



KESSA Newsletter

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Editor's note

This is the inaugural issue of KESSA Newsletter – the official newsletter of Kenya Scholars and Studies Association (KESSA). KESSA Newsletter aims to showcase members' achievements/accomplishments, share professional development opportunities/resources, and build a sense of community among members of the association.

Subsequent issues of KESSA Newsletter will follow a fall (August), winter (December), spring (March), and summer (June) schedule. This inaugural issue also serves as the first winter issue of the newsletter.

The next issue of the newsletter will be out in March 2022.

KESSA Newsletter is based at the Department of Security Studies, Sam Houston State University and is edited by Jeremiah Asaka.

To feature in an upcoming issue, please email your submission (e.g., new publications by KESSA members, call for submissions, upcoming events, awards, grants, and fellowships etc.) to secretary@kessa.org with "NEWSLETTER ITEM(S)" in the email subject line. Submissions are due at least two weeks before the next issue.

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1. KESSA News

1.1 New KESSA Officials

The following KESSA members were elected to serve as officials of the association in the recently concluded KESSA election:

- KESSA President – Dr. Jerono Rotich (North Carolina Central University)
 - KESSA Vice President – Dr. Patrick Mose (Ohio University)
 - KESSA Secretary – Dr. Janet M’mbaha-Zarnesky (Alabama A&M University)
 - KESSA Treasurer – Dr. Penina Kamina (SUNY Oneonta)
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1.2 KESSA Conference

KESSA successfully held its 13th Annual Conference on September 10-11, 2021, at Dallas/Fort Worth, TX.

The conference featured several presenters and keynote speakers drawn from Kenya, United States, and Canada including, but not limited to, a government of Kenya delegation led by Ambassador Simon Nabukwesi – the Principal Secretary, State Department of University Education and Research, Kenya.

An electronic copy of the conference program is available [here](#).

You can also view/purchase photos taken by the conference’s official photographer [here](#) and/or read a related news story [here](#).

2. Professional Development Opportunities/Resources

2.1 Summer Institute

APSA Ralph Bunche Summer Institute. Applications for 2022 Institute are due by January 21, 2022, at 11:59pm Eastern. More details available [here](#).

2.2 Database of Funding Opportunities

PhD/Graduate fellowships and graduate student research funding opportunities [database](#).

3. Call for Submissions

3.1 KESSA Newsletter Call for Submissions

KESSA Newsletter editor is currently accepting submissions for the next issue, which will be out in March 2022.

Possible submissions include:

- Recent publications by KESSA members (e.g., articles, books, book chapters, blog posts etc.). All book, book chapter, and/or journal article submissions should include an abstract. All recent publication submissions should follow APA format
- Call for submissions (e.g., journal call for abstracts/papers, conference call for abstracts/papers, book project call for abstracts/chapters etc.)
- Professional development opportunities/resources including grants, fellowships, scholarships, teaching resources, and/or professional development programs/workshops among others
- Upcoming events of interest to KESSA members including conferences, workshops, and/or webinars among others
- Awards received by KESSA members including service awards, teaching awards, fellowships, and/or grants among others

Please send your submission(s) to secretary@kessa.org on or before **February 15, 2022**, with “NEWSLETTER ITEM(S)” in the email subject line to be considered for inclusion in the spring issue. Submissions received after this date will be considered for inclusion in the summer issue.