Dr. Griffith and Dr. Yongwan Receive NSF Grant

Dr. Daniel Griffith and Dr. Yongwan Chun, along with a colleague from the University of Tennessee, have been selected to receive a grant from the National Science Foundation. Their research is titled Integration of spatial autocorrelation into location-allocation problems: Enhancing solving capabilities and heuristics. Learn More

Dr. Searing Awarded NSF Grant

Dr. Elizabeth Searing, assistant professor of public and nonprofit management, has been awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation. With colleagues from Williams College and University of Massachusetts (Amherst), Dr. Searing will study the motivation behind in-kind donations to nonprofits. This serves as a complement to the team’s ongoing work on nonprofit organizations’ strategies for handling in-kind donations. Learn More About Dr. Searing
Dr. Dohyeong Kim Shares Recent Publications

Dr. Temporal trends of particulate matter concentrations in Korean regions (2015-2019): when to ventilate?
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Real-time measurement of indoor PM concentrations on daily change of endocrine disruptors in urine samples of mother and infant: a feasibility study
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Spatial and temporal comparison of perceived risk and confirmed cases of Lyme disease: evidence from Google Trends
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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Second-year Public Affairs PhD Student Selected as an ARNOVA 2020 Diversity Scholar

The Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations Voluntary Action has selected Thanh Hoang for a diversity fellowship that will be recognized at the virtual 2020 ARNOVA Conference in November. The Diversity Scholar fellowship is highly competitive, with hundreds of applicants annually.
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Vladyslav Wallace Looks To Further His Mastery of Languages with Boren Scholarship

Vladyslav Wallace is a global business and international political economy senior. As a recipient of a distinguished David L. Boren Scholarship from the National Security Education Program, Wallace hopes his aptitude for languages will translate into a career in international affairs with a focus on the post-Soviet realm.
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**MONDAY 05 October**

Graduate Professional Week - Oct. 5-9, 2020
by the Office of Graduate Education

Learn more

**WEDNESDAY 07 October**

1 p.m.
Pathways to Employment
EPPS Entrepreneurs by the University Career Center
Learn more and join

5 p.m.

Slice & Dice with the Dean
Grandma Peggy’s Macaroni & Cheese presented by Dean Holmes

Learn more and join

FRIDAY
09
October

9:30 a.m.

Final Examination
Continued Education for Adults With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: A Phenomenological Study of Post High School Programming by Jeanine Alpert

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Virtual Celebration of 2020 Graduates
Since public health concerns have forced the university to postpone in-person commencement ceremonies, Dean Jennifer S. Holmes and the faculty in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences invite you to join a virtual celebration of EPPS graduates on Friday, December 18 at 2 p.m.

Graduates, please submit your photo and/or video to be featured at the virtual celebration by Dec. 10, 2020

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Dr. Qui in ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
Dr. Fang Qui, Professor and Head of Geospatial Information Sciences Program, has co-authored a journal article on integrating spectral variability and spatial distribution for object-based image analysis using curve matching approaches.

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Dr. Sabharwal in International Journal of Public Sector Management
Dr. Meghna Sabharwal co-authored a recent publication titled “Innovation in Public Organizations: Do Government Reforms Matter?” She published this research with her former doctoral student, Dr. Imane Hijal-Moghrabi, Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Sciences, University of Texas at Permian Basin and Dr. Kannan Ramanathan, Naveen Jindal School of Management.
NEWS SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Kim Investigates Preparedness for New Disease Outbreaks in South Korea

Dr. Dohyeong Kim, associate professor of public policy and political economy and of geospatial information sciences, and his co-authors have used historical data to evaluate whether South Korea is prepared for future outbreaks of infectious diseases like COVID-19. Spatial allocation methods can indicate specific locations which governments should allocate funds to install NPIRs, one of the most critical resources for controlling infectious respiratory diseases.

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Sara Mokuria Featured in D Magazine

In a feature article in D Magazine, Sara Mokuria, associate director of leadership initiatives at the Institute for Urban Policy Research, talks about how her father’s death still impacts her work nearly three decades later. As co-founder of Mothers Against Police Brutality, Mokuria leads efforts to promote transparency and accountability in policing.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

James Richards Publishes RUSH TO WIN

Political Economy Alumnus James Richards MA’78, has recently published a book about his successful campaign for the Dallas City Council. The book, RUSH TO WIN: An inside story of a young candidate’s long-shot campaign for City Hall, shares inside aspects of building a team, developing strategies, and describes interactions among partisan forces in a non-partisan campaign.

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Sherri van der Wege Recognized by the Water Environment Association of Texas

International Political Economy Alumna Sherri van der Wege was awarded the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) Ronald B. Sieger Biosolids Management Award. As past chair of the WEAT Biosolids Committee and member of Water Environment Federation's Residuals and Biosolids Committee, Sherri advocates for beneficial reuse of biosolids based on current science and safe management.

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FRIDAY
04 December
1 p.m.

Final Examination - Graduate Program in Economics Experimental Studies on Individual Decision-Making and Game Theory by Maryam Ahmadi

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TUESDAY
08 December
2 p.m.

