

**SOPA NEWSLETTER
FALL 2021**

BARBARA JORDAN-MICKEY LELAND SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

We had an unexpected series of events throughout 2021, but we made the best of it, nonetheless. Thank you for all your hard work. Cheers to an even better 2022!

OUR MISSION:

The mission of the school of Public Affairs is 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.

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SOPA FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Journal Articles

Bullard, D.R. (2021). Introduction: Environmental Justice—Once a footnote, now a headline. *Harvard Environmental Law Review*, 45(2), 243-248.

Ewoh, A.I.E. (2021). Sustainable development, good governance, regulation and policy implementation issues in selected African countries. *African Social Science Review*, 11(1), 1-2.

Cooper, M. & Henderson, H. (2021). Where is the black criminologist? *The Criminologist*, 46(4), 1-6.

Goger, A., Harding, D., & Henderson, H. (2021). Rethinking prisoner reentry. *Contexts*, 20(4), 46-51.

Smith, S., Ferguson, C. & Henderson, H. (2021). An exploratory study of environmental stress in four high violent crime cities: What sets them apart? *Crime & Delinquency*, 1-23.

Nance, E., Smith, S., Powers, L., & Pun Thapa, J. (TBD). A Buyout Displacement Index for Uncovering the Effects of Disinvestment in Greater Houston Watersheds. *Journal of Planning Education & Research*. Forthcoming, accepted in December 2021.

Open Access Journal and Professional Magazine Articles

Nayer, G., Nader, A., Perez-Feliciano, L., & Adams, M. (2021). 20 years later: Perceptions and beliefs of Muslim American women regarding Islamophobia after 9/11. *International Journal of Creative Research and Studies*, 5(9), 1–12.

Nayer, G., Perez-Feliciano, L., & Adams, M. (2021). Got Faith? - An in-depth analysis and review of five faith-based prisoner reentry programs in Florida. *International Journal of Business and Social Science Research*, 1–11.

Nayer, G., Perez-Feliciano, L., & Adams, M. (2021). Schumpeter, creative destruction and the American economy. *International Journal of Humanities and Applied Social Science*, 1–6.

Majumdar, Sarmistha. (2021). Renewal of public interest in renewable energy. *PA Times*, December 2021.

Book Chapters:

George Klay Kieh, Jr., “Post-Conflict Peacebuilding in Liberia,” in Kelechi Kalu and George Klay Kieh, Jr (eds), *Peacebuilding in Africa: The Multidimensional Crises of the Post Conflict State*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2021, pp. 81-114.

George Klay Kieh, Jr. and Kelechi A. Kalu, “No Farewell to Arms?” in George Klay Kieh, Jr. and Kelechi Kalu(eds), *Democratization and Military Coups in Africa: Post-1990 Political Conflicts*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2021, pp. 3-24.

George Klay Kieh, Jr., “The African Union’s Anti-Coup Regime,” in George Klay Kieh, Jr. and Kelechi Kalu(eds), *Democratization and Military Coups in Africa: Post-1990 Political Conflicts*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2021, pp. 191-212.

George Klay Kieh, Jr. and Kelechi A. Kalu, “Toward Caging the Coup ‘Genie’ in Africa, in George Klay Kieh, Jr. and Kelechi Kalu(eds), *Democratization and Military Coups in Africa: Post-1990 Political Conflicts*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2021, pp. 215-232.

Kelechi A. Kalu and George Klay Kieh, Jr., “Building Peace After Civil Wars” (with Kelechi Kalu), in Kelechi Kalu and George Klay Kieh, Jr. (eds), *Peacebuilding in Africa: The Multidimensional Crises of the Post Conflict State*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2021, pp. xiii-xxx.

Kelechi A. Kalu and George Klay Kieh, Jr. “Building Durable Peace in Africa’s Post-Conflict Societies”, in Kelechi Kalu and George Klay Kieh, Jr (eds), *Peacebuilding in Africa: The Multidimensional Crises of the Post Conflict State*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2021, pp. 237-256.

