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## **ACADEMY OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCES INDUCTEES**

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The Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship (ACES) is pleased to announce the names of six exceptional scholars and leaders who have been elected to membership in the Academy in 2023. Each of the new members has a track record of accomplishments related to the production and advancement of scholarship that serves the public good. More specifically, such scholarship is characterized by mutually beneficial collaboration between institutions of higher education and communities of place, practice, interest, action, or circumstance that results in the co-creation of new knowledge. Inductees include:

### **David Devraj Kumar**

Professor of Science Education, College of Education  
Founding Director of the STEM Education Laboratory  
Florida Atlantic University

### **Edward F. Morrison**

Senior Research Fellow, The Conference Board and  
Director, Agile Strategy Lab, College of Business  
University of North Alabama

### **Ana I. Ruiz**

Professor of Psychology  
Alvernia University

### **Louis E. Swanson, Jr.**

Co-founder, Longview Engagement Associates and  
Professor of Sociology Emeritus  
Vice President for Engagement Emeritus  
Colorado State University

### **Tia N. Turner**

Doctoral Student and Research Assistant, Department of Psychology  
Wayne State University

**James K. Woodell**

Founder and Principal

James K. Woodell, LLC (d.b.a. Jim Woodell & Company, Venn Collaborative);  
Former Vice President, Economic Development and Community Engagement  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities

Founded in 2013, ACES is an organization of leading community engagement scholars and practitioners who are recognized for advancing scholarship that serves the public good. ACES highlights scholarship that has direct societal impact on complex societal needs and issues. ACES provides a non-partisan, transdisciplinary, research and practice-based voice for community engagement scholarship through its cultivation of partnerships with national and international associations, groups, and initiatives that promote high quality community engagement scholarship.

Through its members, ACES leverages the learning, discovery, and engagement capacity of higher education institutions and communities to influence private and public leaders to solve societal problems and recommend innovations needed by society. Communities, institutions, and their representatives benefit from ACES through its broader promotion of scholarship that directly impacts communities and addresses society's most intractable issues.

ACES works to expand access to local, national, and global partnerships for funding opportunities on issues that lead to informed public policy on community engagement scholarship. It also offers a forum for publishing best practices on community engagement scholarship and international workshops and think tank opportunities focused on addressing societal issues by linking scholarship and community engagement.