Welcome. My name Justin Bullock. I'm here with Gregory Gause. And we are starting a podcast called Bush School Uncorked.

Greg and I had this idea a little ways back and thought it would be a lot of fun to get together somewhat regularly, talk to another colleague about some of the work that they're doing, and then share that with you. And then following that, have an opportunity for us to sit around with the interviewee and another member of the Bush School, or another faculty member, or expert; and talk about some of the current issues of our day, something that might have been in the news, that's loosely or broadly tied to some of our research.

And so we're really looking forward that. Is there anything, Greg, that would be great to add?

I think that what we want to do is showcase the research that colleagues are doing at the Bush School and show its relevance to what's happening in the news today. And I think that we're going to do that through our two segments. We'll have the two regular segments.

In-depth interview that you, Justin, are going to conduct with our colleagues, mostly from the Bush School but maybe from other parts of Texas A&M, and maybe even people from outside the university.

And then taking that issue, as you said, and kind of kicking it around in a larger context, maybe more related to the politics of the day. And that conversation will lead us into other things of relevance that are in the news.

Yeah. And I think that Greg hit the nail on the head. One of the things that we think that we don't do enough of is getting our work out to the general public, and getting our work out to highlight how it is related to things that are going on in the news; thing with our politics; things with international affairs.

And so we're hoping this is a place where we can talk about it in a way that will be interesting to you and enjoyable; and highlight, again, some of the work that our colleagues are doing, maybe even some of the work Greg is doing, maybe occasionally even something that I'm doing; and bring that to you and have a nice conversation about it. And so we're really looking forward to it. Anything else, Greg?

I think that what we're going to do is try to hit a range of issues. We have colleagues in my department, which is the International Affairs Department, who study NAFTA and trade with the Americas; who study China and the North Korean situation; who study the Middle East; who study unconventional conflict; who study American foreign policy; who study the causes of war; who study famines and natural disasters, and the political impacts.

And we have people in your department, Justin, in the Public Service and Administration Department, who look at important national issues. And we'll also look at Texas issues. And so I think that we're going to span the spectrum, from Texas to the country to the world.

Yeah. That's a good recap. I think the other thing that we'll have on the department ... people that are interested in all kinds of domestic stuff. So everything from local governance ... we have several people who really get into the nuances of cities and city management, and how that affects city growth and city wellbeing; to issues at the state level, issues that affect rural areas, urban areas; and then things at the national level, particularly do cyber security and emergency management; and how to do governance well.

And so I think across the departments and some of the guests we'll have, there will be a wide array of issues, any of which will affect your daily life in some interesting way; but also might be of particular interests to you.

All of it in the headlines, at some time or another.

Yeah. And hopefully it will help give a frame for looking at those headlines and thinking carefully about them.

Well this is great. This is just a teaser that we're putting out there for you, to let you know about the podcast. Hopefully within about the next two weeks, we'll have another episode posted. And our general publishing idea is to do about two a month. We're not going to hold ourselves firmly to that. But we're going to try to get two a month done and have someone that we're interviewing, and then have a conversation with a panel.

We also wanted to make sure that we thanked Downtown Uncorked. They're providing us the space to record these podcasts, right here in our hometown in downtown Bryan. And so, many thanks to them for giving us this space and a great atmosphere to have some interesting conversations.

Thanks for your time. And we look forward to bringing you some full-length episodes here in the next couple of weeks. Thank you.