Books:

Kelechi A Kalu and George Klay Kieh, Jr. (eds.), *Peacebuilding in Africa: The Multidimensional Crises of the Post Conflict State*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2021.

George Klay Kieh, Jr. and Kelechi A. Kalu (eds.), *Democratization and Military Coups in Africa: Post-1990 Political Conflicts*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2021.

Conference, Workshops and Symposia Papers

Bourgeois, J. & Kwende, M. (2021). An Examination of Racial Disparity in Police Hiring. American Society of Criminology in Chicago, Illinois.

Kieh, G.K. (2021). Neoliberal Development and the State in Africa. Paper presented at the 24th Annual Conference of the African Studies and Research Forum, held December 3-4, 2021(Virtually).

Adams, Michael O., & Robinson, Carroll G. (2021). Presented at the 2021 NASPAA Conference on a panel titled: “Teaching for the Unprecedented: Preparing Public Servants with Flexibility and Vision,” October 29, 2021.

Henderson, H. (2021). Difficult Discussions Series Presents: Teaching about Race and Crime in the Criminal Justice System. American Society of Criminology conference at Chicago, Illinois.

Brown, B., Bourgeois, J., Kwende, M. (2021). Roundtable on *I Am Not My Hair: The Criminalization of Black Hair in Schools* (Chicago, Illinois).

Bourgeois, J., Kwende, M. (2021). “An Examination of Racial Disparity in Police Hiring Practices.” Paper presented at Chicago, Illinois.

Henderson, H. (2021). 87th Legislature Session Update: An Urban Perspective, From the Capital to the Community: What Happens Next? The Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy. Texas Southern University.

Drake, J. (2021). BJ-ML SOPA Research Committee Brown Bag Lecture Seminar, The Intersectionality of Forensic Science and Criminal Justice, November 15, 2021.

Drake, J. (2021). UT-Dallas Chemistry Seminar Series, The Road Less Traveled: An Unconventional Career Pathway from Solid State Chemistry to Forensic Science, September 23, 2021.

Drake, J. (2021). Forensic Science Career Day Talk with Missouri City Middle School in partnership with Junior Achievement, A Day in the Life of a Forensic Chemist, December 8, 2021.

Olonilua, Oluponmile (2021). Represented Texas Southern University on *Building Sustaining Emergency Among Historically Black Colleges and Universities*. National meeting sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Washington, District of Columbia, September 15-16, 2021, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ashraf Mozayani and Jasmine Drake conducted a *Forensic Science Learning Laboratory Virtual Youth Engagement Summer Camp* in Partnership with the Harris County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Justice COPS Microgrant Opportunity. One-month summer camp for 6-12 students, including hands-on training and opportunities to foster positive relationships between students and law enforcement practitioners.

GRANTS

Bullard, Robert (Principal Investigator) The Robert D. Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice at TSU, funded by Bezos Earth Fund for \$4,000,000.00, September 8, 2021.

Bullard, Robert (Principal Investigator) Project on Energy Justice in Low Income and People of Color Communities, funded for \$200,000.00 by the Energy Foundation. November 22, 2021.

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

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.

Henderson, Howard (Principal Investigator) Center for Justice Research Project, funded by Thurgood Marshall College Fund for \$410,000.

COLLABORATIONS

Andrew I. E. Ewoh completed the 2021 Fall edition of the *African Social Science Review* cosponsored by the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs and the Department of Political Science at North Carolina Central University.

Andrew I. E. Ewoh served as an external reviewer for the Public Leadership Graduate Program in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of North Texas-Dallas.

Robert D. Bullard was appointed to serve as a director on the National Environmental Education Board, October 15, 2021.

Robert D. Bullard, as White House Environmental Advisory Council member, represented TSU at the 2021 Environmental Justice session in Glasgow, Scotland, November 8, 2021.

