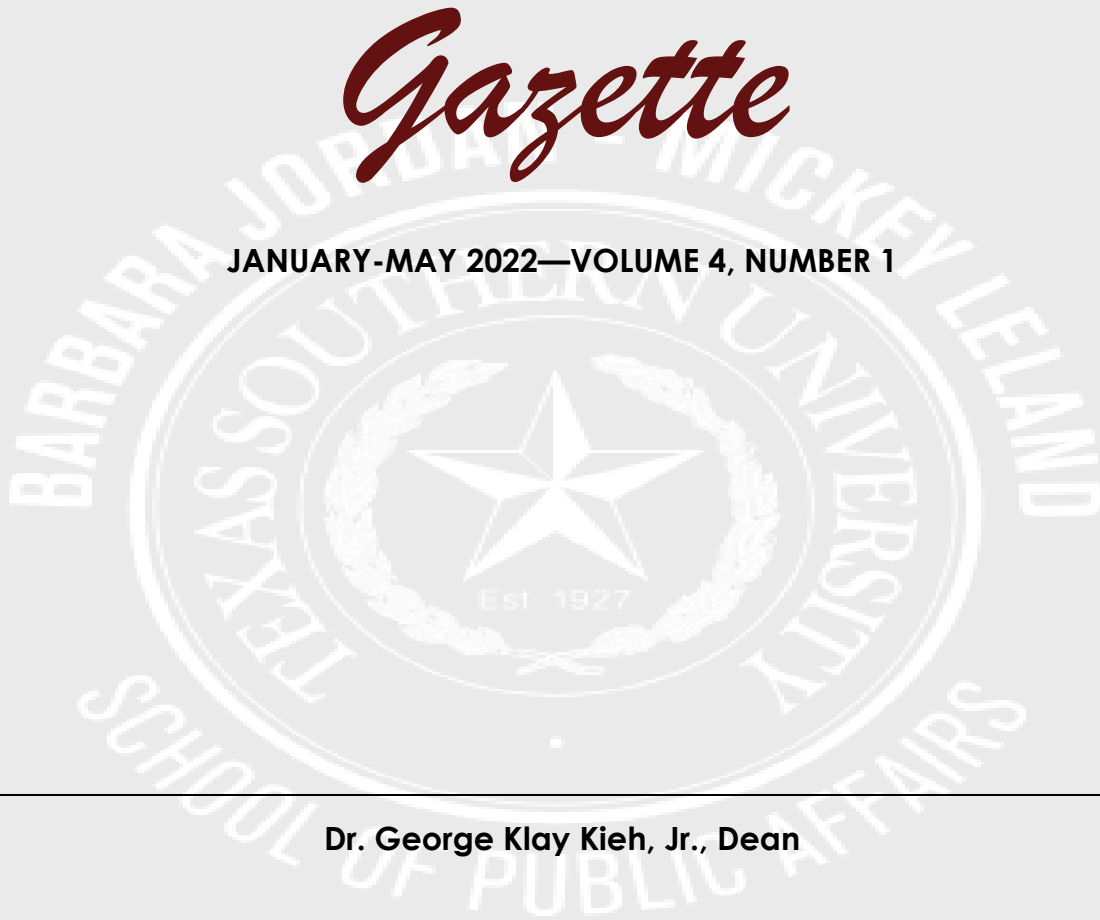




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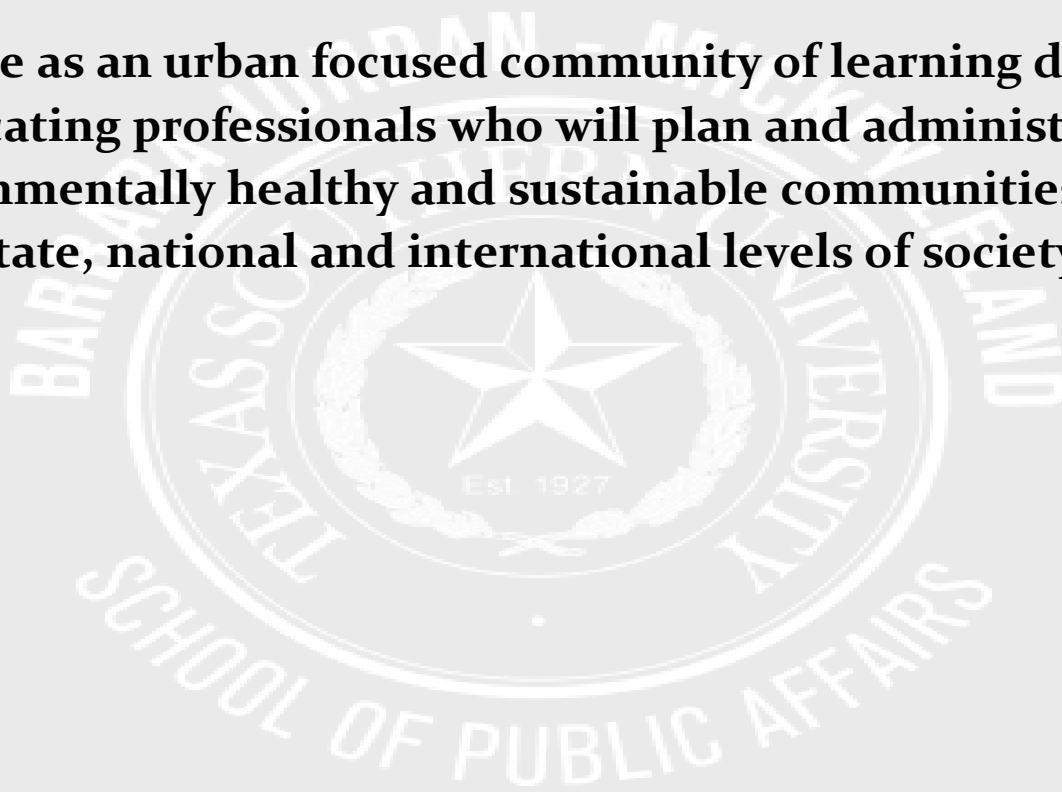
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Message from the Dean:

Warm greetings. I am quite delighted to introduce the fourth 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, Bumseok; Choi, Kwangyul, & Pan, Qisheng. (2022). Key determinants of particulate matter concentrations in urban environments with scenario analysis. *Urban Analytics and City Space*, 1-15.

Rembert, D.A., Joseph, J.J., Theadcraft-Walker, W., Threadcraft, M., Brown, D., Soyele, O., & Henderson, H. (2022). Criminal liability for correctional officer excessive use of force. *Crime, Law and Social Change*, online first, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10611-022-10036-z>

OPEN ACCESS JOURNAL & PROFESSIONAL MAGAZINE ARTICLES:

Donley, N., Bullard, R.D., Economos, J., Figueroa I., Lee, J., Liebman A.K., Martinez, D.N., & Shafiei, F. (2022). Pesticides and environmental justice in the USA: Root causes, current regulatory reinforcement and path forward. *BMC Public Health*, April 19, 2022.

Mendie, Edidiong; Raufu, Abiodun; Ben Edet, Emmanuel; & Famakin-Johnson, Oludayo. (2022). Nowhere to run. Impact of family violence incidents during COVID-19 lockdown in Texas. *Journal of Family Strength*, 21(2), 1-20, Article 3. Available at: <https://digitalcommons.library.tmc.edu/jfs/vol21/iss2/3>

Robinson, Carroll G., Adams, Michael O. (2022). The freedom to learn is the cornerstone of academic freedom. *PA Times*, March 28, 2022.

Robinson, Carroll G., Adams, Michael O. (2022). The right to 'consent': A new path to protecting our voting rights. *PA Times*, April 28, 2022.

