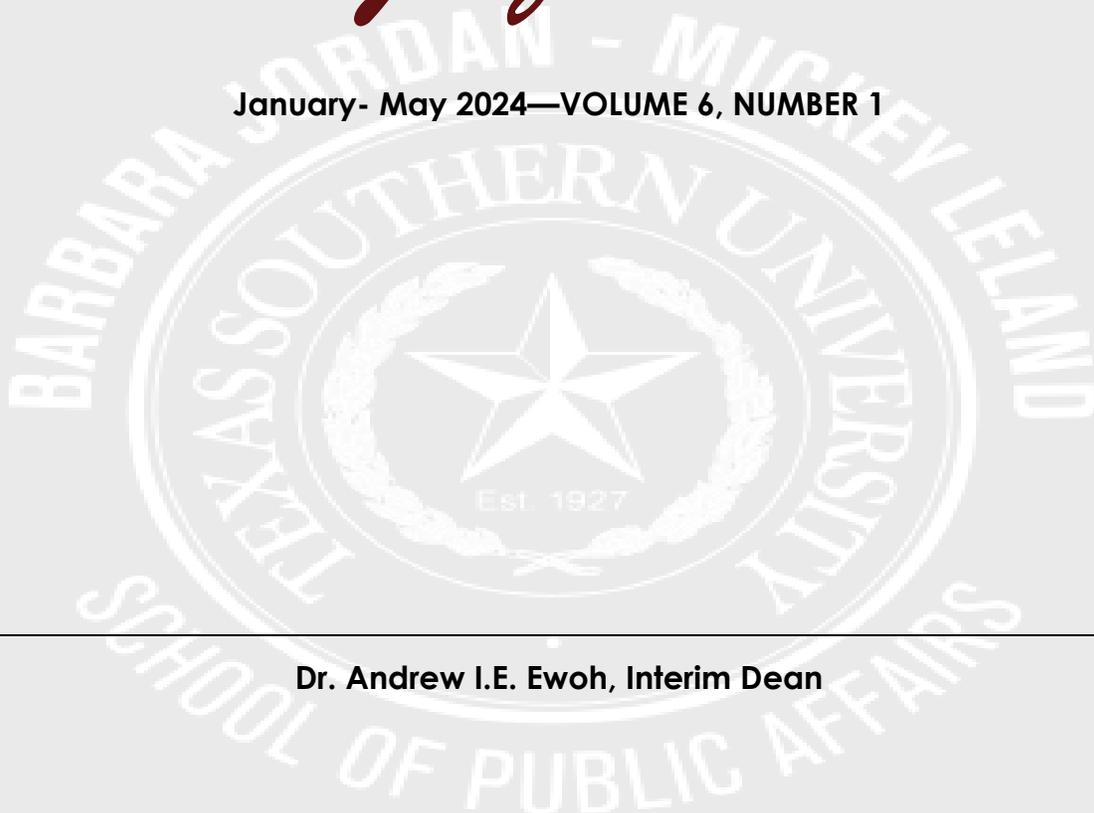


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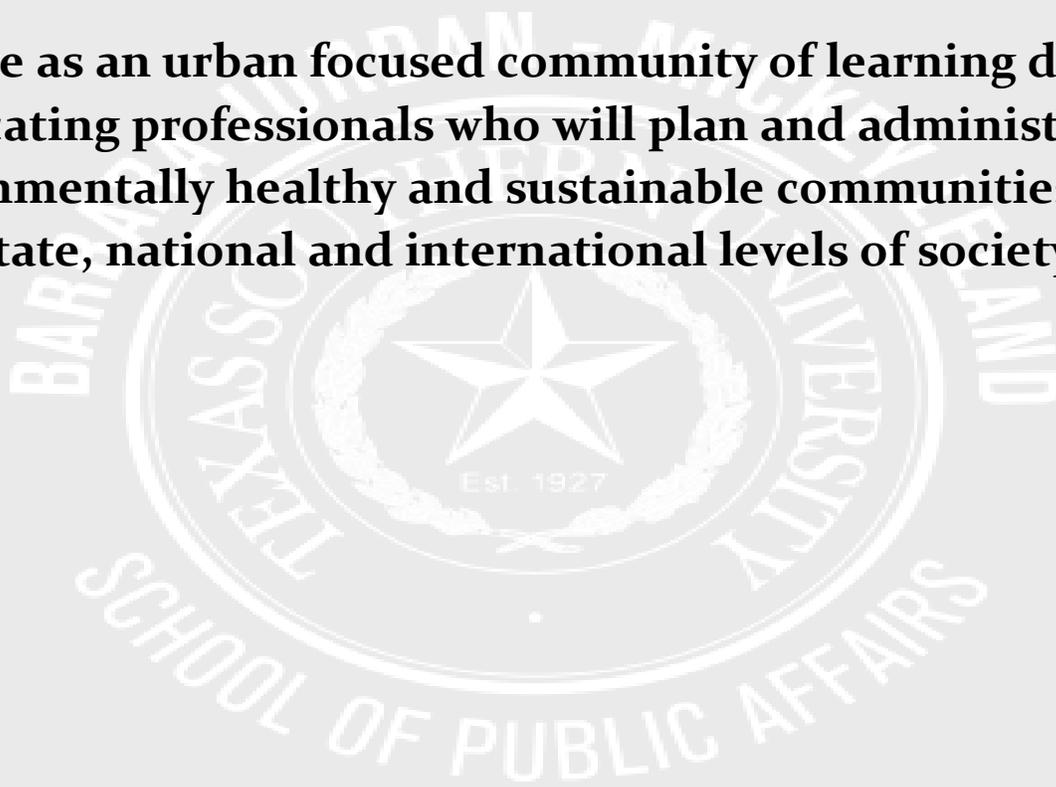
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## **Message from the Interim Dean:**

**Warm greetings. I am quite delighted to introduce the sixth 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 PUBLISHED**

Chun, B., Nguyen, A., Hwang, H., & Majumdar, S. (2024). Scenario-based statistical analysis for PM 2.5 concentration patterns. *Environmental Challenges*, vol.15: 100942. DOI: 10.1016/j.envc.2024.100942

Chun, B., Nguyen, A., Pan, Q., & Gheshlaghi, E. (2024). Spatial analysis of bike-sharing ridership for sustainable transportation in Houston, Texas. *Sustainability*, vol.16 (6): 2569, DOI: 10.3390/su16062569

Heywood, T, Mozayani, A. (2024). Comparative analysis of forensic audit and traditional audit practices: Implications for fraud detention. *International Journal of Advanced Research and Publications (IJARP)*, <http://www.ijarp.org/online-papers-publishing/apr2024.html>, vol. 7 (4), 39-45.

Williams, R. L., & Ewoh, A. I. E. (2024). United States election and its consequences for democracy: Editors' Introduction. *Ralph Bunche Journal of Public Affairs*, vol. 7(1).

**OPEN ACCESS JOURNAL & PROFESSIONAL MAGAZINE ARTICLES**

Adams, Michael (2024). Redefining government financial health: A call for innovation and fiscal responsibility, *PA Times*, (April 5, 2024).

**BOOK PUBLISHED**

Barrett, K., Kieh, G.K., Lee, G. and Noori, N. (2024). *Torture: And interdisciplinary approach*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

**BOOK CHARTERS PUBLISHED**

Kieh, G.K. (2024). Governance and human rights in Liberia during the Taylor regime. In Goldstein, R. and Nachmias, N. (eds). *Human rights interdependence in national and international politics*. London: Routledge, 149-163.

**PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES**

Chun, B., Washington, S., Lanza (2024). Assessing the Impact of Urban Heat Islands on Bus Ridership through

an Environmental Justice Lens. Urban Affairs Association Conference. April 15-19, New York, NY.

Ewoh, A., & Anaele, D. (2024). A Case Study of Climate Gentrification in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Paper presented at the Conference of Minority Public Administrators, Track on Planning & Development, Community Engagement & Infrastructure Management, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 25-28.