Michael O. Adams negotiated an agreement between the College of Professional Studies at George Washington University and Texas Southern University Executive Master of Public Administration Program to establish a Washington, D.C. Residency Program, approved on November 11, 2021.

Michael O. Adams negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding between the National Forum for Black Public Administrators and the TSU Executive Master of Public Administration Program, approved on November 12, 2021.

Michael O. Adams and Carroll Robinson initiated a research partnership with the University of Houston, Hobby School of Public Affairs (UH-HSPA) on Texas' changing population trends, public opinion polls, and policy, on September, 2021.

Michael O. Adams was selected to serve on the Community Advisory Board by the University of Houston's Professors Ryan Kennedy and Lydia Tiede's project, "Community Responsive Algorithms for Social Accountability," funded by the National Science Foundation.

Michael O. Adams was retained to provide research reports and expert testimony on redistricting lawsuits by the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, D.C., on December 3, 2021.

Michael O. Adams hosted the leadership of the Texas Lyceum organization on October 7, 2021 and received a commitment to establish two \$5,000.00 Fellowships for EMPA students for Spring and Fall 2022.

Ashraf Mozayani and Jasmine Drake participated on a tv-streaming network, Wrongful Convictions and the Validity of Bitemark Analysis and Testimony, and collaborated with the Biscuit Factory film and television production company including the School of Communications to provide paid film and production intern, December 13, 2022.

WORKING PAPERS AND MONOGRAPHS

Andrews, C., Bourgeois, J., Warren, D., Elam, P., & Taylor, B. (2021). *Police Actions Briefs*. Center for Justice Research. Texas Southern University.

Bourgeois J., Henderson, H., & Kwende, M. (2021). *Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and School Suspension*. Center for Justice Research. Texas Southern University.

Brown, D., Dallas, J., Montgomery, D., Yisrael. (2021). *Criminal Justice Reform in the 87th Legislature*. Center for Justice Research. Texas Southern University.

Adams, M.O., Robinson, C.G., Jones, M., Cross, R., et al. (2021). Texas Trends Survey 2021 on *Election Reform and Redistricting*. Nov., 2021 (UH-HSPA).

Adams, M.O., Robinson, C.G., Jones, M., Cross, R., et al. (2021). Texas Trends Survey 2021 on *Abortion and Transgender Athlete Policies*. Oct., 20, 2021. (UH-HSPA).

Adams, M.O., Robinson, C.G., Jones, M., Cross, R., et al. Texas Trends Survey (2021) *Criminal Justice Reforms*. November 2021. UH-HSPA.

Henderson, H., Yisrael, B. (2021). *Incarcerating Democracy*. Center for Justice Research. Texas Southern University.

Henderson, H. (2021). *Starting Young: Addressing Gun Violence by Juveniles Critical to Criminal Justice Reform*.

Sevil, J. (2021). *Houston Crime Trends*. Center for Justice Research. Texas Southern University.

FELLOWSHIPS

Henderson, H. (Fall 2021). Florida State University's Forensic Behavioral Health Professional Certification Program. Appointment to the Advisory Committee.

Henderson, H. (Fall 2021). Brookings Institution Governance Studies program. Re-appointment to Nonresident Senior Fellowship.

Henderson, H. (Fall 2021). Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture at the University of Virginia. Re-appointment to Fellowship.

AWARDS

Professor Robert Bullard received the United Nations Environment Programme’s Champions of the Earth Life Achievement Award for his commitment and service to environmental justice on December 11, 2020.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES AND ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

The Office of Student Support Services and Assessment of the BJ-ML School of Public Affairs hosted the Experience the Transformation Alumni Panel and Reception event during the Fall of 2021. The event was held on September 29, 2021. The panel featured Texas Southern University’s Alumni Panelists in attendance who discussed several major policy and related issues that will face the United States. The Office of Student Support Services and Assessment also collaborated with the Division of Student Services Career and Professional Development Center to host the Career Project workshop sessions for students who are interested in improving their interview skills, soft skills, resumes, bios, business cards and networking to mention a few. Seton Hall University School of Law and SMU Dedman School of Law both collaborated with the Office of Student Support Services and Assessment to host Law School Information Sessions with TSU students on September 28 and November 3, 2021, respectively. The School hosted the 2021 Homecoming Office and Dome Decorating Contest. These events were held on September 29th & 30th 2021, and were part of TSU’s Experience the Transformation group of events that took place from September 25 to October 2, 2021.

