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The University of Texas at Dallas
School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences
HIGHLIGHTS

EPPS Teaching Awards

EPPS is proud of its tradition of teaching excellence. With pride, we announce the 2021 EPPS Teaching Award recipients.

These recipients will be presented with their awards at a faculty reception in August.

SEE THE RECIPIENTS

New PNM Certificates

The Public and Nonprofit Management Program has introduced two new graduate certificates:

- Public Budgeting and Financial Management
- Public Human Resources Management

LEARN MORE ABOUT PNM

ACCOLADES SPOTLIGHT

UTD Honors Endowed Chairs, Professors at Virtual Investiture Ceremony

Congratulations to Dr. Rodney J. Andrews, Fellow, Vibhooti Shukla Professor of Economics and Political Economy at UT Dallas EPPS.

Dr. Andrews, along with 10 other University of Texas at Dallas faculty members, was honored at the 2021 Investiture Ceremony.

SEE THE RECAP

University Honors Top Mentors, Advisor, Dissertations and Theses

UT Dallas honors those who help make it one of the top universities in the country. This year, recognitions included recent EPPS Alumni including:

2021 Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award
Carla Ramazan BA'21

Best Dissertation Awards
Four Essays on Defense and Peace Economics
Wukki Kim PhD'20

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Professor To Expand Landscape of Research with NSF
CAREER Award

Associate Professor of Geospatial Information Sciences Dr. Anthony Cummings has been selected to receive a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). Dr. Cummings will return to his home country to study landscapes within which indigenous peoples complete a range of traditional livelihood practices.

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

The Public and Nonprofit Management has received a number of accolades, including rankings by U.S. News and World Report’s 2022 Best Graduate Schools guide and Study.com.

In its newsletter, linked below, PNM also features recent publications by faculty members and a story in Teen Vogue featuring EPPS alumna Amber Brown BA’15, MPA’17.

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PUBLICATION SPOTLIGHT

Three New Publications for Assistant Professor of Public and Nonprofit Management

Dr. Elizabeth Searing recently co-authored three journal articles.

READ:
- “Growing Up Nonprofit: Predictors of Early-Stage Nonprofit Formalization.” in Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

Tick-Borne Surveillance Patterns in Perceived Non-Endemic Geographic Areas: Human Tick Encounters and Disease Outcomes

An article authored by Assistant Provost and Associate Professor of Public and Nonprofit Management Dr. Sarah Maxwell focuses on geographically salient information on self-reported tick bite encounters by survey respondents who at the same time reported a Lyme disease (LD) diagnosis in a state perceived as non-endemic to tick-borne illness.

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Two New Publications for Ashbel Smith Professor of Geospatial Information Systems

Dr. Daniel Griffith recently published two journal articles.

READ:
- “Eigenvector visualization and art” in Journal of Mathematics and the Arts
- “Soil Sample Assay Uncertainty and the Geographic Distribution of Contaminants: Error Impacts on Syracuse Trace Metal Soil Loading Analysis Results” in International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health co-authored with Dr. Yongwan Chun, Associate Professor of Geospatial Information Sciences
UPCOMING EVENTS
With notable EPPS alumni, faculty, students, and community members from across the globe.

FRIDAY 30 July 11 a.m.

GROW 21.3 Road to Job Market for EPPS Graduate Students
Hosted by Dr. Seth Giertz, Dr. James Harrington, and Dr. Dohyeong Kim

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

The Dallas Morning News
Despite Moratoriums, Dallas Renters Weren’t Actually Protected From Eviction During Pandemic

As Dallas-Fort Worth Aims for a Record Recovery, the Pandemic Deepens the Divide Between Haves and Have-nots

KDFW Fox 4
North Texans In Need Can Use Program To Help Pay For Internet And Computers

Dallas Police Association Raises Concerns Over Permitless Carry Bill

NBC 5 (KXAS-TV)
Dallas Leads US in ‘Back to Work’, Anxiety To Be Expected

Univision 23
La mayoría de los crímenes violentos en el norte de Texas ahora tienen un denominador común, dicen expertos (Most violent crimes in North Texas now have a common denominator, say experts)

