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**Houston Public Media Brings New Perspectives to its Public Affairs Programs**

*Red, White & Blue and Party Politics return this fall with new co-hosts.*



*Gary Polland (left) and Dallas Jones (right)*

**HOUSTON – (August 20, 2019)** – Houston Public Media announced today the addition of two new personalities to its local public affairs programs, *Red, White & Blue*, and *Party Politics*, providing even stronger platforms to share and discuss topics leading up to this year’s City of Houston elections and the 2020 general elections.

After 18 seasons, *Red, White & Blue* brings a new perspective into play with the addition of Dallas Jones to the long-time public affairs TV program that brings together the brightest minds from across the political spectrum for in-depth conversations on important issues facing our region and state. Jones serves as President and CEO of Elite Change, Inc., a public affairs and strategic communications firm. Gary Polland, a Houston attorney and former Harris County Republican Party Chairman, returns as co-host. The new season of the weekly half-hour conversations will premiere on Friday, September 6 at 7:30 pm on Houston Public Media TV 8. The show will maintain its character of providing a platform that is diligent in its commitment to a balanced exchange of opinions, while bringing in a new look and feel.



“I look forward to having authentic conversations about some of the most pressing issues of the day,” said Dallas Jones, new co-host of *Red, White & Blue*.

Ahead of a busy political season, Dr. Jeronimo Cortina joins Dr. Brandon Rottinghaus as co-host of *Party Politics*, a public affairs podcast that analyzes the news of the week and navigates our current political landscape through storytelling and humor. Cortina holds dual roles at the University of Houston, Assistant Professor in the Political Science Department and the Associate Director at the Center for Mexican American Studies. Cortina has been a regular contributor on *Houston Matters* and is the former co-host of Houston Public Media’s *En Pocas Palabras*.

“This role will allow me to be funny but informative while talking about important issues that impact our city and state,” said Dr. Jeronimo Cortina, new co-host of *Party Politics*.

To help lead production for the station’s robust public affairs programming, Houston Public Media added Sophie Moll to its roster of talented producers. Moll was born in Santiago, Chile, and brings a fresh perspective to the station as a recent college graduate and former research analyst at a political consulting firm during the 2018 Texas midterms.

“Houston Public Media continues to be a trusted destination for thought-provoking news, and a place where we can have reasonable, in-depth conversations about big, fundamental issues that define our communities,” said Sophie Moll, Producer at Houston Public Media.

Moll assisted in the launch of a new public affairs dedicated Twitter handle, @HPMPolitics, to act as a hub for Houston Public Media’s political coverage.

**Media note:**

- [\*Red, White and Blue\*](#): New episodes available every Friday at 7:30 pm on TV 8 starting September 6
- [\*Party Politics\*](#): Subscribe to the podcast on Stitcher, Apple Podcasts or anywhere podcasts are found. New episodes available every Friday starting September 6
- Join the conversation with comments and questions on Twitter [@HPMPolitics](#)
- Contact the producer, Sophie Moll, at [smoll@houstonpublicmedia.org](mailto:smoll@houstonpublicmedia.org) and 713-743-0981

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Houston Public Media is a service of the University of Houston and supported with financial gifts from the community. Houston Public Media combines broadcast and digital assets to serve residents of Southeast Texas with trusted local news and entertainment and national programming from NPR and PBS. With a combined weekly audience of more than 1.5 million, Houston Public Media is committed to delivering content that expands minds and possibilities with quality information.