

Foreword from the President of Sacramento State

Dear Colleagues,

As President of Sacramento State, I can confidently say that 2020-21 is officially the strangest year of my career. We have seen disruption in all aspects of our lives, and we have faced unprecedented challenges. At our University, like most educational institutions around the country and the world, Sacramento State transitioned to virtual learning and remote business operations within days once the threat of COVID-19 was apparent to our region. And yet, we have endured. We saw students and faculty pivot to their new reality with grace and determination. Students completed their courses, delivered speeches, and even defended their master's thesis and dissertations over Zoom. I was, and I remain, awestruck by the resilience I see every day.

The authors of the articles in Volume 9.1 of the Journal of Transformative Leadership and Policy Studies (JTLPS) are perfect examples not only of resilience but of persistence. COVID-19 currently dominates much of our daily thinking, but the public health crisis also does not negate the longstanding issues and inequities that continue to plague our communities. The scholars who submitted these articles have not lost focus of these important issues. Volume 9.1 investigates topics such as the need for increasing the number of Black women and girls in computing education, restorative justice as a transformative practice, the benefits of culturally tailored leadership training programs, the lived experiences of Latinas as they ascend in their careers, and the hyperbole and irrational fear related to the demographic projection often referred to as the "browning of America." I am grateful for these scholars' perseverance - I am grateful for the research of the authors featured in this issue of JTLPS.

The JTLPS is a peer-reviewed Journal sponsored by the California State University Chancellor's Office and the CSU's 16 Education Doctorate programs. I encourage you to read and share Volume 9.1 with your colleagues and scholarly communities. We must not lose sight of the work that is ongoing, and the work that must continue.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Nelsen
President
Sacramento State