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Fall 2021 Commencement

Congratulations Class of 2021! UT Dallas EPPS will offer an in-person commencement on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

- LEARN MORE
- COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE
- ATTENDEE INFORMATION
- CEREMONY TICKETS
- LIVE WEBCAST
- PARKING MAP

Stellar Comets Share Journeys to Graduation

#UnwokeID

Named in honor of recent protests worldwide for social justice, the inaugural #UnwokeID: Ethical Issues in 21st Century International Development will bring researchers and professional practitioners together, with a special focus on representation from the global South.

EPPS Assistant Professors, Chair Dr. Jessi Hanson-DeFusco and Co-chair Dr. Camila Morales, along with UT Dallas will host a series of in-person and virtual speakers that will elevate the quality of the conference starting in February.

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ACCOLADES SPOTLIGHT

Assistant Dean and Associate Professor Named Among Top UT System Teachers

Dr. Carol Cirulli Lanham was recently honored for her dedication to teaching. Dr. Lanham was one of 14 recipients of the UT System’s 2021 Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award (ROTA).

LEARN ABOUT HER JOURNEY
Sigma Xi Selects New President

Ashbel Smith Professor of Geospatial Information Systems Dr. Daniel Griffith has been elected as the President of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society at UT Dallas. As one of the oldest and largest scientific organizations in the world, Sigma Xi has a distinguished history of service to science and society for more than one hundred and twenty-five years.

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Publication Spotlight

Human Resources Information Systems

Dr. Teodoro Benavides and Dr. Meghna Sabharwal along with colleague Dr. Nicolas A. Valcik have recently published a book that provides an introduction to Human Resource Information Systems (HRIS) for those in the public administration field.

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Not all Asians End up on Third Base

Dr. Brenda Gambol Gavigan recently published a journal article on how Filipino Americans differ from those in other large hyper-selected Asian groups and the need to avoid treating Asians as a homogenous group.

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Ethnic Organizations and Adaptation

Dr. Meghna Sabharwal, EPPS Alumnus Zeeshan Noor PhD’21, and their colleague Roli Varma have published a case study on Indian immigrant engineers in the US. Utilizing 40 in-depth interviews, the paper examines the importance of ethnic organizations in Asian immigrants’ adaptation and integration.

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- *Finding Your Crowd: The Role of Government Level and Charity Type in Revenue Crowd-Out* in the *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*
- *Resiliency Tactics during Financial Crisis: The Nonprofit Resiliency Framework* in *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*
- *Growing Up Nonprofit: Predictors of Early-Stage Nonprofit Formalization* in *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Assistant Provost & Associate Professor Seeks Better Picture of Lyme Disease Cases in Texas.

Dr. Sarah Maxwell's research on new approaches to tick-borne disease surveillance in Texas has been featured across multiple media outlets.

LEARN MORE:
- *Tick-Borne Surveillance Patterns in Perceived Non-Endemic Geographic Areas: Human Tick Encounters and Disease Outcomes* in *MDPI*
- [LymeDisease.org](http://LymeDisease.org)
- [Global Lyme Alliance](http://GlobalLymeAlliance.org)
- [Global Lyme Alliance on Facebook](http://GlobalLymeAlliance.on.Facebook)

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- **KDFW Fox 4**
  - *Violent crimes down in Dallas, police chief boasts*

- **Dallas County DA Heads New Program to Get Help for Low-Level Offenders and Out of Jail**

- **United States Politics and Policy**
  - *Persistent inflation seriously threatens the Democrats’ chances of controlling Congress in the 2022 midterm elections*

- **Texas Tribune**
  - *Texas' new political maps create safer districts for incumbents*

- **Real Clear Investigations**
  - *There Are Far More Defensive Gun Uses Than Murders. Here’s Why You Rarely Hear of Them*

- **MSN**
  - *Imbalance of power: Why low-wage, working women bear the brunt of anti-mask backlashes*

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