

# From the Editor

## Welcome to A World Unknown

2021 has been a momentous year. It began with the attack on the United States Capitol along with the second impeachment of former President Trump. Protests and riots were seen around the world amid the outbreak of violence in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Coronavirus deaths continued to rise internationally leaving permanent holes in families and communities. #BlackLivesMatter protesters continued to march in response to the injustices across the nation.

However, it wasn't all death and despair. President Joe Biden was inaugurated into office and signed the American Rescue Plan. It consisted of a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package created to assist the United States' recovery from the distressing economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, Kamala Harris became the first female vice president as well as the first African American and first Asian American to hold that office.

In addition, we saw a brief return to normalcy. The creation and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, whether by Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, or others produced around the globe, aided parts of the world in reopening. However, the new Delta variant has since then swept across the nation, leading to a surge in cases and COVID-19 hospitalizations.

NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter became the first aircraft in history to make a powered, controlled flight on another planet. Juneteenth, a day to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US, became a national holiday, and justice was served as former police officer Derek Chauvin was sentenced to 22 ½ years for the murder of George Floyd.

With the future on the horizon, it's important we as a society come together to eliminate the injustices and inequalities around the world. We have the opportunity to do so each and every day, so it's imperative we take initiative. That's why this second issue of *Global Insight* couldn't be more timely than now.

As we slowly and steadily return to our regular lives, one can't help but wonder: what's next? Each day is a mystery that brings unexpected events, surprising twists and turns, and new challenges. Consequently, we're referring to this period as A World Unknown.

Our authors' topics cover a wide gamut from politics to the arts. They raise awareness on important issues that deserve greater attention in the global dialogue.

I commend each author on an exceptional job while working through difficult times and urge you, as you continue through life, to apply your skills and energy toward the betterment of the world and to influence communities across the globe.

To conclude, I would like to thank the incredible UTA faculty and staff whose hard work and determination were the impetus that made this publication achievable:

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