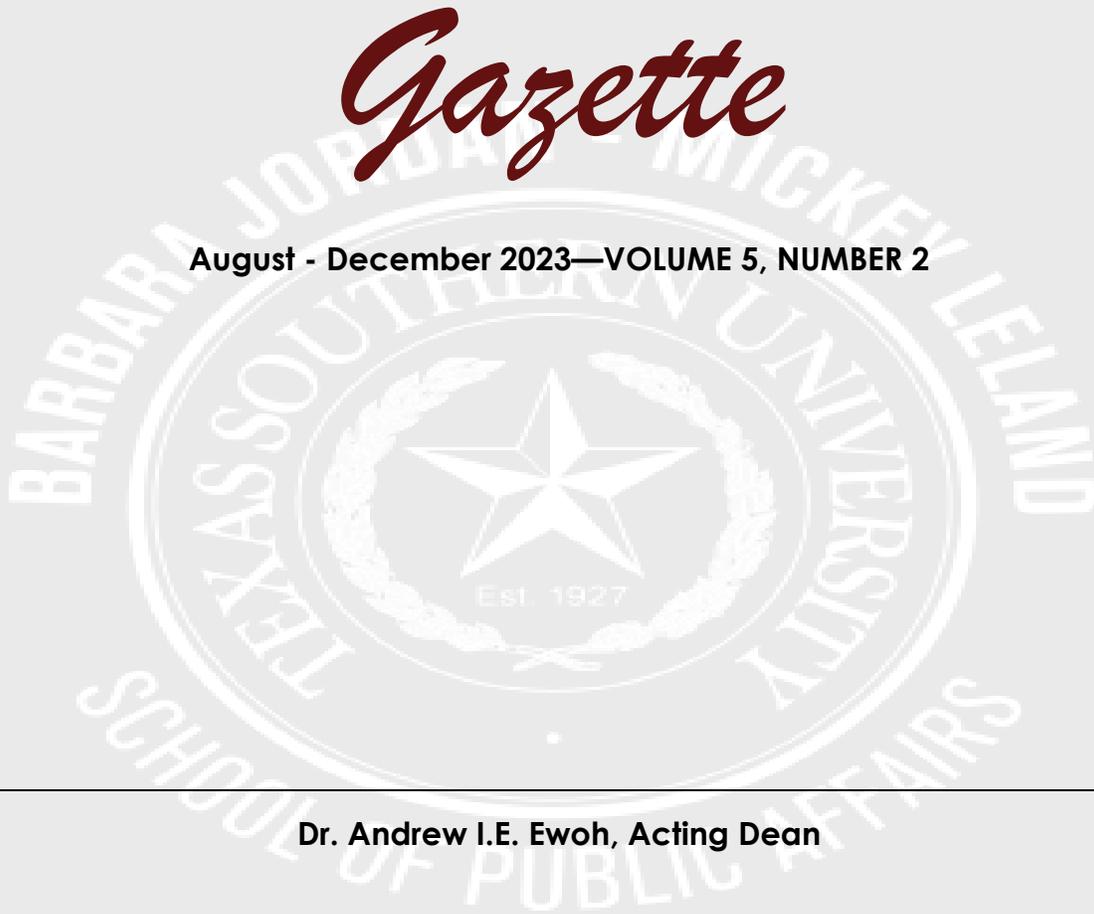




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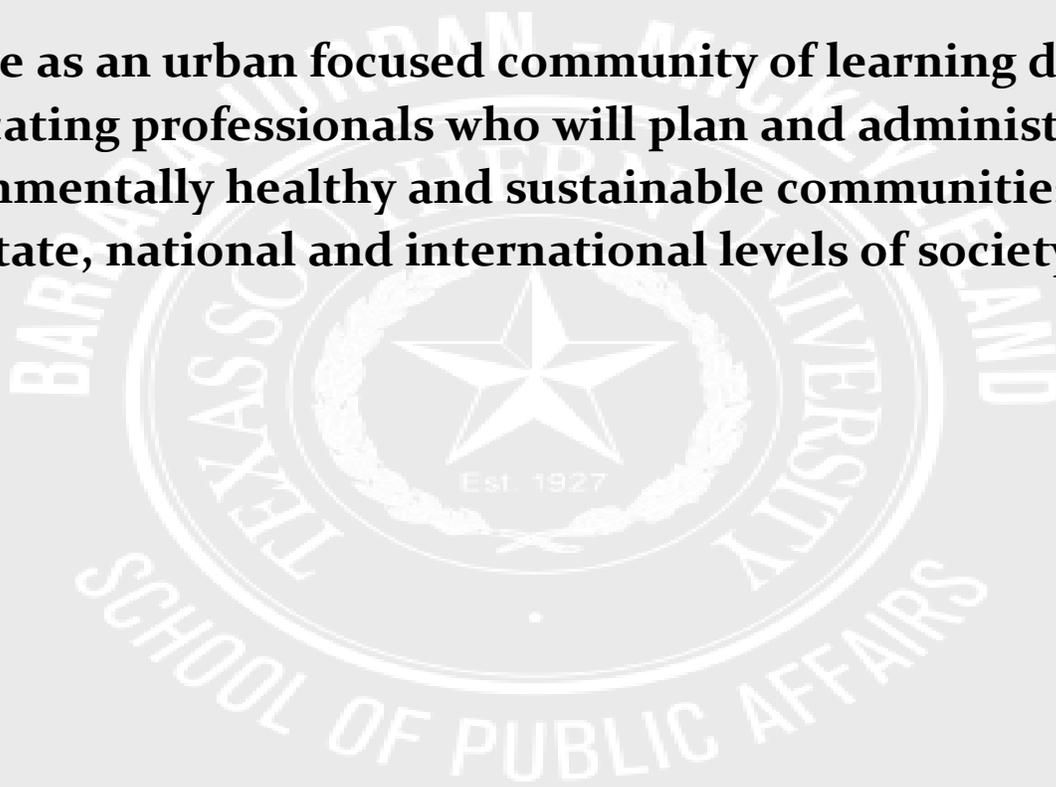
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## **Message from the Acting Dean:**

**Warm greetings. I am quite delighted to introduce the fifth volume, number 2 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 PUBLISHED**

Ewoh, Andrew. (2023). From Gentrification, Systematic Racism, Policy Entrepreneurs to the Myth of Expertise in Academia and Community Health Improvement. Editor's Introduction. *Journal of Public Management & Social Policy*, 30(1&2).

Ewoh, Andrew I.E. (2023). Industrial Establishments: Workplace Satisfaction, Women's Participation in Politics and Land Use. Editor's Introduction. *African Social Science Review*, 12(1).

Kieh, G.K. (2023). The Movement for Justice in Africa and State Transformation in Liberia. *Bandung: The Journal of the Global South*, 10(3), 2023, 303-327.

**OPEN ACCESS JOURNAL & PROFESSIONAL MAGAZINE ARTICLES**

Nayer, G., Adams, M., & Feliciano, L.P. (2023). The History of Voting Rights and Racial Discrimination in Texas: 1865-1965. *American Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences Research*, 7(9), 102-108.

Nayer, G., Feliciano, L. P., & Adams, M. (2023). The Struggle for Equal Citizenship and Voting Rights in Texas: One Nonprofit's Solution. *ISRG Journal of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences*, 1(V), 211-217.

**BOOK CHAPTER PUBLISHED**

Kieh, G. K. (2023). The Movement for Justice in Africa and Democratization in Liberia in *Revolutionary Movements in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Untold Story*. Edited by Bianchini, P., Sylla, N. & Zeilig, L. London: Pluto Press, 2023, 121-140.

**PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES**

Ewoh, Andrew. (2023). Role of Nongovernmental Organization in Local Economic Development and Poverty Reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa. Paper presented at 26<sup>th</sup> Great Plains Political Science Association at Wichita State University, Wichita, KS, October 27.

Olonilua, Oluponmile. (2023). The Increasing Role of Citizen Engagement/Education in Climate Change, *Invited Speaker*, Paper presented at the Urban Climate Solutions Workshop, Texas A&M University, College Station, October 9-10.

