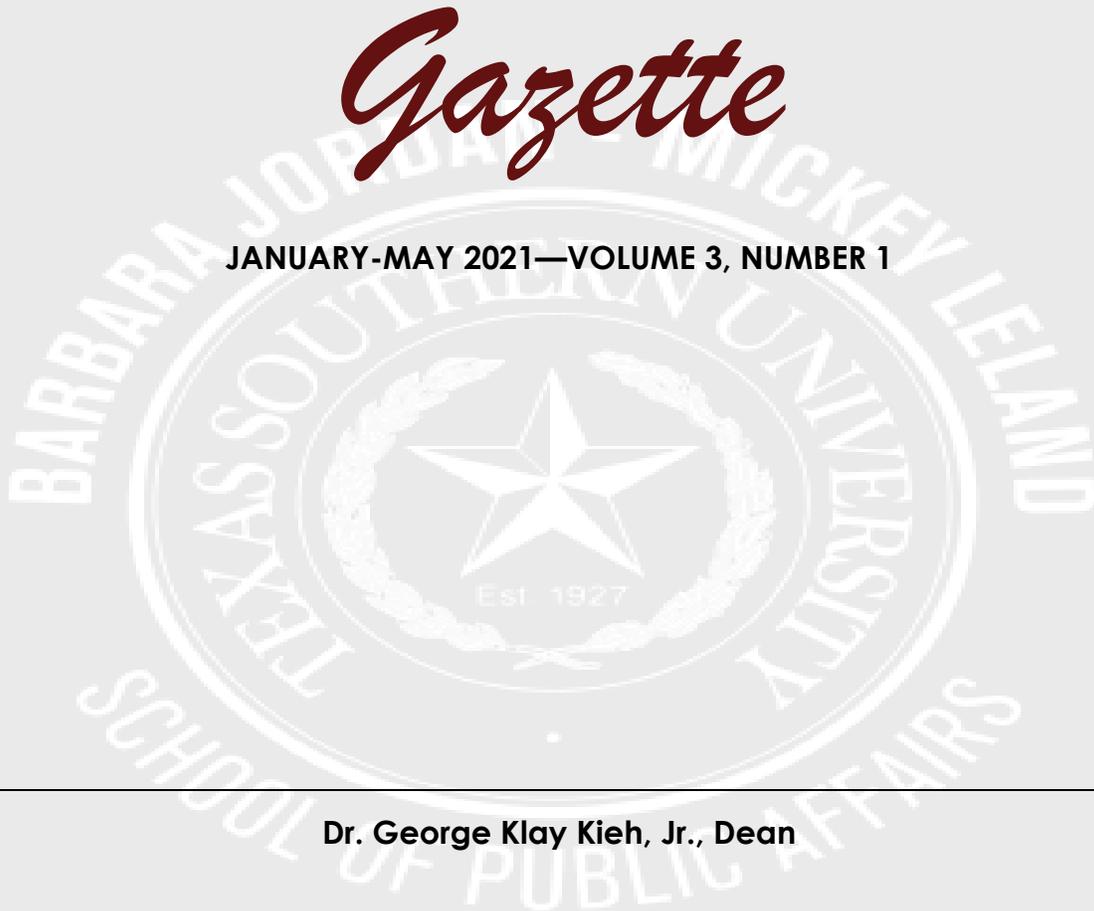


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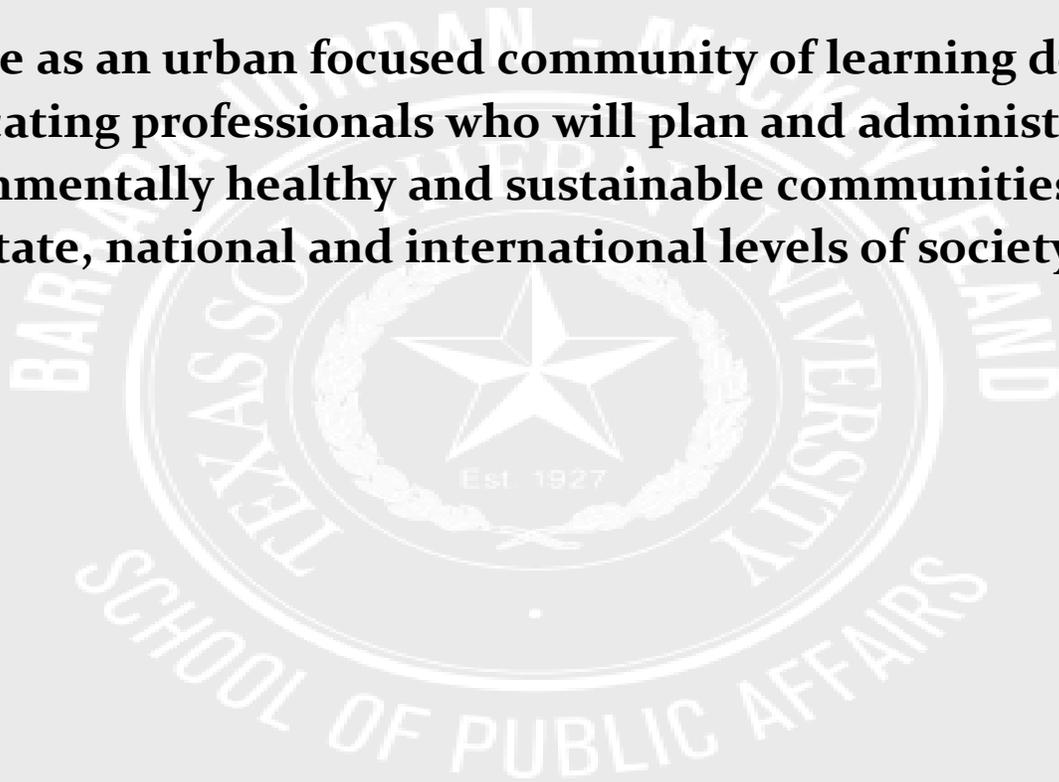
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Message from the Dean:

