

## *Special Issue:*

### *Moving Beyond the Hurricane Harvey Crisis: Lessons learned from Mitigation to Recovery*

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The *Ralph Bunche Journal of Public Affairs* is devoting a special issue to the Hurricane Harvey that made a landfall in Texas as a category four storm on August 26, 2017. The *Journal* hopes to deploy the four phases of emergency management—mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery—to deepen our understanding of the lessons learned to improve future disaster preparedness. While we welcome contributions from a range of disciplines and perspectives, topics should address any of the questions delineated below.

- Did the prepared hazard mitigation plans help in reducing the impact of the crisis on the citizens and/or the economy of the affected jurisdictions?
- How ready were the cities, counties, state and federal governments in responding to the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey?
- To what extent were the affected communities, government and nongovernmental institutions involved in response efforts?
- How do citizens access available resources or receive assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, city, state and nonprofit organizations during emergency or crisis situations?
- How do we handle patient-focused disaster preparedness and the so-called invisible victims of disasters like healthcare providers and other first responders who overcome various obstacles to meet the medical and other needs of patients and their communities during crisis?
- Although one year has passed since the flood, why is it that low-income and minority neighborhoods are slower to recover?

Please submit your one-page proposal to the *RBJPA* Editor via e-mail on or before Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Notification of proposal acceptance will be sent out by Tuesday, February 12, 2019, and completed manuscripts will be mailed out for peer review by Tuesday, June 18, 2019. Tentative date of publication for accepted manuscripts is November 2019.

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