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COMPA NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2024

COMPA HELD ITS FIRST GENERAL BODY MID-YEAR MEETING

The purpose of this gathering was to bring the COMPA community together outside of the annual conference to conduct business and engage in meaningful discussions relevant to the strength and vitality of the organization.

We appreciate everyone's participation and contributions to enhancing our collective goals!

COMPA Mid-Year Meeting

October 14, 2024



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



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

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

Early Registration: October 28 - November 8
Regular Registration: November 9 - January 19
Late Registration: January 20 - January 31

COMPA MEMBERS ELEVATE AT SECOPA CONFERENCE

Arielle Willaims began the morning as a breath of fresh air, presenting her research in action, creating a conversation around Concussions in the National Football League. She led the charge on Thursday, followed by Dr. BrandRick Levy, moderating and presenting his insightful research on Gender Stereotypes in America. His presentation sparked critical discussions and set the pace for the following days. On Friday, Roshonda Hannible moderated and shared her active research, Transforming Education Policy through Community-Driven Engagement and Innovative Communication, drawing attention to the power of community involvement in shaping policy. **(CONT'D PG 4)**

COMPA PRESIDENT, DR. DONOVAN L. SEGURA, IS SEEKING ELECTION INTO ASPA'S NATIONAL COUNCIL!



We are pleased to announce that our COMPA President has been included in the 2024 Slate of Nominees to serve on ASPA's National Council, representing District 3.

VOTING WILL BEGIN IN EARLY NOVEMBER!

COMPA FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE



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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!

NASPAA 2024 AWARDS RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

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| PI Alpha Alpha Master's Manuscript Award | Elaf Saleh Hassan Burgela, Hamad Bin Khalifa University Manuscript Title: Partnering for Progress: A Comparative Analysis for the World Bank in Post-conflict Maternal Health Across Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya |
| PI Alpha Alpha Doctoral Manuscript Award | Mary Strawderman, Virginia Commonwealth University Manuscript Title: Exploring Equity and Excellence: A Mixed Methods Study of Research Funding Disparities and Success Among Women Faculty of Color at a Research-Intensive University |
| PI Alpha Alpha Chapter of Excellence Award | Governors State University |
| Professional Staff Award | Michelle Spatz, New York University, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service |
| Diversity Award | Public Affairs Program at Paul H. O'Neill School, Indiana University Indianapolis |
| Social Equity Award | MPA-SJ Program, University of Cincinnati |
| Staats Emerging Scholars Award | Guohuibin (Robin) Li Arizona State University Jieun Kim Arizona State University Jingwen Zheng George Washington University |
| Dissertation Award | Yong Chan Rhee, Rutgers University Newark Dissertation Title: Policy Implementation and Leadership in the Context of Organizational Culture: The Case of Police Killings |

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| Leslie A. Whittington Excellence in Teaching Award | Bradley Wright, University of Georgia |
| Social Justice Curriculum Award | Lindsey Evans, Virginia Commonwealth University |
| William Duncombe Excellence in Doctoral Education Award | Allisa Hicklin Fryar, University of Oklahoma |
| Nadia Rubail Distinguished Service Award | Shahjahan Hafez Bhuiyan, The American University in Cairo |
| Alumni Spotlight Award | Dietra Trent, Alumna of Virginia Commonwealth University |
| JPAE Outstanding Article Award | Sebawit G. Bishu & Sean McCandless |
| JPAE Outstanding Reviewer Award | Seth P. Wright, Penn State Harrisburg, School of Public Affairs |
| Outstanding Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Book Award | Navarun Varma and Sreeja Nair, National University of Singapore Book Title: Emerging Pedagogies for Policy Education: Insights from Asia |
| JPAE Spotlight Authors | Laura Gullede An Examination of Title IX training and knowledge at a public university. Paige Moore Survival skills for thesis and dissertation candidates Rafeel Wasif Building collaboration using the community collaboration initiative model: A case study of Muslim-led nonprofits S. Nicole Diggs Del Bharath Kristie Roberts-Lewis Deborah Bailey Mentoring at the intersection of student and faculty retention at Historically Black Colleges and University (HBCUs) masters of public administration programs Dominika Bukalova Perspectives on social equity in local government administration: Scheduling a city council hearing during San Diego's COVID-19 pandemic |

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR INCREDIBLE WINNERS!



COMPAs MEMBERSHIP NOVEMBER 2024

In October 2024, the total membership was 213. At current, the November 2024 membership is 217.

EDITORS CORNER

MELISSA ROSENFELT, MPA

We as a nation are at the end of another presidential election cycle as the two presidential candidates finish the race to the White House and it has been an eventful election year. Campaign events are being held, speeches are being given, racist jokes are being told, poll workers are being harassed, and ballot boxes are being set ablaze by misinformed voters. Radical and violent actions were expected for the 2024 election cycle because we are **still** enduring a loud voice that encourages division.

When unbecoming actions are platformed and encouraged by candidates such as this, we have witnessed firsthand the results. They can compel someone to attack a Capitol building and those who stand to defend it.

Currently at five days to the election, it is exciting to feel the wave of Honesty, Decency, and Ethics overpowering the desperate promise of a reborn retribution. America is only as divided as we allow - this election will reveal that we stand for democracy, but decency, truth, and each other.

SECOPA CONFERENCE (CONT'D)

Saturday's session was equally impressive. Dr. Chandra Stacie presented her compelling research on evaluating the Impact of the Underground Injection Control Program on CO2 Emissions: The Case of North Dakota and Wyoming, offering a unique perspective, while Dr. Kaela B. Lewis discussed her study, A New Day in American Democracy: Explaining How Social Media Affects Voter Participation and Civic Engagement, 1992-2020, which was equally thought-provoking.

These scholars not only represented Southern University A&M College with pride and academic leadership, but they also elevated COMPA's stature. Their contributions at SeCOPA placed them among respected professionals, showcasing their dedication to public policy and research.

It was a testament to the spirit of COMPA and the academic excellence we strive to uphold.

COMPA WEBINAR SERIES: NOVEMBER 19 AT 10:00 CST

"THE ONLY GOOD INDIAN IS.....: REJECTING THE COLONIAL POLITICS OF INDIGENEITY."

Abstract: This webinar will unfold the lessons of colonization that are redefining Indigenous peoples - state relations. It challenges conventional wisdom looking at Indigenous peoples and their relationships to society. Exercising the spirit of tribal sovereignty, Indigenous peoples are organizing around a commonality of concerns, needs and ambitions that challenge the constitutional structures established by settler colonies. At the center of this issue is how Native Nations are defined today and who has the fundamental right to belong. Pewewardy will examine alternative politics of identity—one that seeks to revalue and reconstruct Indigenous cultural practices based on self-recognition rather than seeking appreciation from the very agents of colonial debt.

Log in on November 19th@ 11 a.m. CST using the ZOOM link below to join.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 930 8812 5799

Passcode: 202425