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Pi Gamma Mu

International Honor Society in Social Sciences

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.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



We are delighted to welcome our new members to Pi Gamma Mu! It is our pleasure to congratulate you. We celebrate your interest and achievement in the study of the social sciences and are very happy that you have affiliated with our organization. We encourage you to take advantage of the many benefits of lifetime membership in Pi Gamma Mu including opportunities to network with other members, propose to present research papers at our upcoming convention, apply for a Pi Gamma Mu scholarships, submit an article for publication in our peer-reviewed professional journal, become involved in governing at the chapter or board level, and show off your accomplishments by wearing Pi Gamma Mu honor cords at your graduation.

Your name has been added to our E-mail subscription list, and you will remain on this list as long as you wish to receive our newsletters. There is information at the bottom of the page to make changes to your subscription when necessary. Again, welcome and congratulations!

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Mailing address: Pi Gamma Mu, 1001 Millington St., Suite B, Winfield, KS 67156.

COME TO CHARLESTON FOR THE IIIM CONVENTION

You have worked very hard to become an international social science honor student of Pi Gamma Mu. Chances are you were very proud of your accomplishments and your school invited you to a ceremony and induction celebrating your achievements. Now is the time to think about continuing that commitment to your social science discipline.



Every three years Pi Gamma Mu has an international convention with students and faculty coming together in a city somewhere in the USA. This year it will be held in **Charleston, South Carolina**, that beautiful southern city of hospitality and charm. Whatever your social science discipline... history, political science, psychology, sociology, social work, human services, economics... there is something to learn in Charleston. As one of the original thirteen colonies, South Carolina is full of American history. Fort Sumter, in Charleston Harbor, was the sight of the first engagement in the Civil War. You can tour the fort by taking a boat ride to that island, visible from the bay area or you may be interested in learning about some of the early inhabitants of Charleston. Some descendants of slaves brought from Africa to work on the rice plantations came to be known as the Gullah people. Still residing on islands off the coast of South Carolina and Georgia, the Gullah still retain many of their traditions, African language, and

certain cultural foods. Charleston is a combination of history, culture, old world traditions, and beautiful architecture. The southern food is wonderful too! How about some shrimp and grits, or some collard greens and fried chicken, okra, macaroni and cheese, fried catfish, or sweet potato pie? Charleston is the new *foody* city, so many variations on the traditional southern fare can be found. As a coastal, port city you can also find cuisine from around the globe. Indian, Italian, Greek, Vietnamese, French, you name it, Charleston has it.



We will be staying at the new Crown Plaza Hotel in North Charleston, an area near the Tanger outlet shopping mall. There are plenty of restaurants in that area near the hotel. We will travel to the historic area of Charleston on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 for a guided tour. For \$25 you can be shuttled downtown into the heart of Charleston where you will be immersed in the history and culture of this southern city, renowned for its hospitality. Absolutely Charleston will provide our tour guides as we ride comfortably around the city in their shuttle buses viewing Rainbow Row, the Battery, famous churches, and the Citadel, South Carolina's military college. We will finish around 4:00 p.m. but will remain downtown to have dinner, visit the shops, or just walk around this charming city. Later we can take a bus back to the hotel or catch a taxi and split the fees with others in the cab. This way we can enjoy both the benefits of staying in the modern part of the city and having time to visit the historic area as well. We hope you decide to join us

for this year's Triennial Convention of Pi Gamma Mu.

October 16-18, 2014

Theme: An Ocean View of a Global Future

Chairman of the convention committee: Dr. Jean C. Karlen, Past President

Location: Crowne Plaza Charleston Airport - Convention Center 4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard, North Charleston, S. C.

(843) 744-4422

Convention room rate: \$119 (plus tax) per night, up to quadruple occupancy.

(Breakfast is not included in room rate.)

Deadline for reservations: Monday, September 25, 2014. Call hotel directly.

Advance Registration fee: \$45. Registration payment must be received at the international office by September 25.

On-Site Registration fee: \$55.

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Download a registration form

Proposals for papers / posters

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Note: The Chapter Showcase proposals and poster displays are in an entirely different category from the student research proposals.

Submission Information: Showcase proposals are due no later than Sep. 5, 2014. Early submissions are encouraged. Send poster submissions directly to Jean Karlen (jekarle1@wsc.edu).