FOUR NEW FACULTY MEMBERS JOIN BJ-ML SOPA

Four new faculty members joined the BJ-ML School of Public Affairs during the Fall semester 2021: Dr. Julian Scott, as Assistant Professor of the Administration of Justice (tenure-track), Dr. Robert Williams, Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure-track), Dr. Jovita Esechie, Instructor of Public Administration, and Ms. Dorris Robinson, Instructor of Political Science. Both Dr. Esechie and Ms. Robinson previously served as visiting instructors for several years.

In order to acclimate the new faculty members to both the BJ-ML School of Public Affairs and Texas Southern University, the Office of the Dean organized a session of the School’s “New Faculty Orientation Program” on August 12, 2021. Specifically, the orientation session covered topics such as third year review, tenure and promotion and the responsibilities of a faculty member.

SOPA FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Robert Bullard, University Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy and Director of the Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice, has been appointed to serve on the Board of the National Environmental Education Foundation.

Dr. Earthea Nance, Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy, has been appointed as the Regional Administrator (Region 6) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by U.S. President Joe Biden.

Dr. Bum Seok Chun, Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy, received TSU’s “Excellence in Research Award” for 2020-2021.

BJ-ML SOPA LAUNCHES ITS “ALUMNI IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM”

BJ-ML School of Public Affairs launched its “Alumni in Residence Program” on November 2, 2021, with Judge Wanda Adams (Class of 1990 & 2011) Justice of Peace Court, Precinct 7, Place 1, Harris County, as the “Inaugural Alumnus in Residence.” During her residency, Judge Adams visited two classes—Administration of Justice and Political Science—and interacted with students. Thereafter, she delivered the “Inaugural Alumnus Chat” as a public lecture. The lecture focused on Judge Adams’ experiences as a student at TSU, and in the professional world.

The BJ-ML SOPA “Alumni in Residence Program” is designed to engage the school’s alumni in the activities of the School through, among other things, sharing their lived experiences during their sojourn at TSU, and in their respective career pathways and settings. The overarching purpose is to help inspire BJ-ML SOPA majors to strive for excellence both during their academic journeys at TSU and beyond. The program will feature the alumni from the School’s various undergraduate degree programs in Administration of Justice, Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Political Science, Public Affairs, and graduate programs in the Administration of Justice (executive master’s program, master’s program (traditional) and Ph.D. program), Public Administration (both eMPA and MPA programs (traditional), and Urban Planning and Environmental Policy (masters and Ph.D.).

BJ-ML SOPA HOLDS “SOPA ROUNDTABLE” ON “ALUMNI PERSPECTIVES”

On September 29, 2021, BJ-ML SOPA held a “SOPA Roundtable” on “Alumni Perspectives” as part of the activities marking Homecoming Week 2021. The panelists were: Dr. Kimberly Adams, Judge Rannisha Bowman, Ms. Tamyra Benjamin, Mr. Courtney Ferguson, Mr. Kalon Lows, Ms. Sherrell Ross, and Mr. Kidane Yitbarek. Panelists focused on their experiences at TSU, and in their respective career pathways and stations. Thereafter, the panelists interacted with the audience, including students, in the questions-answers session. The event was climaxed by a reception.

