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DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 15

If you are a member of Pi Gamma Mu, you could qualify to be the recipient of a \$1,000 or \$2,000 scholarship to attend graduate school. Pi Gamma Mu awards up to 10 scholarships each year. Why not be one of the next recipients? The application is now online, so it is easier than ever before to apply!

Pi Gamma Mu scholarships are intended for the first or second year of graduate work in the social sciences. If you are interested in applying, you should start putting your information together right away. Applications are due **February 15**. Winners will be notified in the spring, with the grants awarded in the fall. Please check the Pi Gamma Mu website for information and the application form. <http://www.pigammamu.org/scholarships.html>



CHAPTER NEWS – WAYNE STATE COLLEGE

For the 20th consecutive year, the Nebraska Delta Chapter coordinated its annual **Festival of Trees** at Wayne State College. The premise is simple. All on-campus clubs, offices, organizations, sports teams, residence halls and other groups are encouraged to enter and decorate a tree. The event serves three purposes: students who may not have an opportunity to decorate a tree during the holidays get to do so, the Student Center atrium is brightened with colorful entries, and each participating group agrees to provide a modest donation which PGM then uses to purchase toys and clothing for underprivileged children in the county. There is also a competitive aspect to the **Festival of Trees** as anonymous judges determine which entry will be the "Best in Show," an honor bestowed this year on the Spanish Club. (See photos below.)

Dr. Randy Bertolas and Dr. Jean Karlen are the Chapter Faculty Sponsors of the Nebraska Delta Chapter which has been the recognized on Pi Gamma Mu's chapter honor rolls many times, including the 2022 Roll of Distinction, Pi Gamma Mu's highest award for chapters.



PLAN TO ATTEND: PI GAMMA MU SPEAKER SERIES FEATURING DR. JOSHUA WEIKERT

January 25, 2023, at 2 pm ET, via Zoom

On Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 2 pm ET, the Pi Gamma Mu Speaker Series will feature Dr. Joshua Weikert of Immaculata University. During the live online event, Weikert will speak about the interplay between politics and public policy in legislatures. Weikert is the second of four Pi Gamma Mu faculty who are showcasing their expertise as they discuss new and important themes in the social sciences during the 2022-23 academic year. The series is open to the public and is free of charge.

During the live online event on January 25, Weikert will speak about the interplay between politics and public policy in legislatures. Weikert notes that politics and policy "are related but distinct areas of public activity, and nowhere do they come together more directly than in a legislative environment!" His presentation will cover the interplay of politics and public policy in legislatures, including the role of public opinion and interest groups, party competition, majority/minority dynamics, and the challenges of developing good policy options to address public concerns in a multilevel competitive environment. Sociological, behavioral, and structural theories of political leadership will also be brought to bear.

Weikert has a wide-ranging academic and practical career in politics and public policy, combining rigorous research and teaching experience with real-world policy and governing experience. His course roster covers topics in American government, public policy, European politics, law, and political communication. He has also served as a research consultant, policy analyst, and legislative advisor for governments and political campaigns. He is presently Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Civic Engagement at Immaculata University and a

policy advisor to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Weikert is the chapter faculty sponsor of the Pennsylvania Alpha Rho Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Immaculata University.

On November 18, 2022, the Pi Gamma Mu Speaker Series officially launched and highlighted the expertise of Pi Gamma Mu president, Dr. Susan Kinsella, social work scholar and former dean of the College of Education and Social Services at Saint Leo University. Currently a professor in the online graduate Human Services Administration Program, Dr. Kinsella's lecture focused on Animal Assisted Interventions. Pi Gamma Mu members, chapter faculty sponsors, and other interested individuals attended the live Zoom event which was recorded and made available to all members of Pi Gamma Mu and the public via Pi Gamma Mu's [YouTube Channel](#).

Weikert is the second of four Pi Gamma Mu faculty who are showcasing their expertise as they discuss new and important themes in the social sciences during the 2022-23 academic year. The third event in the Speaker Series will feature Dr. Laura Rodriguez-Kitkowski of South University in Georgia on Friday, April 28, 2023, at 3 p.m. (ET). Rodriguez-Kitkowski is the chapter faculty sponsor of the Georgia Sigma Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at South University.