The Pandemic in Policy, Practice and Politics
Who is not wearing a face mask and why? Presented by Dr. Dohyeong Kim
**WEDNESDAY**  
**09 December**

**5 p.m.**

*Slice & Dice with the Dean*

New England Corn Chowder presented by Dr. Denise Boots

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**THURSDAY**  
**10 December**

**10 a.m.**

*Final Examination* - Graduate Program in Political Science

NATO Burden-Sharing and Keeping the Peace: Crisis Response and the Military Capabilities Gap by Brent Sackett

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- **KDFW Fox 4**
  Report Warns of Increasing Threat of Violence from Extremists in North Texas

- **CBS 11**
  The Battle Over Daylight Saving Time; ‘The Change Is Deeply Unpopular’

- **Researcher Looks at Causes for Recent COVID-19 Spike**

- **WalletHub**
  How Will Racial Minorities Shape Future Elections?

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Benavides Honored by Black Public Administrators Group

Dr. Teodoro Benavides, associate professor of practice of public and nonprofit management and director of the Master of Public Affairs program, was awarded the 2020 Educator of the Year Award by The National Forum for Black Public Administrators. Dr. Benavides was honored for his teaching, mentoring and service commitment for the advancement of Black public leadership in local and state governments.

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Dr. Yuan Named AAAS Fellow

Ashbel Smith Professor of Geospatial Information Sciences Dr. May Yuan has been selected as a 2020 fellow of the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Dr. Yuan was elected for her contributions to fundamental and applied geographic information science (GIS), especially for developing new data models and analytical methods to address problems of significant societal concerns.

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PNM Project Receives 100K Strong in the Americas Innovation Grant

Dr. Meghna Sabharwal, program head and professor of Public and Nonprofit Management, has received a grant from the 100,000 Strong in the Americas (100K) Innovation Fund for the UTD-CIDE Student Exchange Program. This fund inspires U.S. universities to work with higher education institutions in Latin America and awards...
projects marked by economic advancement, entrepreneurship, technology, workforce development, and other areas of study.

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PUBLICATION SPOTLIGHT

Deeper Spatial Statistical Insights into Small Geographic Area Data Uncertainty

Dr. Daniel A. Griffith, Ashbel Smith Professor of GIS, Dr. Yongwan Chun, Associate Professor of GIS, and Monghyeun Lee, GIS PhD student, have published a paper about big spatial data with regard to their uncertainty through georeferenced data, coupled with small geographic areas. Impacts of interest concern the nature, degree, and mixture of spatial autocorrelation.

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Life, Death, and Zombies: Revisiting Traditional Concepts of Nonprofit Demise

Dr. Elizabeth Searing, assistant professor of public and nonprofit management, has published a study that revisits traditional definitions of nonprofit life and death to better reflect actual organizational operating status. Findings from this study show that certain internal and external characteristics are more important in determining a nonprofit’s operational status.

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The Political Costs of Abusing Human Rights: International Cooperation in Extraordinary Rendition

Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Rebecca Cordell has published an article in the Journal of Conflict Resolution and has also written a blog about it in Political Violence at a Glance magazine.

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READ THE BLOG

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

EPPS Alumna Appointed Director of Library Services for the city of Richardson

Jennifer Davidson, an EPPS Local Government Management Graduate Certificate alumna, has been
selected as the new director of Library Services for the Richardson Public Library. Davidson started working at the Richardson Public Library in 2003 and was most recently recognized as the Richardson Public Library Employee of the Year for 2019, among many other accomplishments.

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Check out our EPPS Entrepreneurs Series

Where do our graduates go after earning a degree from the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences?

Check out the Pathways to Employment series on our YouTube Channel to learn more about EPPS Entrepreneurs.

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ACCOLADE SPOTLIGHT

ICMA Awards Winter Graduates Committed to Local Government Service

Five UT Dallas EPPS students have received the 2020 Winter ICMA (International City/County Manager Association) Local Government Early Career Service Certificate. This is a national award for students who have completed extensive projects for local governments. It also recognizes those who have gone beyond the requirements of their degree and displayed a commitment to local government service.

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UT Dallas Public Administration Program Ranked Top 15 for 2021

UT Dallas EPPS has been ranked 11th in the top 15 schools for the public administration degree program by Best Value Schools. The Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs and MPA program at UT Dallas are designed to prepare students to work in government and nonprofit organizations, as well as other fields. Schools are ranked based on in-state tuition and enrollment.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Evelyn Courville Stutts

It is with great sadness we are sharing the news of the passing of Evelyn Courville Stutts on December 11, 2020.
Mrs. Stutts, former assistant to the Dean, retired from UT Dallas in 1992 after many years of dedicated service.

Evelyn was generous, loving, and strong — she persevered in every circumstance and was an example of determination to those around her.

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Mr. Robert Douglas Little

It is with great sadness we are sharing the news of the passing of Robert Douglas Little on December 29, 2020. Mr. Little had previously taught government for EPPS. He was a good friend to UT Dallas, as he taught for years at Brookhaven in Dallas Community College.

Bob Little's motto at his 75th birthday dinner was "Friendship Forever".