## **PANELS SERVED ON AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES**

Michael O. Adams served as a panelist on *Making the Classroom Safe Again: Approaches to Creating Safe and Welcoming Learning Environments* at NASPAA Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 11-13, 2023.

Michael O. Adams and Carroll Robinson served as panelists on *The Critical Role of BIPOC School Leaders in Shaping Meaningful Experiential Learning Opportunities for Students (and Communities)* at NASPAA Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 11-13, 2023.

Carroll Robinson served as a panelist on *Public Opinion Polling as Public Service & Education* at NASPAA Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 11-13, 2023.

## **GRANTS**

Michael Adams (with Texas Southern University Foundation), project funded by the Houston Endowment Foundation to support electoral participation among students and staff, coordination of university activities with community groups, and an independent evaluation of the project for \$990,000.00 from October 2023-December 2026.

Jeffrey Lowe, Historical Black College and University Center of Excellence, research grant funded by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Department for \$3,000,000.00 from April 2023-April 2026.

Jeffrey Lowe, Historical Black College and University Center of Excellence, research grant funded by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Department for \$1,000,000.00 from September 21-September 24.

Howard Henderson, Center for Justice Research, research grant funded by Baylor College of Medicine/National Institutes of Health for \$131,121.00 from May 2023-February 2024.

Robert Bullard, Bullard Center for Environmental & Climate Justice (with Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Inc.), grant funded by National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for \$270,000.00 from June 2023-May 2024.

Robert Bullard, Bullard Center for Environmental & Climate Justice, funded by the Environmental Protection Agency for \$497,216.00 from September 2023-September 2026.

Laura Solitare, An Action Plan for Cultural Resource Climate Adaptation Research and Funding. Research grant funded through the University of New Mexico/University of Oklahoma by Department of the Interior for \$16,818.00 from September 2023-August 2024.

## **COLLABORATIONS**

Andrew Ewoh continues to serve as both the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Public Management & Social Policy* and *African Social Science Review*, and the Editor of the *Ralph Bunche Journal of Public Affairs*.

Robert L. Williams serves as a Guest Editor on the *Ralph Bunche Journal of Public Affairs*.

George Klay Kieh Jr. is working with Kathi Barrett, Garvin Lee, and Neema Noori of the University of West Georgia on a co-authored book on *Torture: An Interdisciplinary Perspective*.

George Klay Kieh Jr. serves as Coordinator of the African and African American section of the World Social Science Association.

Oluponmile Olonilua serves on Planning Information Exchange Webinar series for the American Planning Association.

Michael Adams serves on University of Houston's Education Research Institute and Rice University's Houston Education Research Consortium.

Michael Adams collaborated with the UH-Hobby School of Public Affairs- Texas Trends Survey.

Michael Adams collaborated with LWV, Houston Chronicle, and Channel 13 to host the Houston 2023 Mayoral Debate at TSU on October 30, 2023.

Michael Adams partnered with the Legal Defense Fund to provide Voter Education.

Michael Adams collaborated with the Andrew Goodman Foundation for Student Voter Participation Project.

## **WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS & SYMPOSIA**

Adams, Michael. (2023). Presented on fundraising for "Public Affairs Programs" at the Volcker Alliance-NextGen Retreat at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, September 6-8.

Kieh, G.K. (2023). *Post-conflict democratization in Liberia: a political economy*. Paper delivered at the Symposium on "The State of Democracy in the World: Progress and Challenges." Sponsored by the Paul Coverdale Endowed Fellowship, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Georgia, November 9-11.

## **LECTURES**

Kieh, G.K. (2023). *Clashing political values and American democracy*. Keynote Lecture delivered at the “Constitutional Day Program.” Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Georgia, September.

Kieh, G.K. (2023). *The African Condition*. Keynote Lecture delivered under the “Africa Lecture Series.” Center for African and African American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, November 14.

Kieh, G.K. (2023). The Military Coup in Niger: Implications for American National Interests, Talking Times- “American Democracy Project.” Georgia College and State University, November 1.

Mackinnon, A. and Kieh, G.K. (2023). Why Do Some African States Support Russia in the War on Ukraine? The Struggle for Non-alignment in a polarizing World, Talking Times- “American Democracy Project,” Georgia College and State University, October 4.