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**JUNETEENTH 2ND ANNUAL
CELEBRATION &
SYMPOSIUM**

ORDER OF THE SYMPOSIUM

Welcome

**Iris Lancaster, Juneteenth
Committee Member**

Prayer

**Minster Veranda Hodges
Lakewood Church**

Greetings

**Dr. George Kieh
Dr. Andrew Ewoh**

Introduction of Panelist

**Dr. Antoinette Christophe,
Juneteenth Committee Chair**

Panel Discussion

**Professor Mario Salas
Professor Dorris Robinson
Mr. Bobby Scott**

Q & A

Mrs. Tanikka Thrasher

Presentation

**Congresswoman Sheila Jackson
Lee**

Award & Recognition

**Dr. Antoinette Christophe,
Juneteenth Committee Chair**

Reception

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dr. George Klay Kieh, Jr.

Dr. George Klay Kieh, Jr. earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Liberia, followed by a Master's Degree and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Political Science from Northwestern University. Dr. Kieh has been the Dean of the School of Public Affairs as of June 13, 2019.

Prior to coming to Texas Southern University, Dr. Kieh served in an administrative and academic role at the University of West Georgia, starting in 2009. He was a Full Professor of Political Science (2009-2019), the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (2009-2010), Interim Chair of the Department of Criminology (2018-2019). Dr. Kieh also held administrative positions at Morehouse College (Chair of the Department of Political Science, 2002-2005), Grand Valley State University (Dean of international affairs, 2001-2003), and several other institutions, including Illinois Wesleyan University and the University of Memphis.

Dean Kieh message is, "At the BJ-ML School of Public Affairs, the Community is our Classroom. Our approach to teaching is exciting, innovative, bold, profound, and even provocative".

MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESSWOMAN



Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee

Representative Sheila Jackson Lee was born in Queens, N.Y.; graduated from Jamaica High School, Jamaica, N.Y.; received a B.A. from Yale University, 1972 and a J.D. from University of Virginia Law School, 1975; Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas), is our Texas Representative (18th Congressional District), serving her fourteenth term in the U. S. House of Representatives.

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee helped lead efforts to make Juneteenth a federal holiday. She called it a celebration, a moment to reflect on “jubilation of freedom” and the “brutality of slavery.” Jackson Lee had introduced a House version of the bill and helped push the legislation to Biden’s desk. President Biden signed into law a bill making Juneteenth a Federal holiday June 17, 2021. Now Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee is running for mayor of Houston, and a chance to lead one of the nation’s largest cities. Rep. Lee is coming home to be your mayor for the city of Houston.” She said to the Texas Tribune, “I will not be able to do it without each and every one of you.”

MEET THE PANELIST



Mr. Mario M. Salas

Mario Marcel Salas was born in San Antonio, Texas on July 30, 1949. Salas became an advocate for San Antonio's African-American community in the early 1970s and was a key member of local activist groups such as the San Antonio chapter of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Organizations United for Eastside Development, Black Coalition on Mass Media and Frontline 2000. Salas has served on the City Council of San Antonio in 1997, where he served two terms as Representative for District 2. He is currently a Lecturer II and a retired assistant professor of political science at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Salas teaches African-American Studies, American politics and Texas politics.



Professor Dorris Robinson

Professor Dorris Robinson has been a Visiting Professor in the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs' Department of Political Science since 2007 and the Thomas F. Freeman's Honors College since 2014. Professor Robinson areas of study are: urban planning and environmental policy, environmental justice, transportation, and public participation. She is the Founder of the Friends of Emancipation Park and Freedmen's Town Preservation Coalition. She is the Publisher and Editor of the Houston Sun Newspaper, Sun Life, The Austin Sun Newspaper (Austin, TX), SNAP-Sun, (San Antonio, TX) and other published work.



Mr. Bobby Scott

Mr. Bobby Scott is a native of Houston, Texas, a graduate of Yates High School. He holds an Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies and a Bachelor's Degree in Technical Business Mgmt. Mr. Scott has been the Southern Region Director, National Council of Urban League Guilds since 2016. Mr. Scott has been a member of the Houston Area Urban League Guild since 2007 where he was president of the Guild and Board member of the Houston affiliate 2008-2011 and 2013-2016. The National Urban League, founded in 1910, is a historic civil rights organization dedicated to economic empowerment, equality, and social justice. Mr. Scott volunteers at RodeoHouston (the largest non-profit in Houston) and from 1999 -2005 he volunteered service to the Center for Healing Racism (CHFR).

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