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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Nordstrom's exit from Galleria Dallas could mean more for retail's future in DFW:** Facilitated by the media relations team, [WFAA](#) turned to economics Professor David Quigley to discuss the closing of Nordstrom after 30 years at the Galleria. While some say it's the end of an era, Dr. Quigley says, "I think there's still enough of a market there that the Galleria could continue to survive." [WBAP](#) also aired the report.



NORDSTROM



# EXPERT INTERVIEWS

**Here comes the self-driving traffic surge:** [Bloomberg](#) is the latest outlet to cite a study by UTA civil engineers Farah Naz and Stephen Mattingly that finds that the more autonomous vehicles take to the road, the greater the potential is for increased traffic congestion.

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**March Madness: Why sports betting is booming among young adults:** Facilitated by the media relations team, Professor of social work Dana Litt joined [KLIF](#) to discuss her and colleague Melissa Lewis' sports gambling study as March Madness tips off. [Yahoo!](#) previously published this story. The website [Study Finds](#) also published an article and was shared by [MSN](#).

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## MORE NEWS



**Improving driver education for neurodivergent teens, young adults focus of UTA research:** Facilitated by the media relations team, the [Fort Worth Report](#) visited campus to cover civil engineering Associate Professor Kate Hyun's research exploring ways to better prepare neurodivergent teens to become safe drivers. Key to the study is the driving simulator inside Dr. Hyun's lab.

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**Good call: Earlier reminders cut missed doctor visits:** [Medical Xpress](#) shared a [UTA media release](#) about a study that showed medical offices can dramatically reduce no-show appointments by making reminder calls at least three days in advance.

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**Gift establishes UTA's first hospitality professorship:** [The Dallas Examiner](#) and [NewsBreak](#) shared the story of a \$500,000 gift from entrepreneur and philanthropist Roland G. Parrish that will create UTA's first hospitality professorship, boosting the University's new program to prepare North Texas industry leaders.

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