Joshua J. Weikert, PhD

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Pi Gamma Mu members, chapter faculty sponsors, and others may attend the live Zoom event on January 25, 2023, at 2 p ET using this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87286256772?pwd=dFBSVjdsTmtNZ0ZlVkkxWTGpKc1E4dz09>

Details and links to the online Zoom sessions will be available at <https://pigammamu.org/speaker-series.html>

ACCESS THE *INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW* ONLINE ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!

Volume 98, Issue 4 of Pi Gamma Mu's professional journal, the *International Social Science Review* is now live! Pi Gamma Mu's commitment to scholarship in the social sciences is manifested most tangibly through the publication of this blind peer-reviewed journal. The journal is presented in an open-access digital format and does not require a subscription, so please feel free to share it with your colleagues, classmates, and friends. You can find it here:

[International Social Science Review \(ung.edu\)](#)

This issue of the *ISSR* (Vol. 98, No. 4) includes the following articles:

[Pride, but is there Respect at Work? Survey Based Evidence from Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Workers in the United States](#) by Christopher Salvatore and Travis Taniguchi

[Using Multiple Intelligences to Motivate Students](#) by Brian Stevens

[Security Arrangements and Migration Crises](#) by Christopher White

[Let's Shift Paradigms: Examining Cultural Transmission and Reflexivity amongst Cultural Anthropologists](#) by Ozzy Whitley

This issue also includes eight (8) book reviews, Pi Gamma Mu news, the *ISSR Publication Guide*, and the following extended commentary:

[Extended Commentary: Pandemic, Paradigm, and Philosophy in Social Science Research](#) by Narmada Poojari and Jyoti Bania

Enjoy!



CALL FOR PAPERS

The *International Social Science Review*, Pi Gamma Mu's peer-reviewed journal since 1924, is currently accepting papers. Students and professors alike are encouraged to submit original, unpublished research articles in any of the social sciences or related interdisciplinary fields that are between 12-30 pages long.

You can submit an article either at [*International Social Science Review \(ung.edu\)*](http://International Social Science Review (ung.edu)) or by emailing the editor, Dr. Candice Quinn, at quinn.issr@gmail.com. Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Quinn with any questions or with paper ideas if you would like to find out if your paper is a good fit prior to submission.

THE ACHS ADDRESSES PROBLEM OF UNACCREDITED GROUPS CALLING THEMSELVES “HONOR SOCIETIES”

Honor Societies have existed as a part of the higher education tradition since 1885. In 1925 the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) was established to help colleges and universities assess the value and credibility of these organizations.

Over the past few years there have been several groups that have emerged that are calling themselves honor societies but do not meet the standards to be certified by the Association of College Honor Societies. Based on the calls and questions that come to the ACHS office, these organizations are marketing themselves as honor societies and possibly creating confusion for students.

In order to help students and administrators make more informed decisions, the ACHS has asked us to share with you basic questions to ask or assess before determining any organization to be an honor society:

- **ACHS certification** – this link lists all member honor societies that are certified and meet the standards: https://achs.memberclicks.net/assets/images/ACHS_Certified_Societies.jpg
- **Minimum scholastic standards for membership** – make sure there is a reason that the student is being honored and is not just being invited to join a group with no standards or criteria for membership
- **Non-profit status** – a certified honor society will always be a non-profit, 501 c3, organization. Don't be deceived by the organization having a .org website address. These groups often don't disclose that they are for-profit in their marketing materials. You have to ask them, or you can check here: <https://www.guidestar.org/Home.aspx>.
- **Campus chapters** – make sure the organization is a registered and recognized chapter on your campus with on-campus leadership from students and/or faculty.
- **Fees** – all collegiate honor societies have a membership fee. The fee may be solicited from the invited student or, in some cases, paid for by the institution. Having a fee is comparable to your institution having tuition. The key factor is that the student should be paying to affiliate with an organization that has been certified to meet high standards the same way your institution has been accredited.
- **Transparency** – check the organization's website to make sure that it states it is a non-profit and that there is a phone number and address listed. Is there a listing of a functioning board that provides oversight to the organization?
- **Member participation in governance** – are members of the organization involved in governing the organization?

