

## From The Editor's Desk

In this Spring 2023 edition, my guest is John Ryan, a legendary professor and scholar who served the Kansas City Kansas Community College for over four decades.

In this era when we live in a divided society, when democracy is seemingly under siege, when virtually every aspect of education is in a state of flux, Dr. Ryan's essay *The Urgency of History*, is not only a timely piece but an invitation to participate in the national debate on the "woke" ideology, diversity, and the anti-history movement.

In the next essay, Suzie Tousey poses a critical question on crime reduction, "*Is reducing the age requirement for officers addressing recruitment issues, or is this a band-aid solution?*" According to Suzie, there is a continuing controversy regarding the hiring age of law enforcement officers in the United States. The main question is – will the reduction in age limitations increase recruitment? There are certainly benefits and drawbacks to lowering the age limit."

And, in *Ode to Kansas* Bettse Folsom's verses reflect on the rolling hills of Kansas, "Where the wheat grows tall and free, Where the sunflowers open wide, to the rays of the glowing sun. Where the cattle roam in the meadows, Grazing along the sleeping brooks, And the deer run free and wild, To the pleasure they undertook."

In *Towards Pax-Africana*, Ewa Unoke reflects on how the United Nations deal with Indigenous Nations' issues from the lens of the Ezza-Ezekuna doctrinal transitional justice.

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