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Monica Escaleras is an expert in natural disasters and political economy.

Biography

Monica Escaleras is an associate professor of economics and is the founder and director of the Business and Economics Polling Initiative (BEPI) in the College of Business at Florida Atlantic University. The Initiative provides a laboratory for students to learn all aspects of survey research process from data collection up to presentations at professional conferences. Through hands-on activities, BEPI offers students the opportunity to develop new skills that help them in their professional development. In addition, results of the polls are regularly featured in several leading media outlets such as the Sun Sentinel, Washington Post, MSNBC, Reuters and MarketWatch ? giving significant exposure to FAU. Escaleras also serves in the South Florida Culture Platform Steering Committee and supervises graduate students' research projects. In 2016, Escaleras received the FAU National Alumni Association Degree of Difference Award and was a finalist for the FAU Distinguished Teacher of the Year award. Escalera's scholarship focuses on natural disasters and political economy and her research has been published in numerous journals, including the Journal of Public Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Public Choice and Southern Economics Journal. She teaches Macroeconomics and Money and Banking. Escaleras earned her bachelor's degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College, her master's degree from the University of Florida and her Ph.D. in Economics from Florida International University. Prior to joining Florida Atlantic University, Escaleras was an assistant professor at The College of Charleston.

Areas of Expertise

Decentralization, Business Administration, Business and Economics Polling, Natural Disasters, Political Economy, Agricultural Economics, Corruption

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