

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

### *From Governance to Care, Toward Memory*

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This issue of the *SUKISOK Journal of the Arts and Sciences* brings together works that examine how individuals, communities, and institutions respond to responsibility, vulnerability, and change.

We open with **Mustafe Mahamoud Abdillahi's** article, "**Guardians of the Public Trust: Mechanisms for Administrative Accountability and Ethical Governance.**" His work examines whistleblowing, ombudsman institutions, and integrity systems as mechanisms for restoring public trust.

This is followed by **Ma. Althea C. Dona and Apple Gemarie Agra's** study, "**Give and Take?: An Analysis on the Perceived Reciprocal Effects of the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged or Displaced Workers (TUPAD) Program on the Voting Behavior of Its Beneficiaries in Cauayan City, Isabela.**" Their article offers a timely reflection on social assistance, political attitudes, and democratic participation.

The issue then turns to education through **Dianne Princess D. Nario and Jeffrey C. Ginez's** article, "**The Effectiveness of Multimodal Learning in Enhancing Forensic Science Mastery among Third-Year Criminology Students at Isabela State University-Cauayan City Campus.**" Their study highlights the value of varied and responsive pedagogical strategies in higher education.

From public institutions and education, the issue moves to family and caregiving. **Kenna Abarientos, Carmela Mae Figuracion, Antonio Palanginan, Patricia Erika Tubig, Rufo Gil Albor, and Inero Ancho's** article, "**Making a Living, Raising a Life: Lived Experiences of Filipino Parents in Managing Household Finances and Early Childhood Rearing,**" explores how livelihood, parenting, and emotional care are deeply connected.

This is followed by **Franxes Ghia U. Tordil's** study, "**Parenting and Studying: Chronicles of Student Mothers / Kolehiyalang Ina: Paglalayag sa Mundo ng Duyan at Pluma.**" The article gives voice to student-mothers who carry the simultaneous demands of motherhood and education, while also pointing to the need for more inclusive institutional support.

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The issue concludes with **Axle Christien J. Tugano's** travel narrative, "**From the Experience of Cambodia (1975-1979): Reflections on a Journey Through the Khmer Prison Cells and Execution Sites / Mula sa Karanasan ng Cambodia (1975-1979): Mga Repleksiyon sa Paglalakbay hinggil sa Bartolina at Pook-Eksekusiyon ng mga Khmer.**" Placed at the end, this piece expands the issue's scope from local and institutional realities to questions of memory, historical violence, and global responsibility.

Taken together, the articles in this issue trace a movement from governance and public accountability, to education, family life, and historical remembrance. They show that care, justice, resilience, and responsibility are not abstract ideals. They are lived in institutions, classrooms, homes, communities, and places marked by memory. In this sense, the issue invites readers to see scholarship as a form of attentiveness: to public systems that must remain accountable, to learners and families who navigate everyday burdens, and to histories that must not be forgotten. Across these works, we are reminded that research does not only explain social realities; it also asks us to respond to them with greater sensitivity, ethical awareness, and shared responsibility.

We also warmly welcome Ms. Lovely Mae Verzon as the new Assistant Editor of the *SUKISOK Journal of the Arts and Sciences*, beginning with this issue. Her addition to the editorial team strengthens our continuing commitment to careful editorial work, scholarly quality, and collaborative academic service.

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