BOOK CHAPTERS:

George Klay Kieh, Jr., False Starts and Missed Opportunities in Nigerian Politics, in E. Ike Udogu (ed.), *Nigeria in the Fourth Republic: Confronting Political, Economic and Social Dilemmas*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2022, pp. 18-49.

Kelechi A. Kalu and George Klay Kieh, Jr., Mapping the Civil War Landscape in Africa, in Kelechi A. Kalu and George Klay Kieh, Jr.(eds.), *Civil Wars in Africa*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2022, pp. 3-21.

George Klay Kieh, Jr., Liberia's Civil Wars, in Kelechi A. Kalu and George Klay Kieh, Jr.(eds.), *Civil Wars in Africa*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2022, pp. 121-160.

Kelechi A. Kalu and George Klay Kieh, Jr., Beyond Civil Wars in Africa, in Kelechi A. Kalu and George Klay Kieh, Jr.(eds.), *Civil Wars in Africa*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2022, pp. 313-334.

Bourgeois, J., Drake, J. & Henderson, H. (2022). The forgotten: The impact of parental and familial incarceration on fragile communities in J. Krysik & N. Rodriguez (Eds), *Children of Incarcerated Parents - Integrating Research into Best Practices and Policy*. SpringerLink Press. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-84713-5_4

BOOKS:

Kelechi A. Kalu and George Klay Kieh, Jr.(eds), *Civil Wars in Africa*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2022.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE:

Adams, Michael O. (2022). Minority Voting Rights: Redistricting and Election Reform in Texas. Paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 7-10, 2022.

Adams, Michael, Nayer, G., & Perez-Feliciano, L. (2022). Civic Re-engagement, Community and Voting Rights for Ex-Inmates: Policy Issues for 2020 Election. Paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 7-10, 2022.

Adams, Michael O. (2022). Urban Ethnicity and Black American candidate Support in Houston Municipal Elections: Assessing Turning Points in the Relationships Using Segmented Polynomial Regression Models. Paper presented at the Western Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, March 29, 2022.

Adams, Michael O. (2022). Race and Political Retrogression in Texas: The Struggle for Fair and Equitable Political Representation. Paper presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, April 21-23, 2022.

Adams, Michael, Nayer, G., & Perez-Feliciano, L. (2022). Voting Rights Restoration and Difficulties Among Returning Inmates. Paper presented at Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, April 21-23, 2022.

Ewoh, Andrew, & Gabriel Bassey. 2022. Gentrification and Racial Political Representation in the City of Houston, Texas. Paper presented at Gentrification and Political Representation Conference. University of Houston, Houston, Texas, May 5-6, 2022.

Ewoh, Andrew & Gabriel Bassey. 2022. From Environmental Justice to Gentrification: A Case Study of Four Houston's Historic African American Neighborhoods. Paper presented at the 51st Annual Conference of Minority Public Administrators, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2-5, 2022 (Virtual Conference).

Ashraf Mozayani, Ashraf. (2022). Evidence Based Forensic Toxicology Interpretation, Keynote Speaker, 6th Annual Iranian International Congress of Forensic Medicine, May 15-18, 2022.

Alzeer, Samar, & Mozayani, Ashraf. (2022). Alcohol Blackout via Hookah Smoking? Paper presented at the 58th International Association of Forensic Toxicologists Virtual Annual Meeting. February 1-3, 2022.

PANELS SERVED ON AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

George Klay Kieh, Jr., Panelist on Roundtable on "Dr. Yekutiel Gershoni's Scholarship," 53rd Annual Conference of the Liberian Studies Association, April 23-25, 2022, Hosted by Texas Southern University (Virtually).

George Klay Kieh, Jr., Panelist on Roundtable on “Dr. Amos C. Sawyer’s Scholarship,” 53rd Annual Conference of the Liberian Studies Association, April 23-25, 2022, Hosted by Texas Southern University (Virtually).

Andrew Ewoh served as a moderator on *Social Equity and Justice* panel at the National Conference of Minority Public Administrators, Virtual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, March 3, 2022.