DOCTORAL STUDENTS FEATURED ON “SOPA ROUNDTABLE ON NAVIGATING THE DOCTORAL JOURNEY

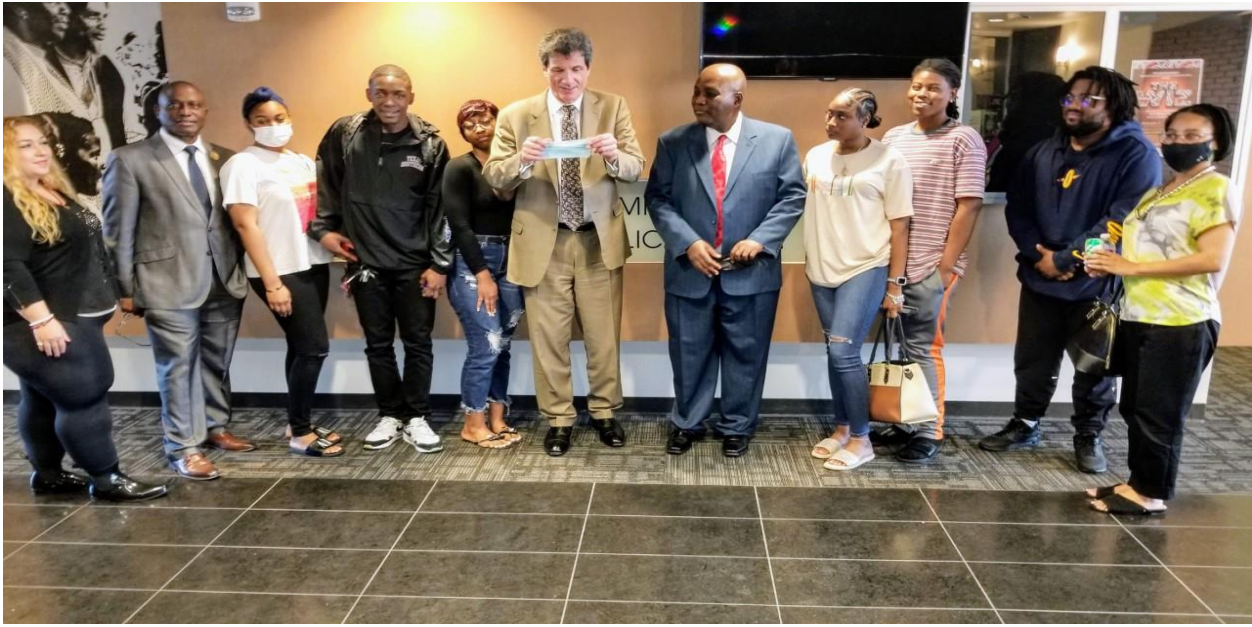
On November 29, 2021, the “SOPA Research Forum” featured presentations on the theme *Successfully Navigating the Stages of the Doctoral Journey*. The panelists were: Mr. Emmanuel Ben-Edet, a doctoral student in the Administration of Justice, Mr. Jesus Campos, a doctoral student in the Administration of Justice, and Dr. Jennifer Wyatt Bourgeois, an alumnus, who received her Ph.D. in the Administration of Justice. Each of the panelists focused on their respective journeys in the doctoral program in the Administration of Justice. Dr. Jasmine Drake, Associate Professor of the Administration of Justice and Chair of BJ-ML SOPA’s Research Committee, served as the moderator.

Pictorials of SOPA Activities and Events



With Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee at the SOPA event celebrating the life and legacy of late Congressman Mickey Leland on December 4, 2021.





Meeting with Jose W. Fernandez, the under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and Environment on December 6, 2021.



Celebrating the life and legacy of late Congressman Mickey Leland, December 4, 2021.