Warm greetings. I am quite delighted to introduce the third volume, number 1 of “*The SOPA Scholarly Activities Gazette.*” *The Gazette* is designed to publicize the amazing scholarly activities of our faculty and students. In addition, the *Gazette* is a testament to SOPA’s commitment to serve as a citadel for the production of knowledge that will help promote human-centered development at the municipal, county, state, national and global levels.

Our Mission:

To serve as an urban focused community of learning dedicated to educating professionals who will plan and administer environmentally healthy and sustainable communities at the local, state, national and international levels of society.



JOURNAL ARTICLES:

Chun, B., Hur, M., and Won, J. Impacts of thermal environments on health risk: A case study of Harris County, Texas. *Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health*, 18(11), 5531-5546, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18115531>.

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BOOK CHAPTERS:

Ewoh, Andrew I.E. (2021). From Unfree Labor to Neo-Colonial Extraction in Sao Tome & Principe. In Emmanuel O. Oritsejafor and Allan D. Cooper (eds.), *Africa and the Global System of Capital Accumulation* (pp.90-100). New York, NY: Routledge.

Kieh, George, K. (2021). Capital Accumulation in Liberia's Rubber and Iron Ore Sectors. In Emmanuel O. Oritsejafor and Allan D. Cooper (eds.), *Africa and the Global System of Capital Accumulation* (pp.54-69). New York, NY: Routledge.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE:

Ewoh, Andrew I.E., and Justina U. Ewoh. 2021. Approaches to Containing COVID-19 Pandemic in Nigeria: Public Policy Responses, Challenges and Lessons Learned. Paper presented at the 82nd American Society for Public Administration Virtual Conference, Panel on Fighting COVID-19 the African Way: Policy Responses & Lessons Learned, April 9-15.

Ewoh, Andrew and Mercy Umeri. 2021. Leading in an Era of Uncertainty: Lessons and Challenges from Education Administration. Paper presented at the 50th Annual Conference of Minority Public Administrators, COMPA Virtual Conference, February 26-28, 2021.

Kieh, George.2021. State Fragility in Post-Civil War Liberia. Paper presented at the 52nd Annual Conference of the Liberian Studies Association, April 22-24, 2021, held virtually hosted by Cornell University.

PANELS SERVED ON AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES:

Ewoh, Andrew: Served on the Presidents' Panel on COMPA @ 50: *Reinforcing the Case for Diversity, equity & Inclusion in Public Service*. A pre- conference event at the 50th COMPA Virtual Conference, February 25, 2021.

Kieh, George: Served on Panel on "Law and Society in Libera," 52nd Annual Conference of the Liberian Studies Association, held virtually on April 22-24, 2021, and hosted by Cornell University.

Kieh, George: Served on Panel on Monograph on *Development, (Dual) Citizenship, and its Discontents: The Political Economy of Belonging in Liberia* at the 52nd Annual Conference of the Liberian Studies Association, held virtually on April 22-24, 2021, and hosted by Cornell University.

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COLLABORATIONS

Kieh, George: Co-directed Research Project on “Civil Conflicts in Africa” with Kelechi A. Kalu, Department of Political Science, University of California Riverside. The project included researchers from universities in the United States, Cameroon, Ghana, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, and Uganda. The research project will produce four books on “*Peacebuilding in Africa,*” “*Civil Wars in Africa,*” “*Military Coups and Democratization in Africa,*” and “*Insurgency, Terrorism, and Counter-terrorism in Africa,*” to be published by Lexington Books.