GRANTS

Bullard, Robert (Principal Investigator) Multi-Hazard Communication Project, funded by Houston Endowment for \$250,000.00 from July 2020-June 2022.

Bullard, Robert (Principal Investigator) Urban Institute-Climate Migration Project, funded by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for \$263,585.00 from July 2019-June 2022.

Bullard, Robert (Principal Investigator) Environmental Career Worker Training Program, funded by the NIEHS for \$1,250,000.00 from August 2020-May 2025.

Bullard, Robert (Principal Investigator) Maternal and Infant Environmental Health Riskcape Research Center, funded by the NIEHS/NIMHD for \$760,145.00 from July 2020-March 2025.

Drake, Jasmine (Co-Principal Investigator) The Role of Mass Incarceration and Residential Segregation as Drivers of Black-White Disparities in Risk of Stillbirth (A. Rammah—Principal Investigator). Funded by NIMHD Maternal and Infant Environmental Health Riskcape Research Center for \$49,601. April 5, 2022.

Nance, Earthea (Principal Investigator) Gulf Coast Resilience Initiative, funded by Institute for Sustainable Communities for \$349,141.00 from July 2019-June 2022.

Jeffrey, Lowe and Laura, Solitare (Principal Investigators) Center of Excellence Project, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for \$1,000,000 with an ongoing implementation process.

Henderson, Howard (Principal Investigator) Center for Justice Research, funded by Thurgood Marshall College Fund Awards for \$410,000.00.

COLLABORATIONS

Andrew Ewoh served on an MPA accreditation Site Visit Team at Baruch College, City University of New York, for the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA), March 2022, and appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Public Management and Social Policy*.

Antoinette Christophe served as a member of the NASPAA Site Visit Team to review the MPA Program at Florida Atlantic University, February 2022.

Robert Bullard was appointed to serve on the Board of the National Environmental Education Foundation and elected in April 2022 as a member of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Michael O. Adams and Carroll G. Robinson serve on a Research Team at the University of Houston, Hobby School of Public Affairs since September 2021 for a five-year project to study Texas’ changing population trends, public opinion polls, and policy research reports.

WORKING PAPERS & MONOGRAPHS

Adams, Michael O., Texas Poll. April 22, 2022. Texas Southern University.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS & SYMPOSIA

Henderson, Howard. (2022). Served as a panelist on Houston Gun Violence Panel - <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/First-Daughter-Ashley-Biden-speaks-at-gun-16950274.php>

Drake, Jasmine (2022). Talk Nerdy to Me: Effective Scientific Communication in the Digital Age, Invited Presentation at Rice University, April 2022.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Drake, Jasmine (2022). SOPA Outstanding Faculty Research Award, TSU. March 31, 2022.

Ewoh, Andrew (2022). Author's Recognition Certificate, School of Public Affairs, TSU. March 31, 2022.

Johnson, Aria (2022). Texas Lyceum Fellowship of \$5,000.00. May 5, 2022.

Henderson, Howard (2022). Senior Fellow, Brookings Institutions, Washington, D.C.

Henderson, Howard (2022). Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture at the University of Virginia.

Henderson, Howard (2022). SOPA Outstanding Faculty Research Award, TSU. March 31, 2022.

Washington, Joseph (2022). Texas Hall of Fame Business Award with a scholarship of \$15,000.00.

Mozayani, Ashraf (2022). Award of Recognition for Outstanding Research, Office of Research at Texas Southern University. April 2022.

Mozayani, Ashraf (2022). Author's Recognition Certificate, School of Public Affairs, Texas Southern University. March 2022.

Denise Brown (Doctoral Student): CJR Rising Scholars Researcher Development Training Institute Fellow, May 2022

Scott, Julian (2022). CJR Rising Scholars Researcher Development Training Institute Fellow.

STUDENT AND CENTER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



Zakary Timms (UPEP Graduate Student), served as a guest speaker at Scientists in Society: An Exploration. A Virtual Earth Day Summit and Celebration Event, April 2022.



