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

Fall 2022 Commencement

UT Dallas and EPPS will recognize graduates individually in the Arts and Technology Lecture Hall On December 19 at 1 p.m. The ceremony is followed by a gathering for new graduates, families, and friends at the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center.

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Thomas Spencer and Friends Conference Room

Dr. Thomas Spencer, an Alumnus of the Public Affairs program, and his wife Lily Spencer have created the Thomas and Lily Spencer Student Support Fund to help fund professional memberships for students. His good friend and classmate, Dr. James Scott, has also recently created the James Scott International Experiences Fund.

These two funds, along with others, help further EPPS and its impact on our students. In recognition of their generosity, the El Paso Room is now known as the Thomas Spencer and Friends Conference Room (GR 3.221 and GR 3.316).

Contact Joseph Hamaty, Director of Development and Alumni Relations at joseph.hamaty@utdallas.edu for more information on how to join the New Dimensions campaign and support the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences as we propel into the future.

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Publications

New Publications by Professor of Public and Nonprofit Management

Dr. Abraham Benavides has recently co-authored two new articles. Read:

- *I Do Solemnly Swear: Institutional Enforcement of the Oath of Office to Fight Public Corruption* in *Public Integrity*

Identifying Physical Integrity Rights Allegations in Human Rights Reports

Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Rebecca Cordell has co-authored a paper about creating a streamlined process for supervised machine learning coding. This method will help extract allegations of physical integrity rights violations from the original text of country reports on human rights.
New Publications by Ashbel Smith
Professor of Geospatial Information Systems

Daniel Griffith recently co-authored a book, *Advanced Introduction to Spatial Statistics*, along with Bin Li, Professor of Geography at Central Michigan University. The book provides a critical review and discussion of research concerning spatial statistics, differentiating between it and spatial econometrics.

Griffith was also a co-author on a study by Doctoral Student Lan Hu and GIS Professor Yongwan Chun. *Incorporating spatial autocorrelation into house sale price prediction using random forest model* was published in *Transactions in GIS*.

Three New Publications by Assistant Professor of Political Science

Dr. Jared F. Edgerton has recently co-authored three articles. Read:

- **How teams adapt to exogenous shocks: Experimental evidence with node knockouts of central members** in *Network Science*
- **Analyzing Participation in the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda** in *Journal of Peace Research*
- **Resilience to stress in bipartite networks: Application to the Islamic State recruitment network** in *Journal of Complex Networks*
Professor Receives Doctoral Education Award

Dr. Meghna Sabharwal, professor of public and nonprofit management has received the 2022 Duncombe Excellence in Doctoral Education Award from the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA). The award, established in 2014, recognizes a faculty member whose work with doctoral students is at a very high level.

Upcoming Events

**MONDAY**

19 December

1:00 p.m.

UT Dallas EPPS Commencement

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EPPS In The News

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

*Newsweek*

Do Republicans Beat Democrats in TV Debates? Here’s What Polls Suggest

*CBS-11*

Eye on Politics — Hispanic Voters, Accuracy of Polling

*U.S. News & World Report*

Campaigning in Sickness and in Health

*San Antonio Express-News, Houston Chronicle*

Why it’s harder than ever to reliably poll Texas voters before elections

Ways to Give and Make a Difference.
UT Dallas Remembers Renowned Economist, Professor Dr. Rodney Andrews

Dr. Rodney Andrews, a renowned labor economist and Fellow, Vibhooti Shukla Professor of Economics and Political Economy at The University of Texas at Dallas, passed on May 12 at the age of 47.

A celebration of Dr. Rodney Andrews’ life took place on May 20. Access to the recorded live stream is now available.
Publications & Accolades

New Publication by Emeritus Professor of Anthropology and Political Economy

Dr. Murray Leaf has recently published an article titled *An Anthropologist as Expert Witness*. This article is part of the increasing movement toward open-source publications and is free to download.

Read

How Moral Goodness Drives Unethical Behavior

Assistant Professor of Public and Nonprofit Management Dr. Allison Russell has co-authored a paper about how NGO moral goodness can lead to NGO unethical behavior, i.e., moral justification, moral superiority, and moral naivety. The article is set to be published in July 2023.

Read the Preprint

Award and Two New Publications by Assistant Professor of Political Science

Dr. Sivaram Cheruvu won the SAGE Award for the best article published in the *European Union Politics* journal in 2022 for *When does the European Commission Pursue Noncompliance?*

Dr. Sivaram Cheruvu also recently published *Education, Public support for institutions, and the separation of powers.*
Event Recaps

7th Annual Public and Nonprofit Management Conference

The 2023 Public and Nonprofit Management Conference was hosted by the UT Dallas Public & Nonprofit Management program and sponsored by Atmos Energy, and Scholars Strategy Network. This event was free to students thanks to our sponsors.

Celebrating Spring 2023 Commencement

The ceremony on May 15, 2023, recognized 182 students from the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences. UT Dallas also honored the newest alumni during six other commencement ceremonies this Spring.

Upcoming Events

TUESDAY

27 June

5:00 p.m.

ICP Cultural Trip
Texas Rangers v. Detroit Tigers

THURSDAY

29 June

2:00 p.m.

Getting To Know You Series
Featuring Dr. Juan González
Dean of Graduate Education at UT Dallas
EPPS In The News

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

**Community Impact Newspaper**
Minority-majority ZIP codes facing lower life expectancies in Lake Highlands, Lakewood

**Spectrum 1 News**
What is a comfortable salary?

**CBS-11**
Eye on Politics — Hispanic Voters, Accuracy of Polling

**KRLD/Texas Wants to Know Podcast**
How did Universal pick Frisco for its new theme park?

Ways to Give and Make a Difference.

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