty in spatial data.

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Sabharwal Promoted to Full Professor

Dr. Meghna Sabharwal, who received her PhD in public administration from Arizona State University’s School of Public Affairs in 2008, was recently promoted from associate professor to full professor at UT Dallas. Her areas of research interest are public human resources management, specifically, diversity, equity and inclusion, comparative HR and high-skilled immigration.

READ THE INTERVIEW BY DR. SABHARWAL’S ALMA MATER

READ A RECENT PUBLICATION BY DR. SABHARWAL

Dr. Gorina Promoted to Associate Professor

Dr. Evgenia Gorina received her PhD in public administration and policy in 2013 from ASU’s School of Public Affairs. She was recently promoted from assistant
Dr. Kim Selected as Chair for ASPA Section on Korean Public Administration

Dr. Dohyeong Kim has been selected as the Chair for the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) Section on Korean Public Administration (SKPA). SKPA aims to advance understanding of public administration and policy between the U.S. and South Korea by facilitating relationships between academics and practitioners in the two countries. Dr. Kim will serve for 2 years until June 2022.

READ A RECENT PUBLICATION BY DR. KIM

PUBLICATION SPOTLIGHT

The Situational Context of Police Sexual Violence: Data and Policy Implications

EPPS Professor of Criminology Dr. Robert Taylor co-authors a publication on the horrors of sexual crimes perpetrated by law enforcement officers. In this study of 669 cases of police sexual violence, the authors identify three scenarios in which law enforcement officers inflict violence: 1) “driving while female,” 2) child predation, and 3) involvement in the sex worker industry.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

EPPS Alumna Receives Junior Faculty Award

Dr. Amny Shuraydi graduated with a PhD in Criminology from UT Dallas in 2018. Dr. Shuraydi is currently a faculty member at Texas A&M-Commerce and is a recipient of the 2020 Chuck Arize Junior Faculty Award.

LEARN MORE ABOUT DR. SHURAYDI

Political Science, Economics Graduate Earns Prestigious Urann Fellowship

Areeb Siddiqui, a May 2020 graduate in political science and economics, has received a prestigious fellowship from The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi that will further his goal of becoming an attorney specializing in civil rights. Siddiqui will use the Marcus L. Urann Fellowship toward tuition at Yale Law School.

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NBC DFW
ICU Bed Count Missing, Inconsistent As COVID-19 Patients Fill North Texas Hospitals

ABC News
How COVID-19 widened America’s wealth gap

CBS DFW
What Will Policing Look Like After Dallas Leaders Tackle Reform?

The Dallas Morning News
Dallas County and these six cities just began their work rethinking police. Here’s how