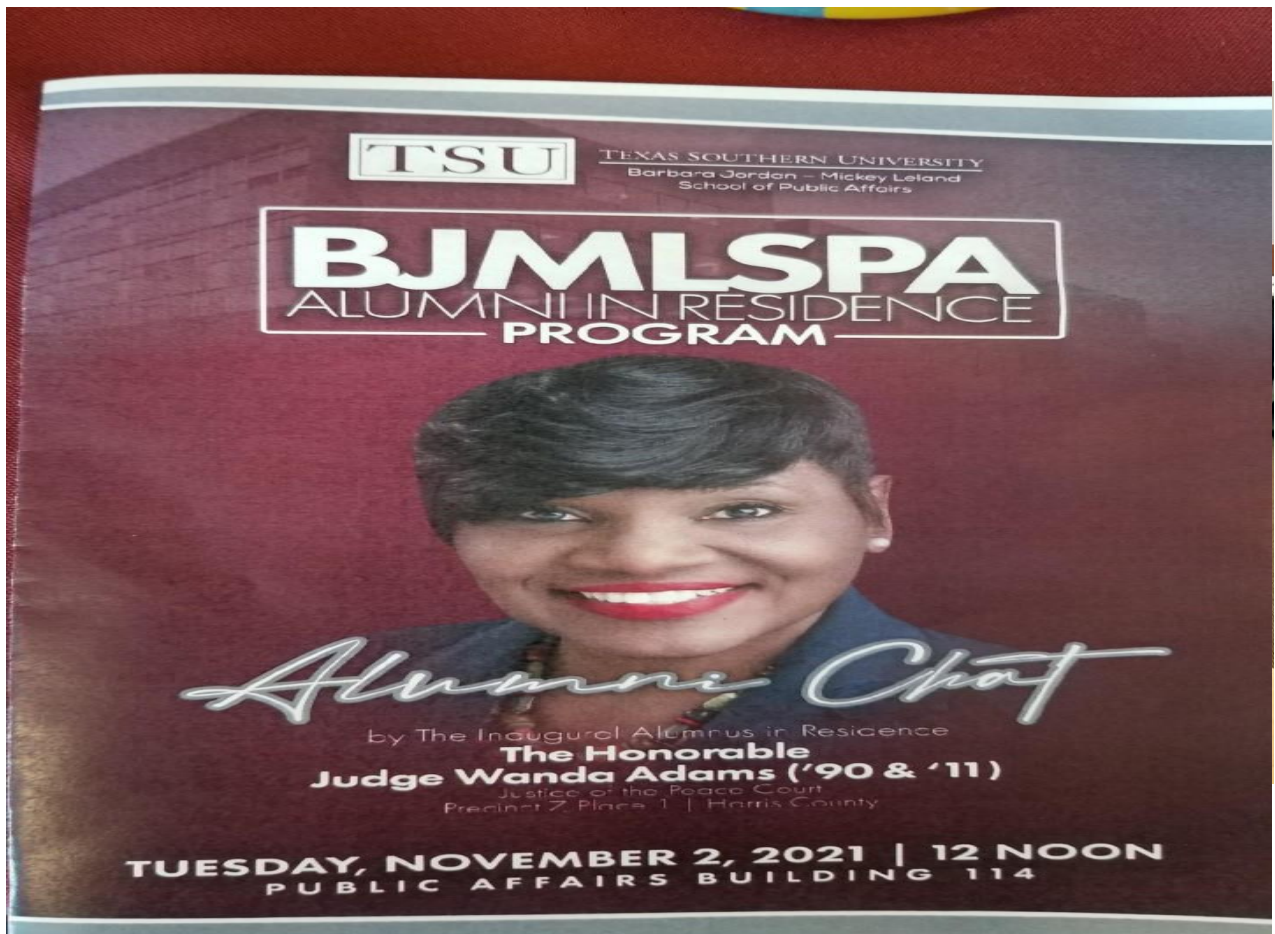
With Michael Regan, EPA Administrator (U.S Environmental Protection Agency) November 18, 2021.



At the induction ceremony of Pi Sigma Alpha and Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Societies, December 2, 2021.



UPEP students with the EPA Administrator, November 18, 2021.





With the Honorable Judge Wanda Adams, November 2, 2021.

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