Stephen Pinkney (UPEP PhD student) served as a moderator of a student panel on “Energy Sources and Air Quality” at the 8th Annual HBCU Climate Change Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 15, 2022.

Rayford Richardson (UPEP PhD student). “Autonomous Shuttle Transit: An Additional Transportation Mode for Transportation Students, Faculty, and Staff at Texas Southern University.” Presented a poster paper at the 8th Annual HBCU Climate Change Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 15, 2022.



Stephen Pinkney (UPEP PhD student). “A Case Study on Examining of Systematic African American Poverty in Caddo Parish and Bossier Parish, Louisiana.” Poster paper presented at the 8th Annual HBCU Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 15, 2022.

Edward Pettit (UPEP PhD student) assisted with conference activities at the 8th Annual HBCU Climate Change Conference in New Orleans, April 15, 2022.



Gabriel Bassey (UPEP PhD student). “Gentrification and Racial Political Representation in the City of Houston, Texas.” Paper presented **with Professor Andrew Ewoh** at Gentrification and Political Representation Conference at the University of Houston, May 5-6, 2022.

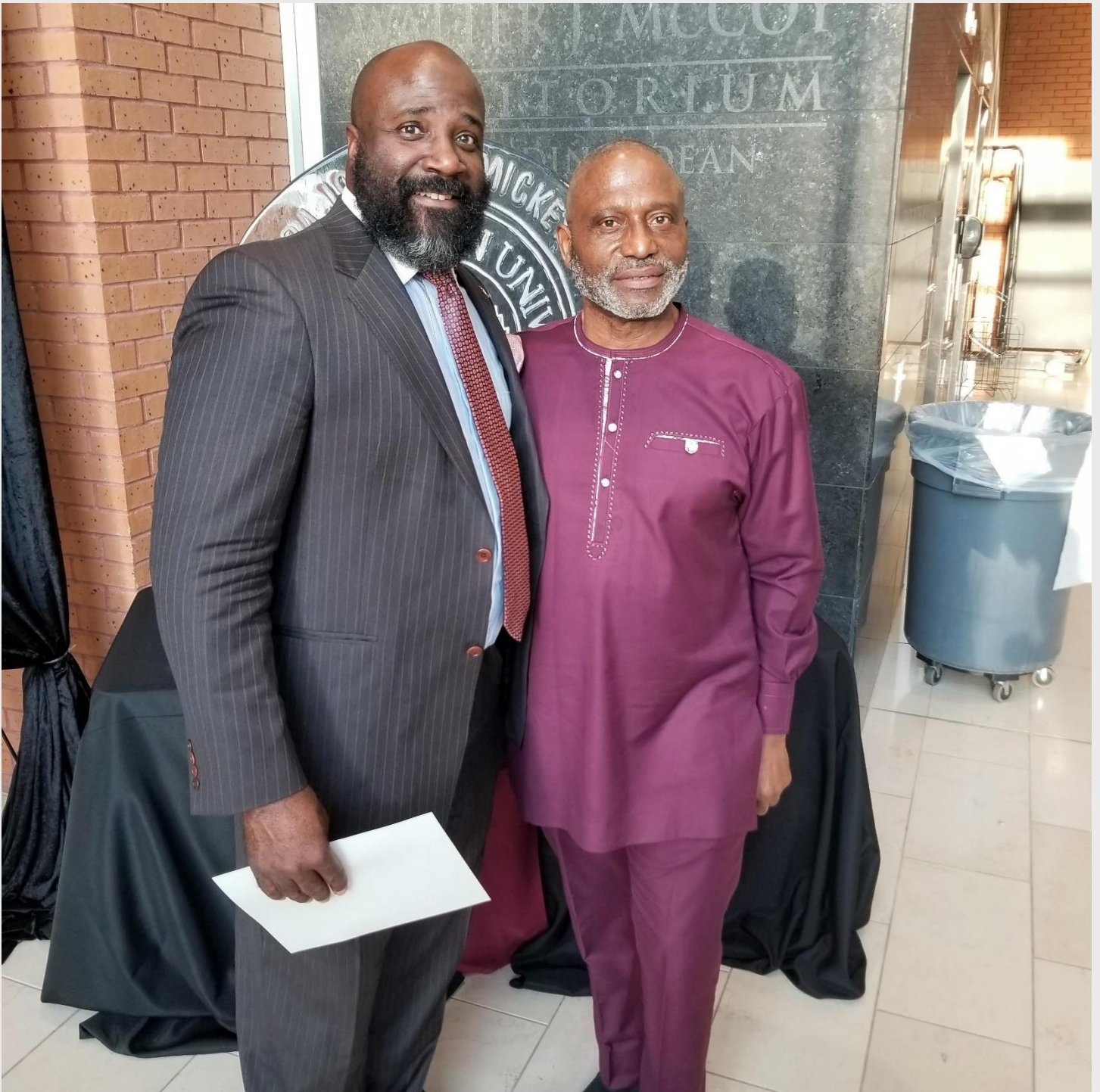
Gabriel Bassey (UPEP PhD student). “From Environmental Justice to Gentrification: A Case Study of Four Houston’s Historic African American Neighborhoods.” Paper presented **with Professor Andrew Ewoh** at the 51st Annual Conference of Minority Public Administrators, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2-5, 2022 (Virtual Conference).