You can find more information about how to judge the credibility of honor societies at <https://www.achshonor.org/judging-credibility>
Please help us share this with individuals on your campus who can help students make better informed decisions.

Thank you for making a difference with Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences.

NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

Please join other chapters in the Pi Gamma Mu Service Project!

Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences is proud to embrace Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion within all national service projects.

As an interdisciplinary social science honors society, students and professors are keenly aware of the myriad of social problems that exist in communities throughout the world, especially the unique problems facing our own individual communities. Considering diversity, equity, and inclusion, chapters interested in participating in this service project should choose an issue or project important to them in their unique social environment, campus setting, and community and create a service project around this initiative.

Examples of service projects include but are not limited to:

- donation boxes to organizations in support of the homeless,
- book donations to the department of Veteran Affairs, or
- donation boxes to local animal shelters,
- voter registration drives,
- projects to improve accessibility on your campus or in your community,

- fundraisers (bake sales, hot cocoa sales, t-shirt sales, etc.) to provide financial support to homeless shelters, food banks, or other organizations in your community,
- projects focused on addressing a social problem facing your campus or community,
- or any project related to diversity, equity, and inclusion aimed at improving your campus, student life, your community, or the world.

Participating chapters must complete the service project by June 30 each year and include a description in their Chapter Annual Report to be considered for the Pi Gamma Mu Roll of Distinction award.

Questions?

Questions about the Pi Gamma Mu National Service Project should be directed to Allison G. S. Knox, Chancellor of the Southeast Region: Allison_G.S._Knox@Hotmail.com.

Get Involved and Help to Make Your Community a Better Place!

SHOW YOUR PI GAMMA MU PRIDE!

Pi Gamma Mu’s exclusive merchandise not only allows you to proudly display your achievement and affiliation with the society, but merchandise purchases also support the activities of Pi Gamma Mu and help us finance our programs and awards.

Show off your high academic achievement in the Social Sciences by wearing Pi Gamma Mu Honor Cords or a Stole or both to commencement! You may order your regalia as soon as you are a member of Pi Gamma Mu. Order online at <https://pigammamu.org/store.html>



Pi Gamma Mu stole.

This white satin graduation stole is 76 inches in total length and has royal blue embroidery. On the left side are the Greek Letters and Society name and on the right is the Society's key. **\$24.**

Pi Gamma Mu Honor Cords. The Society's royal blue and white honor cords include four tassels in royal blue. **\$17.**

Buy a Pi Gamma Mu stole and honor cords **bundle** and save \$5! \$41 **\$36.**
Only members of Pi Gamma Mu may wear this regalia.

Pi Gamma Mu Store

Other items include coffee mugs, bumper stickers, 4" x 4" stickers, wooden Greek letters, and more.



ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HONOR SOCIETIES

Honor Societies have existed as a part of the higher education tradition since 1885. In 1925 the Pi Gamma Mu is a member of the **Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS)**, which is the authority on standards and definitions for the honor society movement. ACHS has stepped up efforts to alert the higher education community to the standards of traditional honor societies. In contrast, some new so-called honor societies exist only online and allow self-nomination, accepting fees with no questions asked. If in doubt about an organization, you can check out the ACHS website (www.achshonor.org) for the list of honor societies that are members.

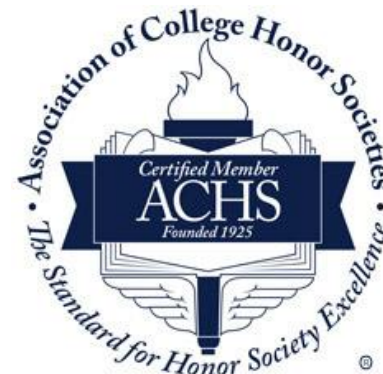
Why join an ACHS-certified honor society?