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FRIDAY

05 February

5 p.m.

Slice & Dice with the Dean

King Arthur's Original Cake Pan Cake presented by Dr. Banks Miller

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ACCOLADES SPOTLIGHT

EPPS Program in Public and Nonprofit Management: New Ranking, Awards, and Publications

The Public and Nonprofit Management Program has received a number of accolades including ASPA awards for faculty and current students and a first-place ranking at the 2021 NASPAA-Batten Student Simulation Competition.

Featuring faculty members: Dr. Meghna Sabharwal and Teodoro Benavides. Current students: Thanh Hoang, Sharin Upoma, Zeeshan Noor, and Lexi Jenson. Alumnus: Dr. Romeo Abraham.

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Dr. Morales Honored by AEFP

The Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) recently honored Assistant Professor of Economics Dr. Camila Morales with an honorable mention for the 2021 Jean Flanigan Outstanding Dissertation Award.

◆ VIEW THE HONORABLE MENTION
◆ LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AWARD

PUBLICATION SPOTLIGHT

Two New Publications for the EPPS Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education and Professor of Public Policy

Dr. Denise Paquette Boots recently co-authored two journal articles. The first, published in the Journal of
Interpersonal Violence, examines how firearms are leveraged by domestic abusers against their victims. The second article, published in Feminist Criminology, presents a historical account of specialized domestic violence courts as well as recent developments.

READ:
- Firearm-related Abuse and Protective Order Requests Among Intimate Partner Violence Victims
- Courting Justice: Tracing the Evolution and Future of Domestic Violence Courts

Allies and Obstacles: Disability Activism and Parents of Children with Disabilities

A book co-authored by Professor of Sociology and Public Policy and Political Economy Dr. Richard Scotch just received the Scholarly Achievement Award from the North Central Sociological Association. The award will be presented in a ceremony at the NCSA Annual Meeting in April 2021. The book, published by Temple University Press in 2020, was co-authored with Allison Carey and Pam Block.

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Making Trains from Boxcars: Studying Conflict and Conflict Management Interdependencies

Dr. Paul F. Diehl is co-editor of a special issue of the journal International Interactions (vol. 47, no. 1, 2021). The special issue focuses on how different conflict management strategies (e.g., mediation, legal) influence one another and conflict outcomes. Among the articles in the collection is one on peacekeeping co-authored by Dr. Diehl and his EPPS colleague, Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Rebecca Cordell.

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Four New Publications for Ashbel Smith Professor of Geospatial Information Systems Dr. Daniel Griffith

Dr. Griffith has recently published his research in four journals. The first article is co-authored with recent GIS alumna, Dr. Yan-ting Liau.

READ:
- Imputed spatial data: Cautions arising from response and covariate imputation measurement error
- Interpreting Moran Eigenvector Maps with the Getis-Ord Gi* Statistic
- Moran eigenvector filtering of multi-year yield data with application to zone development
- Important considerations about space-time data: Modeling, scrutiny, and ratification

Geospatial Information System Use in Public Organizations: How and Why GIS Should be Used in...
EPPS alumnus, Dr. Nicolas Valcik BA’94, MPA’96, PhD’05, has published a book that shows how Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) can be used for operations management in public institutions. It covers theory and practical applications, ranging from tracking public health trends to mapping transportation routes to charting the safest handling of hazardous materials.

Additional EPPS contributors include: Dr. Daniel A. Griffith, Dr. Yongwan Chun, Dr. Anthony Cummings, Dr. Todd A. Jordan, and Benjamin Kennedy. The forward was written by Dr. Brian Berry.

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EPPS Alumnae Lead The Lone Star Parity Project

An innovative partnership between two alumnae, Brooke López BS’17 and Adrianna Maberry MS’18, has resulted in the Lone Star Parity Project.

Their recent report, 2021 State of the Texas Woman, aggregates Texas election data down to the local level and is thought to be the only such report to do so.

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Alumna Helps Students Gain Access to Organized Sports

Aditi Mutatkar MPA’17 is following her passion of building a grassroots level sports ecosystem. Mutatkar is a former international badminton player who has represented India in all major events, including the World Championships. After graduating from UT Dallas and retiring from sports, Mutatkar moved back to India where she is helping thousands of government school students gain access to organized sports.

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WEDNESDAY

07 April

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Slice & Dice with the Dean
Shepherd’s Pie presented by Dr. Denise Boots
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10 30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Public and Nonprofit Management Annual Conference

Comments by UT Dallas President Dr. Richard Benson and Provost Dr. Inga Musselman. Featuring the Texas House of Representatives, Big Thought, Texas Women’s Foundation, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Reimagine Redbird, and Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance. Moderated by UT Dallas Vice President for Facilities and Economic Development Dr. Calvin Jamison.

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The Dallas Morning News
Opinion: Instead of Forced Outages, What If Electricity Customers Had Choices in an Emergency?

KDFW FOX 4
Data Shows Females Are the Most Vaccinated Group

Houston Chronicle
Survey: Many would choose to work from home indefinitely
Grieder: A Leader Should Be 'an Anchor,' At Least, During a Crisis

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