Notification: Once reviewed and accepted, the presenters/chapters will be notified of their acceptance. This process may help the chapter in seeking institutional funding for the presenters. Thus, chapters are encouraged to develop their poster ideas now and submit poster proposals this spring or early in the summer.

Include the following:

POSTER TITLE:

AUTHOR(S): Please provide names and email addresses for all student and faculty presenters. (If there is more than one author, indicate with an asterisk (*) the principal author responsible for presenting the poster.)

CHAPTER and FACULTY SPONSOR: Provide the chapter name, institutional affiliation, name and contact information (email and phone number) of the faculty sponsor.

ABSTRACT: (a summary of the poster in 150 words or less)

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Poster Submission Deadline: Sep. 5, 2014.

Please contact Jean Karlen (jekarle1@wsc.edu) or the Pi Gamma Mu international office with any questions you may have.

Tentative Program Schedule

Thursday, October 16, 2014

9 a.m. Meeting of the Board's Executive Committee

9:30 a.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Luncheon for Old and New Trustees

1-3 p.m. Board of Trustees Committee Meetings

3-5 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting (guests welcome)

4-7 p.m. Registration

4 - 4:45 p.m. Pre-convention Workshop - Applying to Graduate School

5 – 5:45 p.m. Pre-convention Workshop - What You Can Do with a Degree in a Social Science Discipline

5:45 – 6 p.m. The Sweetgrass Basket Tradition – Ms. Annie Scott

Dinner on Your Own

7-8 p.m. Convention Opening/ Plenary Session

Welcome Roll Call of Chapters Introduction of Trustees, Governors, and Pi Gamma Mu Staff Presidential Triennial Report Service Project Presentation: We are asking delegates to bring a stuffed animal, which will be donated to a local charity/community organization. This is a very well-regarded and popular service project! Details forthcoming.

Veterans of previous conventions undoubtedly remember the 2002 "Teddy Bear Pageant," the 2005 "March of the Musical Toys," the 2008 "National Nominating Convention" and the 2011 "National Constitutional Convention."

8 – 8:30 p.m. Student Caucus I 8:30 p.m. - ... Social Time

Friday, October 17, 2014

8 a.m. Registration Opens

8-8:45 a.m. Orientation for Trustees and Governors

9-10:15 a.m. Student Paper Presentation Session I & II

10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Student Paper Presentation Session III & IV

12:15-1:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon, Chapter Honor Rolls, James Chapter Award, Sponsor Milestone Recognitions, Hall of Fame Inductees

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Keynote Address, Dr. Thomas Carsey, Thomas J. Pearsall Distinguished Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Social Sciences in the Digital Age.

2:30 - 4 p.m. Student Research Poster Session

4-5 p.m. Student Caucus II

5:15-6:15 p.m. Student Balloting for New Student Trustees

Dinner on your own. Group options may also be available.

Saturday, October 18, 2014

9-10:30 a.m. Chapter Development Showcase (Roundtables and Chapter Poster Session)

Alumni Roundtable for Pi Gamma Mu Alumni

Roundtable Discussion Leaders:

Sheilah Moyle, Budget Analyst, Western Carolina University Nilda Pyronneau, Past Pi Gamma Mu Student Trustee Dr. Gordon Mercer, Past President, Pi Gamma Mu

Keeping Online Chapters Engaged Roundtable

10:30 a.m.-12 noon Plenary Triennial Business Session (Executive Director)

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members, Installation of New Officers and Board Members, Student Trustees announced

12 noon-1:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting (new board)

12 noon-1:30 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. Charleston City Tour begins. Advance registration (\$25) is required.

The convention committee is building a Web page containing information about the convention. The URL address is www.pigammamu.org/convention-2014.html.

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Individuals are responsible for making their own reservations. Information on when the block of rooms will open and how to reserve a room

will be forthcoming.

Reservation deadline is September 25.

Charleston has it all. We hope to see you at the triennial international convention in October. Start making your chapter travel plans now!

THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW IS NOW ONLINE!