Membership in a certified, credible honor society provides prospective employers with instant verification of exemplary performance and achievement, distinguishing members from competing job applicants at a glance. In fact, the US Government's Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers incoming federal employees a two-level pay grade increase for "**Superior Academic Achievement**" which can be obtained through membership in ACHS-certified honor societies.

Membership is also valuable because certified honor societies offer student members opportunities to network with high-achieving professionals in their field; to hold leadership positions locally, regionally, and nationally; to win valuable scholarships, fellowships, and grants; to publish their research/work as an undergraduate or graduate student; to attend seminars, workshops, and conferences; to participate in campus and community programming that extends and enhances their academic experience; and more.

Please help us share this with individuals on your campus who can help students make better-informed decisions.

Thank you for making a difference with Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences.



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Connect with us on LinkedIn



Watch us on YouTube

Here at Pi Gamma Mu, we see social media as another way for us to carry out our mission to encourage scholarship and to foster cooperation and service among our members. Now you can connect with us and other members and supporters of Pi Gamma Mu on the social networking sites you like to use. We welcome your comments, posts, and photos of chapter activities. Be sure to *like* us on [Facebook](#), *watch* us on [YouTube](#), and *connect* with us on [LinkedIn](#) to see announcements, opportunities, and deadlines (such as the scholarship application deadline). Keep your eye out for updates about the Triennial International Convention coming up this October!

Please note that several Facebook, YouTube, and LinkedIn accounts will come up when you search for "Pi Gamma Mu" as we encourage our chapters to stay connected via social media. Use the links below to ensure that you have connected with the official pages managed by the Pi Gamma Mu international office.

 **Like us on Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/PiGammaMuHonorSociety/>

 **Connect with us on LinkedIn** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/pi-gamma-mu-international-honor-society-45733695/>

 **Watch us on YouTube** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8psiRYGN_MXScuN6ucJ6ww/featured

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Pi Gamma Mu communicates with its lifetime members via email. Anytime your email address changes, such as after graduation or when you change jobs, please notify the Pi Gamma Mu office immediately. This will prevent your emails from being interrupted or discontinued. Simply email your new email address to executivedirector@pigammamu.org or go to our Web site (www.pigammamu.org) to change your address information. We will need both your old email address and your new email address to update our records. Thank you very much for taking a few minutes to keep your information current.

MISSION OF PI GAMMA MU

The Mission of Pi Gamma Mu is to encourage and promote excellence in the social sciences and to uphold the ideals of scholarship and service.

IDEALS OF PI GAMMA MU

There are seven ideals of Pi Gamma Mu. Do you know them?

1. **Scholarship** – it is basic to all the rest. With knowledge, we can build society and better understand humanity and what has been thought and said and tried in all generations.
2. **Science** – we need and admire the spirit of science – the firm belief that the problems that confront humanity can be solved if we will search out the facts and think clearly on the basis of those facts.
3. **Social Science** – we shall never understand or solve the problems of human association until we examine the souls of people, the passions, prejudices, hopes and fears.
4. **Social Idealism** – we believe in a human society fit for human life that humans themselves can build. "Where there is no vision the people perish." We will not give up our vision.
5. **Sociability** – specialization makes us narrow. Our social problems are complex. They will never be solved without the cooperation of all the social sciences and of those who study them.
6. **Social Service** – the primary purpose of science is to know and to enable us to do. What we know we want to put to work for the benefit of humanity.
7. **Sacrifice** – we are engaged in the greatest and finest of all the arts, the building of human society. Without giving freely, fully, and sacrificially of means, time, talent, energy and passion, all our other ideals will fall short and the contributions we hope to bring will never come.

SYMBOLS OF PI GAMMA MU

The **motto** of the Society is the epigram of the Master Teacher, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The society's **key** has a wreath at the bottom to suggest that social science is the outgrowth and fulfillment of natural science. The running figure is reminiscent of the ancient Greek torch race and symbolizes humanity bringing knowledge to the solution of its own problems and passing on the light from generation to generation.

The **colors** are blue and white - for truth and light.

The official **flower** is the blue and white cineraria.

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