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GORDON SANDISON MEMORIAL LECTURE

Guest Speaker

Shawn Flanigan

**Human Services and Political Violence: Why
Should Political Scientists Care About
“Social Work”?**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2016
3:00 pm, CF 115**

Dr. Flanigan is an associate professor of public administration at San Diego State University. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on public policy, public administration and nonprofit organizations. Dr. Flanigan specializes in comparative public administration and nonprofit organizations as policy actors and service providers. Her research focuses on the role nonprofit organizations and other community based organizations play in meeting the health and social service needs of minorities and marginalized groups, with a specific interest in the developing world and low-income populations in the U.S. She is particularly interested in the role of power and coercion in service provision to vulnerable populations, and has examined this dynamic in health and social service provision by faith-based organizations, by political organizations, by terrorist networks, and by other groups that engage in violence. Her current research focuses on diaspora philanthropy toward Syrian refugees.