We are thrilled to announce that the International Social Science Review (ISSR) is now an online journal. The ISSR is the peer-reviewed professional journal of Pi Gamma Mu. This format change is an exciting advancement for Pi Gamma Mu's prestigious academic journal, which saw Vol. 88, Issue 3 going live online in May. Housed on the University of North Georgia's site, the journal is now accessible to everyone - no subscription required. In addition, journal articles are pulled when pertinent key words are typed into search engines such as Google, meaning the journal will reach new audiences. Explore the first online issue at Digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr/vol88/iss3 or type "International Social Science Review Vol 88 Issue 3" into any search engine. You can also submit articles to be consider for publication via the site or by simply emailing the article to quinn.issr@qmail.com. Bookmark your following with the link for future digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr. Enjoy!

Candice Quinn

Editor, International Social Science Review

TOM CARSEY TO PROVIDE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT THE PI GAMMA MU CONVENTION THIS OCTOBER



We are pleased to announce that Thomas M. Carsey will be the keynote speaker at the 2014 Triennial Convention this October. In keeping with Pi Gamma Mu's recent focus on utilizing advancing technologies, Carsey's address will focus on "Social Sciences in the Digital Age". Carsey is the Pearsall Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he is also the Director of the Odum Institute for Research in Social Science.

Carsey previously taught at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Florida State University. His research and teaching span a wide range of interests in American Politics, including representation, campaigns and elections, political parties, state politics, and public opinion. He also teaches and does work in the area of quantitative and computational research methods. He has published three books, 29 referred journal articles, and numerous other chapters and articles. He has been the Principle Investigator (PI) or Co-PI on research grants totaling more than \$1.5 million, and has received awards for both his teaching and his research. He currently serves as President of the Southern Political Science Association, as an adviser to UNC's National Consortium

for Data Science, and as a member of the American Political Science Association's advisory committee on Data Access and Research Transparency. Carsey also just completed a 4-year term as Editor of the academic journal State Politics and Policy Quarterly. He is a native of Nebraska and attended Wayne State College in Wayne, NE, where he earned a Bachelor's degree, a Master's degree, and, most importantly, met his wife, Dawn. He was an active member WSC's local chapter of Pi Gamma Mu and served as its President for a year.

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The convention Web site will be available soon. Please check it for convention updates, forms, etc.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Hartwig with any questions you may have.

See you in Charleston!

THE SWEETGRASS BASKET TRADITION

- SEE A LIVE DEMONSTRATION AT THE 2014 CONVENTION



Pi Gamma Mu's Triennial International Convention, in October of 2014, promises to include a plethora of historic sights including a live demonstration of traditional sweetgrass basket making. For students studying any of the social sciences this will be the place to be from October 16-18th. Keep tuned to our convention website and upcoming newsletters as we tell you about the activities, seminars and workshops, presentations, tours of Charleston, and people you will meet at the convention.

Ms. Annie Scott is one of those people. Known as a *Sweetgrass Lady*, she is an artist continuing the tradition of basket making taught to her by her parents and grandparents. Sweetgrass basket making has been a part of the Charleston coastal community of Mount Pleasant for more than 300

years. Introduced by the slaves that were brought here from West Africa, it is the oldest art form of African origin in the United States. South Carolina is the only place where this particular type of basketry is created by artists who are descendants of slaves from West Africa. Traditionally handed down from mother to daughter, the skill of basket making was often taught to men as well, who made larger baskets from marsh grasses called bulrush. Baskets were used during the American agricultural period to collect and store vegetables, grain, cotton, fish and shellfish. Smaller, functional baskets were woven for everyday use for breads, fruits, sewing, and storage of clothing. Women used the softer, more pliable grass called Sweetgrass because of its pleasant fragrance, much like that of fresh hay. Basket making involved the whole family and it was customary for the boys and men to gather the materials needed. The women and girls would sew or weave the baskets.

Today these baskets are still durable and can be used for household tasks, but are also considered works of art and can be displayed for their beauty and aesthetic appeal. If used, they can be gently washed with mild soap and water. However, more people purchase the baskets for their beauty with museum curators and art collectors among the buyers. A basket's value increases with age and with proper care will last indefinitely, reflecting the artist's skill at designing as well as crafting the object. They are considered an investment, with many existing Lowcountry baskets a century or more old. Ms. Scott will tell you the baskets she creates are her pride and joy and she feels a connection to each one. Every basket is unique, some with lids or handles, others round or oblong. Many have bottom or top knots with designs of light or dark cream or brown, depending on the grasses chosen. Come to the convention and see for yourself how these beautiful creations are woven from coastal grasses.

