

**CENTEX CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**

2024 Public Service Recognition Week Awards Luncheon
May 18, 2024, 12:00 Noon – 2:00 pm
San Marcos, Texas

**Sponsored by Texas State University's
William P. Hobby Center for Public Service**

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Welcome to Honorees & Distinguished Guests

Fred Bell, President, CENTEX Chapter
American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)

Dr. Howard R. Balanoff, Professor & Director, Texas State University
William P. Hobby Center for Public Service

Introduction of Speaker by Dr. Miha Vindis, Professor, Texas State University

“What Does Public Service Mean in 2024?”

Dr. Jeremi Suri

Mack Brown Distinguished Chair for Leadership in Global Affairs
Professor of Public Affairs and History
University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

THE WILLIAM P. HOBBY FAMILY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

**Amy Ledbetter Parham, Chief Executive Officer
Texas Habitat for Humanity**

Presentation by John & Laura Beckworth, Austin, TX

OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARDS

Texas State University

**Dr. Miha Vindis, Professor of Practice
Department of Political Science**

Presentation by Dr. Nandhini Rangarajan, MPA Program Director

Dr. Stephen B. Springer, Associate Professor Emeritus (Retired)
Department of Organizational Workforce Leadership Studies (OWLS)
Presentation by Dr. Betty Harkins, Texas State University Faculty (Retired)

OUTSTANDING STAFF

Texas State University
Ms. Denise Bjerke, Office Manager
Department of Political Science

Presentation by Dr. Ken Grasso, Department Chair

THE JAMES MCGREW RESEARCH AWARDS

Texas State University Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program
Master's Thesis

*An Evaluative Study of a Dropout Prevention Program on African American Male Students in
Central Texas High Schools*

Faculty Committee:

Dr. Sherri Mora (Chair), Dr. Miha Vindis, Dr. Chris Brown

Student

Crosville Williams

Presentation by Dr. Sherri Mora, Director of the BPA Program

Applied Research Project (ARP)

*Administrative Capacity in Public Administration: Insights from a Systematic Review of
Scholarship*

Student

Naisargi Jaiswal

Presentation by Dr. Nandhini Rangarajan, Director of the MPA Program

The University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs:

Policy Research Project (PRP)

Domestic Terrorism in the Digital Age

Faculty: J. Paul Pope, Professor of Practice

Students

Jamie, Cabrera, Gabriel Cortez, Madi Donham, Alyssa Goessler, Taylor Ham, Margaret Johnson,
Brianna Kablack, Jeune Kim, Edward King, Narigny Kirschke-Schwartz, Bonhyuk Koo, Olivia
Muehlgerger, Hayley Noah, Emma Smith, Lera Toropin, Chih-Tyng Tsao, Theodore Warner,
Natalia Zamora

Presentation by Dr. Jeremy Suri, Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs

Texas A&M University Bush School of Government & Public Service
Research Award
**Bridging the Gaps: Assessing State Policies Through the U.S. Human Trafficking Policy
Database and In-Depth Case Studies**
Faculty: Dr. Robbie W. Robichau, Associate Professor

Students

Oghenechuko Avwunuma, Lizette Beltran, Maya J. Budhrani, Tony Burney,
Sofia Chunga Pizarro, TiAra R. Clark, Paige Grande, Diego Lopez, Claire Marks,
Moriah J. Metcalf, Gregory Sikowski, Rachel L. Trusler

Presentation by Dr. Lori Taylor, Professor & Head of the
Public Service and Administration Department

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

Texas State University William P. Hobby, Francis Rich, and Barney Knight Scholarships
Introduction by Dr. Howard Balanoff

Public Administration Scholarship Recipients (2024)

Asha, Mst Thahsina Aktar (Francis Rich & William P. Hobby)

Kamryn Hannigan (Howard Balanoff)

Mostafa Jalal (Francis Rich & William P Hobby)

Brianna Kearns (Francis Rich & Barney Knight)

Kaden Tucker (Barney Knight)

Daphne Williams (Barney Knight)

**INDUCTION INTO PI ALPHA ALPHA, GLOBAL HONOR SOCIETY
FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION**

Texas State University Inductees (Fall 2023 & Spring 2024)

Fall 2023

Nelson Avelar

Tameen Imran

Chelsea Johnson

William Kelly

Frederick Swanson

Spring 2024

Jamie Jobs

Lilia Miletta

Crosville Williams

Introduction by Dr. Howard Balanoff, Professor & Pi Alpha Alpha Faculty Advisor

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PI ALPHA ALPHA INDUCTEES
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

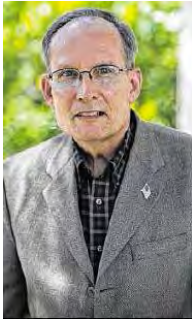
Introduction by Dr. Lori Taylor,
Students: (To Be Named)

CLOSING REMARKS

Fred Bell
CENTEX ASPA President
&
Dr. Howard Balanoff
CENTEX ASPA Special Projects Coordinator

CENTEX ASPA BUSINESS MEETING

Comments by Dr. Stephen B Springer, Associate Professor Emeritus, (Retired)



I am very thankful to be able to speak to all of you remotely despite my battle with Parkinson. It is a great personal honor to be recognized and connected with the CPM program. This group of courses constitute coursework that not only benefits the learner with knowledge and skill development...but provides learning opportunities that can be transferred to virtually any type of workplace site, even beyond Public Management.

From the very beginning of CPM coursework it was evident that numerous students seeking the MSIS and the BAAS through the department of Occupational, Workforce and Leadership Studies found the coursework fit well with their degrees. Let me also be clear how much I learned from students themselves. The learning environment is replete with strong examples and directives that students can immediately use.

There are three words that provide some direct keys that I found that closely benefit the students and that are connected to workplace success. I want to share these. First, in any management situation we must be “aware” of what is taking place where I am a manager. Isolation and excuses will only lead to problems. Being alert and aware requires all of us to take notice of problems swept under the rug.

The second word is “concern.” The public manager must not only simply be aware of actions in their workplace but must be concerned about what is taking place. Shallow thinking, fast answers, and lack of reviewing documents show lack of real concern.

Finally, the third word “committed” demonstrates what the CPM manager must do to make the leap from a problem or concern to a solution. Without a true commitment to each issue needing to be addressed, issues continue.

Let me close with another thanks and an offer. If I can be of help by talking to you on the phone or email, let me know.

THE WILLIAM P. HOBBY CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

at Texas State University



ABOUT

In July 1996, Texas State University established the Public Service Academy to deliver the CPM® Program in Texas. In 1998 the name of the Texas State University Public Service Academy was changed to **The William P. Hobby Center for Public Service** after former Texas Lt. Governor William P. Hobby made a significant donation to Texas State University to help fund the Texas CPM® Program. Governor Hobby's gift also provided funds to support the **William P. Hobby Professorship**, held by Dr. Howard Balanoff, and public service activities such as the annual William P. Hobby Distinguished Lecture, Hobby Scholarships/Fellowships, and Student Teaching/Research Assistantships.



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