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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sept. 1 unlocks first installment of \$1.5 billion film incentive package in Texas: [The Dallas Morning News](#) shared a story originally published by [KERA](#) featuring Michael Ward (College of Business) discussing the Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program and if it can be effective in the state. The UTA media relations team coordinated the KERA interview.



EXPERT INTERVIEWS



New Texas law opening the door to foreign physicians: Coordinated by the UTA media relations team, Ogan Gurel (College of Nursing and Health Innovation) has spoken with multiple news outlets about the DOCTOR Act and if it will help ease the physician shortage in the state and particularly rural communities. He was most recently featured in [The Denton Record-Chronicle](#) and [KERA](#).

MORE NEWS

Researcher builds blueprint to combat human trafficking: [MSN](#) reposted a UTA news release

about UTA researcher Kathleen Preble expanding her human trafficking research from the University of Missouri, aiming to create a blueprint other states can use to address this growing problem. It was also reposted on [Phys.org](#).

Fort Worth Lands No. 5 in Big-City Growth Ranking, Powered by Education Gains: UTA West was mentioned in a [Fort Worth Inc.](#) article about Fort Worth's growth, which is in part powered by institutions of higher education.

Months after oil spill, a beloved North Texas bird-watching spot remains shuttered: Robert Neill, a retired UTA biology professor, spoke with [The Dallas Morning News](#) about how he would take his students to a bird-watching spot at Village Creek in Arlington, which was closed following the rupture of a crude oil transmission line in May.

Catching up with Lou Diamond Phillips: [NBC Bay Area](#) interviewed UTA alum Lou Diamond Phillips. He noted how the theater degree he earned from UTA helped him prepare for his latest role.

Some websites require registration or subscription before viewing the entire story.

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