

2024

# COMPA

## NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER 2024

### ASPA VOTING NOW OPEN!

Voting for ASPA's 2024-2025 election is now open and will remain open until Monday, December 9, at 11:59 p.m. ET. You have the opportunity to vote for individuals you believe should serve in ASPA's leadership.

Our President, Donovan Segura, is running for District 3 Representative, and we are asking for your support. We believe he is well qualified to serve responsibly and represent our interests on this national platform.

### COMPA MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 2024

COMPA membership continues to grow!  
We are now 220 members strong.

## COMPA AWARD NOMINATIONS DEADLINE DECEMBER 6, 2024

**COMPA  
CONFERENCE**  
MARCH 9-12, 2024  
BATON ROUGE, LA



The COMPA Awards Committee is currently accepting nominations for the COMPA 2021 Awards, which will be presented at the COMPA 2025 Annual Conference (March 9-12, 2025). We invite your participation in this important process.

To submit a nomination:

1. Ensure the nominee is a member of COMPA.
2. Submit the required details as outlined on page 21 of our conference booklet (available on our website).

#### COMPA 2024 Award Categories:

1. Public Service Award in Honor of Gwendolyn Bullock-Smith, Ph.D.
2. COMPA's highest honor, awarded to an academic or practitioner with an exemplary public service career.
3. Mentorship Award in Honor of Sylvester Murray
4. Awarded to an academic or practitioner with a proven track record of mentoring and supporting students or young professionals. Named in honor of Sy's legacy of mentoring in the field.
5. Trailblazer Award in Honor of Jewel Prestage, Ph.D.
6. Awarded to an academic or practitioner who has paved the way in public service, opening doors for others in academia or the public sector. Named for Dr. Jewel Prestage's pioneering contributions.



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## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

“Elevating Public Service Through Public Servants”

For more information, visit  
<https://compaspanet.org/call-for-proposals>

Submissions are due by **November 24th, 2024**

## REGISTRATION

Regular Registration: November 9 - January 19

Late Registration: January 20 - January 31

All details can be found in our virtual program booklet on our website.

## ACCOMODATIONS

### CROWNE PLAZA EXECUTIVE CENTER BATON ROUGE

Located in the heart of Baton Rouge, just off I-10 and College Drive, Crowne Plaza executive center Baton Rouge is a short drive from Baton Rouge metro airport (BTR). Conference room rate is \$125/night, the deadline to register for COMPA hotel is January 31, 2025.



Group Code: MPA

# HOLIDAY WISHES

On behalf of COMPA, we extend our warmest wishes for a happy holiday season to all our members and their families!

## NOVEMBER WEBINAR RECAP - NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Central Oklahoma, provided the presentation for Native American Heritage Month titled, The Only Good Indian Is A White Man's Indian: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Indigeneity. His presentation centered the Indigenous perspective and how the colonial institutions and social structures have impacted and continue to impact Native peoples, their identities, and their sovereignty. Dr. Pewewardy compiled an expansive reading list featuring Indigenous authors that examine settler politics upon Tribal sovereignty, self-recognition, Tribal policy, grassroots efforts, and historical & cultural texts.

### COMPA FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE



The graphic features a green background with a white border. At the top, it says "COMPA FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE". Below this is a circular logo for COMPA (Central Oklahoma Metropolitan Public Administration) with the text "CENTRAL OKLAHOMA METROPOLITAN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION" and "ESTABLISHED 1971". In the center, a large green box contains the text "SCAN TO DONATE". Below this are three QR codes for donation methods: PAYPAL, ZELLE, and CASH APP. At the bottom, it says "SCAN HERE" and "Thank you for your donation!!!". The website "www.compaspanet.org" is listed at the very bottom.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT, AND  
PLEASE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASPA  
ELECTION AND COMPA AWARD  
NOMINATIONS!**

### THE 54 FOR 54 CAMPAIGN

As we celebrate 54 years of dedicated service and impact within our community, we are excited to launch a grassroots campaign inspired by ASPA to honor this milestone.

We invite you to support our mission with a contribution of \$54—representing each year COMPA has worked tirelessly to make a difference. Your support will help bolster our bottom line and offset some costs associated with the Annual Conference.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support our work!

**COMPA WEBINAR SERIES: JANUARY 15 AT 10:30 A.M. CST**

## **POLICY ENTREPRENEURS: REIMAGINING THE ROLE OF A PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR**

Save the Date! We are excited to announce the upcoming January 2025 webinar with speaker Dr. Adren Wilson.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sus.zoom.us/j/93088125759?pwd=N3RNSSt3K3IUeWx4aWVNS1ZuY01mdz09>

Meeting ID: 930 8812 5799

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