Spring Graduation Reception, May 13, 2022 with Mark Owens-Guest Speaker and Jevon Tone (Mr. BJ-ML SOPA, 2021-2022)





Dean Kieh and Interim Associate Dean Ewoh with Nilofar Afhami (MPA Graduate) and Aaliyah Fleming (Political Science Graduate & Student Regent)



Professor Andrew Ewoh with Mr. Blayne Williams (MPA Graduate)

Bullard Center at TSU hosted Environmental Careers Worker Training Program graduation and reception for 16 students on April 9, 2022





@ Dr. Lalita Sen's Retirement Ceremony at TSU on May 21, 2022





@ Dr. Lalita Sen's retirement ceremony, May 21, 2022

Dr Sheri Smith at Dr. Lalita Sen's retirement ceremony



Drs. Andrew Ewoh and Glenn Johnson at Dr. Sen's retirement ceremony





Conversation with the original Black Panther John Crear facilitated by Dr. Robert Williams on March 30, 2022 in Dr. McCoy Auditorium

Dr. Sen receiving a gift from her former graduate student





@ Liberia Bicentennial 1822-2022 (The Land of Return) Commemorating 200 Years of Freedom and Pan-African Leadership on Saturday, February 26, 2022

Professors Laura Solitaire and Jefferey Lowe facilitated the kickoff of the Center of Excellence for Housing and Community Development Policy Research at TSU, Spring 2022



TSU Research Week 2022/ April 1st, 2022

**1) Student Oral Presentation/ 1st Place
Understanding Gun Possession Among Young Males**

Denise Brown- CJR Graduate Research Fellow

Faculty Advisor: Howard Henderson

Administration of Justice

**2) Student Oral Presentation/ 3rd Place
Racial Injustices: An Analysis of Terror Lynching Overtime**

Justice Garcia

CJR Intern

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Major: Political Science

3) Staff Oral Presentation/ 1st Place

**Do Judicial Characteristics Matter in Sentencing First-Time
Federal Drug Defendants?**

Jack Sevil (CJR Staff), Dr. Julian Scott (DAJ Assistant Professor and CJR Research Fellow)

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4) Staff Oral Presentation/ 2nd Place

Incarcerating Democracy: An Analysis of Voter Suppression

Blair Lee, CJR Staff

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5) Student Oral Presentation/ 1st Place

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Dean George Kieh, Jr., Delivering Closing Remarks at the SOPA Spring Graduation Reception on May 13, 2022