



SEPTEMBER 2024

COMPA BOARD 2024 - 2025

COMPA held its inaugural board orientation on May 16, 2024.

On May 16, 2024, Dr. DeLacy Davis of New Jersey facilitated COMPA's inaugural board orientation for all new and existing board members. This session provided relevant governance information regarding COMPA and its affiliates, an overview of our programs and service activities, our fiscal position and fiduciary responsibilities and processes as well as the duties, responsibilities and expectations of the Executive Board. All board members were required to participate in this orientation.

COMPA MEMBERSHIP 2024

In May 2024, the membership total was 209. At current, the September 2024 membership is 213.

UPCOMING GENERAL MEETING

We are looking forward to our general meeting with the entire membership, scheduled for October 2024. The specific date will be shared as we get closer to the meeting. This session will be primarily informational, providing an opportunity to discuss important updates and engage in meaningful discussions.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am incredibly thrilled to share with you the inaugural edition of our community newsletter, a new platform dedicated to highlighting the exceptional activities and accomplishments of our members who are advancing public administration through stellar public service.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new executive board members: Jessica Santiago, Dr. Charmaine Williams, Dr. Revathi Hines, Melissa Rosenfelt, and our student representatives, Kaela B. Lewis and BrandRick J. Levy. Each of these individuals brings a wealth of experience and a profound commitment to promoting excellence in public service and administration across academic and governmental landscapes.

Our collective aim is to champion innovation and adaptability in our ever-evolving society. With enthusiasm and confidence, we are prepared and ready to address the challenges ahead, knowing that our combined efforts will foster positive change in city, county, parish, state, and national government operations. As we embark on this journey together, I eagerly anticipate your engagement and contributions as we work to ELEVATE COMPA and advance our mission.

Warm regards,
Donovan L. Segura, Ph.D.
COMPA's 47th President



SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS: DISSERTATION DEFENSE

Student representatives BrandRick Levy and Kaela Lewis both successfully defended their Dissertation Defenses during the weekend of June 28. These scholars have successfully matriculated through Southern University and A&M College's Executive Ph.D. in Public Policy program in Baton Rouge, La and are expected to participate in commencement exercises during the Summer of 2024. We are proud of our student representatives and look forward to the implications their research will add to enhancing policy and service.

BrandRick J. Levy

Dissertation Title: Gender Stereotypes in the United States: The Dichotomy of Men and Women in Professions Traditionally Occupied by Women

Kaela B. Lewis

Dissertation Title: A New Day in American Democracy: Explaining How Social Media affects Voter Participation and Civic Engagement

EDITOR'S CORNER MELISSA ROSENFELT, MPA

It is an honor to serve as Editor of the historic first edition of the COMPA newsletter! This monthly newsletter will provide information to our COMPA members showcasing upcoming COMPA events, membership information, and articles discussing current events that impact public policy.

Thank you to the COMPA Board for the opportunity to bring this newsletter to fruition, I look forward to creating an impactful publication for our members!

On September 11, 2024, COMPA is presenting a webinar to honor the National Day of Service and Remembrance, we invite all members and the public to join us for this special discussion.

COMPA WEBINAR SERIES: SEPTEMBER NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

On the National Day of Service and Remembrance, COMPA will highlight the academic research of four newly minted Public Policy Doctors of Philosophy. These civil servants are champions of their communities and readily lend themselves to the call of service. Their contributions to the academic body of knowledge, with their new and unconventional research, are truly impressive. Their topics span social media and elections, notice and body cameras, drinking water quality and public water systems, and sociodemographic factors and emergency room visits, all from unique frames of reference. Log in on September 11th@ 11 a.m. using the ZOOM link below to join.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sus.zoom.us/j/93088125759?pwd=N3RNSSt3K3lUeWx4aWVNS1ZuY01mdz09>