Ewoh, A., & Umeri, M. (2024). NGOs in Local Economic Development and Poverty Reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa. Paper presented at the 85<sup>th</sup> American Society for Public Administration Conference, Session on Civil Society and Sustainable Economic Development at Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 12-16.

Kieh, G.K. (2024). The state and political corruption in Liberia: A political economy. Presented at the 55<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Liberian Studies Association, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, April 18-20.

Kieh, G.K. (2024). Rethinking the Liberian state. Keynote lecture delivered at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Liberian Studies Association. Held at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, April 20, 2024.

Onwudiwe, I. (2024). Decriminalizing Poverty: Rethinking Justice for Marginalized Communities in Economic Crisis, ACJS Conference Chicago, Illinois, March 19-24.

Onwudiwe, I. (2024). Political Unrest in West Africa: The Dominance of Military Regimes, ACJS Conference Chicago, Illinois, March 19-24.

Onwudiwe, I. (2024). Gun Violence Offending and Victimization- A Criminological Analysis of Active Shooters in the United States, ACJS Conference Chicago, Illinois, March 19-24.

Onwudiwe, I. (2024). Impacts of Money Politics on Administration of Justice in Nigeria and Ghana: A comparative Analysis, ACJS Conference Chicago, Illinois, March 19-24.

Onwudiwe, I. (2024). Environmental Security: Abundance of natural Resources in Sub-Saharan Africa, a Blessing, or a Curse? ACJS Conference Chicago, Illinois, March 19-24.

## **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.

Michael Adams, Title III grant funded by TSU, Barbara Jordan Policy Research and Survey Center for \$400,000. April 2024.

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*.

Andrew Ewoh represented Texas Southern University at the signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding between TSU and Alex Ekwueme Federal University in Nigeria on May 23, 2024.

George Klay Kieh Jr., traveled to Nigeria for the signing ceremony of TSU and Alex Ekwueme Federal University Memorandum of Understanding on May 23, 2024.

Howard Henderson traveled to Nigeria for the signing ceremony of TSU and Alex Ekwueme Federal University Memorandum of Understanding on May 23, 2024.

Ihekwoaba Onwudiwe traveled to Nigeria for the signing ceremony of TSU and Alex Ekwueme Federal University Memorandum of Understanding on May 23, 2024.

Michael Adams participated in Charting the course: Overcoming challenges to foster student achievement & partner success in NextGen programming on February 29, 2024.

Michael Adams, Renee Cross, and Mark Jones collaborated on Texas Trends 2024 Report: General Election. University of Houston, May 2024.

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

## **WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS & SYMPOSIA**

Andrew Ewoh (2024). Governance and Structural Violence in Nigeria. Paper presented at the seminar organized by the Brabara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs, TSU and College of Social Sciences, Alex Ekwueme Federal University, Ndufu-Alike Ikwo (AE-FUNAI) at Ndufu-Alike Ikwo, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State, Nigeria, May 24, 2024.

Kieh, G.K. (2024). The crisis of underdevelopment and terrorism in Africa: Case studies of terrorism—affected states. Paper presented at the seminar organized by the Barbara Jordan- Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs, TSU and College of Social Sciences, Alex Ekwueme Federal University, Ndufu-Alike Ikwo (AE-FUNAI) at Ndufu-Alike Ikwo, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State, Nigeria, May 24, 2024.

## **AWARDS**

Michael Adams (February 2024). Received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Americorps and the Office of the President of the United States Joseph R. Biden, Jr. for his commitment to building a stronger nation through volunteer service.

Michael Adams (February 29, 2024). Received Certificate of Recognition for being an Outstanding Leader on the occasion of Black History Month by Smart Men in Leadership Excellence (S.M.I.L.E.) Foundation presented by Senator Borris Miles.

Michael Adams (February 24, 2024). Received Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition of service to his community from Congressman Al Green.

Michael Adams (February 24, 2024). Received a Certificate from the State of Texas House of Representative Ron Reynolds for Black Excellence Award for the Texas flag flown on the State Capitol.