CENTEX CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

2025 Public Service Recognition Week Awards Luncheon
June 7, 2025, 12:00 Noon – 2:00 pm
San Marcos, Texas

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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Revised June 2, 2025

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

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

THE WILLIAM P. HOBBY FAMILY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Alan Bojorquez, Attorney and CEO, The Bojorquez Law Firm
Sheila Bojorquez, President & CEO, City Hall Essentials
Presentation by Fred Bell, President, CENTEX ASPA

CENTEX ASPA DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD
Jeremi Suri, PhD
Mack Brown Distinguished Chair for Leadership in Global Affairs;
Professor of Public Affairs and History
Presentation by Fred Bell, President, CENTEX ASPA

THE JAMES MCGREW RESEARCH AWARDS

Texas State University Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program
Applied Research Project (ARP)

Post-Adoption Contact Agreement Legislation: A Systematic Assessment of Individual State Legislation

Student:
Ashley Giraud
Presentation by Dr. Nanhini Rangarajan, Faculty Advisor, MPA Program

Texas State University Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program
Applied Research Project (ARP)

The Impact of Budget Allocation on Student Performance:
A Study of Rural K-12 Public School Districts in Texas

Student
Brayden Worley
Presentation by Dr. Nanhini Rangarajan, Faculty Advisor, MPA Program

Texas A&M University Bush School of Government & Public Service
Capstone Project

Data, Disclosure, and Discrepancies: An Analysis of FARA Reporting and Reform

Students
Ashlyn Anderson, Mollie Blahuta, Allie Cerling, Matthew B. Francis Jr., Julia Jachimowicz, Andrew Martin, Taylor Mitchell, Payel Nasrin, and Allison Orr

Presentation by Dr. Lori L. Taylor, Faculty Advisor, Bush School of Government and Public Service

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
WILLIAM P. HOBBY MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

William P. Hobby Management Fellowship with the City of San Marcos, Texas
Texas State University December 2024 MPA Graduate

Md Mostafa Jalal
Introduction by Stephenie Reyes, City Manager, San Marcos, Texas

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

Texas State University William P. Hobby and Barney Knight Scholarships
for Spring 25 & Summer 25 Semesters

Mst Thahsina Aktar Asha (William P. Hobby)
Savanna Batson (William P. Hobby)
Remigio Casanova (William P. Hobby)
Dylann Engle (Barney Knight)
Reagan Haik (William P. Hobby)
Miguel Perez (William P. Hobby)
Mackenzie Rothrock (William P. Hobby)
Sonia Shahsavari (William P. Hobby)
Kaden Tucker (William P. Hobby)
Daphne Williams (William P. Hobby)

INDUCTION INTO PI ALPHA ALPHA, GLOBAL HONOR SOCIETY
FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION
By Dr. Howard Balanoff, Professor & Pi Alpha Alpha Faculty Advisor

Texas State University Inductees (Fall 2024 and Spring 2025)
Fall 2024
Laura Salazar-Brown
Nicholas Delaunay
Md Mostafa Jalal
Antonio Mireles

Spring 2025
Rachel H. Hoban
Brian Padilla
Mackenzie Rothrock
Brayden Worley

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PI ALPHA ALPHA INDUCTEES
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Introduction by Dr. Lori Taylor, Faculty Advisor
Students to be Named

CLOSING REMARKS
&
CENTEX ASPA BUSINESS MEETING
Fred Bell
CENTEX ASPA President
&
Dr. Howard Balanoff
CENTEX ASPA Special Projects Coordinator

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
for
2025 William P. Hobby Family Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Sheila Bojorquez, President & CEO, City Hall Essentials, LLC

- Manager of an Austin-based consulting firm that provides Training, Consulting, and Interim Staffing for municipalities
- Graduate, Texas Certified Public Manager Program
- Past-Board Member, CenTex ASPA
- Licensed Professional Counselor (retired)
- Counselor, Principal and Teacher for 19 years in 3 school districts (retired)
- Alumnus, Texas A&M University (BS, MEd)
- Alumnus, Sam Houston State University (School Administration program)
- Alumnus, Blinn College (Assoc Arts degree)

Alan Bojorquez, Managing Partner, Bojorquez Law Firm, PC

- Co-Founder, City Hall Essentials, LLC
- Manager of an Austin-based Municipal Law firm with 23 attorneys officing in 7 regions of Texas, currently representing approximately 45 local governments
- Senior Instructor, Texas Certified Public Manager Program
- Past-President, CenTex ASPA (1999)
- Alumnus of Texas Tech University (JD, MPA & BA)

They are the proud parents of Caroline Greer and Kylie Bojorquez, and grandparents of Emmalynn Greer (we simply can't forget our adored son-in-law, Jacob Greer).

Jeremi Suri, The University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs

Mack Brown Distinguished Chair for Leadership in Global Affairs; Professor of Public Affairs and History

Education:
Ph.D. in History, Yale University, 2001 - M.A. in History, Ohio University, 1996 - A.B. in History, Stanford University, 1994

Research Areas:
Strategy, Leadership, Decision-Making - International Relations, National Security, Globalization - Modern History, Public Activism, Organizational Change

Teaching Areas:
International Affairs and Diplomacy - Finance - Management and Leadership (including Nonprofits)

Jeremi Suri holds the Mack Brown Distinguished Chair for Leadership in Global Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin. He is a professor in the University's Department of History and the LBJ School of Public Affairs. Dr. Suri is the author and editor of eleven books on contemporary politics and foreign policy, most recently *Civil War By Other Means: America's Long and Unfinished Fight for Democracy*. His other books include *The Impossible Presidency: The Rise and Fall of America's Highest Office*; *Henry Kissinger and the American Century; Liberty's Surest Guardian: American Nation-Building from the Founders to Obama;* and *Foreign Policy Breakthroughs: Cases in Successful Diplomacy* (with Robert Hutchings).

Dr. Suri writes for major newspapers and magazines including the *New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, New York Daily News, Dallas Morning News, Houston Chronicle, Boston Globe, The Atlantic, Foreign Policy, Foreign Affairs, Fortune, The American Prospect* and *Wired* — as well as for various online sites and blogs. He is a popular public lecturer, and appears frequently on radio and television.

Dr. Suri teaches courses on strategy and decision-making, leadership, globalization, international relations and modern history. He teaches graduate and undergraduate courses, and he teaches and serves as academic director for the Executive Master in Public Leadership program (EMPL) at LBJ. His research and teaching have received numerous prizes. In 2007 *Smithsonian* magazine named him one of America's "Top Young Innovators" in the arts and sciences. In 2018 he received the Pro Bene Meritis Award for Contributions to the Liberal Arts. In the same year also received the President's Associates Teaching Excellence Award from the University of Texas at Austin.