

	NAME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
1	Bethany Blackstone	There is Glass Everywhere: Women in Politics	<p>In 2020, Americans elected record numbers of women to Congress and the first woman vice-president. When the 117th Congress convenes, it will include more women of color and more Republican women than ever. Join Dr. Bethany Blackstone for a conversation about the role of women in American politics. We'll talk about women voters' decisive role in the 2020 presidential election and how the presence of more elected women in the Republican and Democratic parties may shape what happens in Congress in the next two years.</p> <p>Bethany Blackstone is the Associate Dean for the Honors College and an Associate Professor of Political Science. Her research and teaching focus on the United States Congress, the U.S. Supreme Court, constitutional law, and interbranch relations.</p>
2	Jeremy Short	Send in the Crowds? How to Make Stacks on Deck as a Social Entrepreneur through Crowdfunding	<p>How might you quickly and effectively reach out to your community to support a worthy cause? How can you pitch your business venture directly to potential investors to make thousands within a few days bypassing banks and sharks (venture capitalists)? How can teachers reach out to garner support from the community resulting in supplies being</p>

			<p>delivered directly to their schools? The answer to all these questions and more is found in one mind altering phenomena: crowdfunding.</p> <p>Dr. Jeremy Short's research on crowdfunding and strategic management has been featured in outlets such as Forbes, USA Today, Scientific American Mind, and the Wall Street Journal. He serves as the inaugural G. Brint Ryan Chair in Entrepreneurship and has brought knowledge from his crowdfunding research to his classes that recently used multiple crowdfunding platforms to add social value by making over \$10,00 in funds for a variety of social causes ranging from Veteran Support, Mental Health, Animal Welfare, first Responders, Teachers, Essential Farm Workers, and more.</p>
3	Alicia Eggert	Why Public Art Matters, Now More Than Ever	<p>This conversation will address the role and value of art in public places in the current social and political climate. It will begin with an introduction to the various strategies artists use to engage and intervene in public spaces, and the multiplicity of forms those public artworks can take. We will discuss the ability for public art to create common ground, inspire a sense of wonder, and help us identify what we value as individuals and as a society.</p> <p>Alicia Eggert is an interdisciplinary artist</p>

			<p>whose work gives material form to language and time, the powerful but invisible forces that shape our perception of reality. Her sculptures often co-opt the styles and structures of commercial signage to communicate messages that inspire reflection and wonder — neon signs that illuminate the way light travels across space and time, and billboards that allow Forever to appear and disappear in the fog. These artworks have been installed on building rooftops in Russia, on bridges in Amsterdam, and on uninhabited islands in Maine, beckoning us to ponder our place in the world and the role we play in it.</p> <p>Alicia is an Associate Professor of Studio Art and the Sculpture Program Coordinator in the College of Visual Art &amp; Design at UNT. One of the many courses Alicia teaches at UNT is an Intermediate Sculpture course titled Art in Public, which has given students the opportunity to propose and install funded public artworks at the Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area and Waterloo Park in Denison. Alicia also serves as an appointed member of the Public Art Committee for the City of Denton.</p>
4	Selcuk Acar	Exploring the Nexus of Creativity, Mental Health, and Wellbeing: Implications for COVID-19 Era	Research findings reveal interesting pattern of relationships among

			<p>Creativity, Mental Health, and Wellbeing. Those relationships are particularly important to know during the COVID-10 era. We will discuss how creativity can be the key for everyone to sustain and improve their wellbeing under the restrictive conditions.</p>
5	Pat Cheek	How a Few Women in Denton Made History in the 60s	<p>In the 1960s, there was a Denton women's organization that took on the task of easing integration in schools. This is the story of black and white moms who became friends through Denton Christian Women's Interracial Fellowship with the idea that their kids could help end racism.</p>
6	Terri Guthrie	Travel with Terri (even safely during a pandemic)	<p>Interact with Terri Guthrie, experienced international traveler, writer and photographer. Learn how to plan and execute the perfect trip with tips on: your itinerary; packing; preparing; money; transportation; safety and street smarts. Also, find out Terri's top 3 favorite travel destinations.</p> <p>Terri Guthrie, from Denton, Texas, is a Travel Enthusiast. She loves to travel the world with her husband Ron, a retired, international commercial airline pilot. Terri has a degree in Journalism from the University of Southern Mississippi and enjoys writing about and photographing her travel adventures. She has visited over 35 countries and frequently travels to Amsterdam, London, New York City, Paris and Rome.</p>

7	Elyse Zavar	3 BD, 2 BTH, Lovely Seaside Bungalow Under the Sea: Can buyout programs build resilient communities?	Dr. Elyse Zavar will focus on how communities mitigate hazards like flooding and hurricanes through home buyout programs. These voluntary relocation programs are becoming more common amongst floodplain managers and many U.S. coastal communities as embracing buyouts as the tool of choice due to sea level rise. This conservation will consider the history of these programs, the barriers to successful mitigation, and the future uses of buyouts in a U.S. context.
8	David Stout	Visual Music and Immersive Worlds	Melding real-time animation and generative electronic sound within the legacy of cybernetics and mathematic visualization, Cory Metcalf and David Stout celebrate the evolution of visual music as a form of instrumental play with semi-autonomous systems. The artists re-imagine a painterly abstraction to suggest elemental narratives that evoke highly charged emotional states. From subtle life-like emanations to roiling upheavals of sound and light the resulting audio-visual events are at once familiar, mysterious and strange. davidstout.net
9	Dr. Qing Yang	Is it Safe to "Drive" a Self-driving Car?	With Elon Musk becoming the richest person in the world, autonomous driving vehicle technology has been the new investment hotspot in the United States, and all over the world. A key question one might ask is whether it is safe to

			<p>"drive" a self-driving car, or can we trust the sophisticated technologies behind an autonomous vehicle, including image processing, machine learning, and vehicle control? To answer this big question, we will first cover the fundamentals of autonomous driving technology, and then discuss how connected vehicle techniques will improve the self-driving car's safety. Specifically, we will discuss what and how data are exchanged among autonomous vehicles to realize a precise cooperative perception of autonomous vehicles, enabling massive amounts of sensor information to be shared amongst vehicles. Such an advance can be extremely useful to extend the line of sight and field of view of autonomous vehicles, which otherwise suffers from blind spots and occlusions. This increase in situational awareness promotes safe driving over a narrow scope and improves traffic flow efficiency over an extended scope.</p>
10	Jenn Stayton	The Board Gamer's Gambit	<p>Games are on the table for this winning talk about game "geek" culture, the best games to play in a pandemic, and the "moment" that both new and classic board games are having thanks to Netflix and the rise of virtual board games on sites like Steam. Pick your game piece and follow the rules to unlock the secrets of</p>

			collaborative and competitive gaming with the help of librarian Jenn Stayton.
11	Chief Frank Dixon	Relational Policing and Police Legitimacy	Denton City Police Chief
12	Keely Briggs	Increasing Civic Engagement in Turbulent Times	Denton City Councilperson and Local Activist
13	Jodi Duryea	Let's cook Saffron Shrimp Risotto (live cooking demo)	You can cook in real time with Chef Jodi Duryea. The recipe will be provided in advance for those who request it. Zoom guests at this virtual table will cook Saffron Shrimp Risotto in their own kitchens while following along with Chef Dureya.