Ms. Scott will demonstrate the art of Sweetgrass Basket making from 4 to 7 p.m. on the opening day, Thursday October 16th. She will be available in the lobby of the Crown Plaza Hotel during registration and will have a formal presentation on the history of South Carolina Sweetgrass Basket making at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday evening. You can purchase one of her baskets as well if you would like to take home a souvenir of the PGM convention. Read more about this art-form in Rosengarten, Dale (1986) *Row Upon Row: Sea Grass Baskets of the South Carolina Lowcountry* or in the Proceedings of the Sweetgrass Basket Conference (1988, March 26). Both publications are available from the McKissick Museum, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE AUGUST 15



Chapter sponsors should have received chapter annual report forms via email in April. It is very important that all sponsors fill out and return this form to the international office by **August 15**. The form is available on our website for those of you who would prefer to send it back that way. We appreciate each sponsor taking the few minutes to complete and return this report.

The annual-report form helps your chapter to remain in compliance with Internal Revenue Service regulations pertaining to your chapter's obligation to submit information to headquarters. The international office will gladly file a Form 990-N tax return on your chapter's behalf based on your answers to the two financial questions on the annual-report form. Please help us to keep your chapter in compliance with the IRS regulations, so that our

society and your chapter will maintain our tax-exempt status.

If you would like to see your chapter's activities mentioned in the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter, you must send in your annual report and tell us what your chapter has been doing this year. Even better, send us photographs to put in the newsletter to accompany the description of activities that you sponsored. You can send the pictures attached to an E-mail message to the international office. Please send the original digital image if possible. We love to hear you brag about your students and what they are doing. We don't know what happens on your campus unless you inform us, so please take a few minutes to fill out the annual report. The deadline to submit your chapter's report is August 15. Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter.

TRIENNIAL CONVENTION AND OPPORTUNITY FROM THE PRESIDENT'S VANTAGE

The Triennial Convention provides a highly significant event in the "life" of Pi Gamma Mu, marking both the end of a three-year cycle and the beginning of a new one. At this unique juncture, the Triennial offers multiple opportunities for Pi Gamma Mu members. Having had the great fortune of attending every Triennial since the first at Tampa/St Petersburg in 1987, I want to offer for your consideration some of the opportunities for both students and faculty members.

Academic: Students have the opportunity to present a paper. Your paper presentation, representing your scholarly activities, shared with your peers is a microcosm of the academic world. You can proudly add your presentation to your resume. All participants, presenters and audience, engage in this very important academic process.

Chapter Development: Students and sponsors alike have the opportunity to benefit from the sessions that focus on chapters. Sessions led by sponsors and students from successful chapters will provide fresh ideas that you can take back to your campus to reinvigorate your chapter.

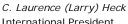
Social: Attendees have the opportunity to meet Pi Gamma Mu members from our great variety of chapters--and all from the social sciences! You can share the joy of collegiality of like-minded colleagues--students and faculty. From the beginning to the end, whether it is on-site or during off-site adventures, you will enjoy the company of other attendees.

Visit a New City: Attendees can enjoy the opportunity to visit Charleston, a historically significant southern city. As a visitor, you will experience all the stimulation of a new social and physical setting.

Organizational Engagement: All have the opportunity to engage in the "business" of Pi Gamma Mu. You can watch the close of one three year cycle and participate in planning and setting the course for the new cycle.

Truly, these opportunities offer something for everyone. I look forward to our time in Charleston, sharing the experiences with other members, as we all work together to realize our Ideals and promote the mission of Pi Gamma Mu. I hope to see you there!

International President



CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT SHOWCASE --SUBMIT A POSTER!

What has your chapter been up to? Pi Gamma Mu members have traditionally been very active on college campuses and we bet this year has been no exception. We would love to know what activities you have been involved in with your chapter. There is no better way to share that information than to create a poster for the Triennial PGM Convention in Charleston, South Carolina. On Saturday morning, October 18th, 2014 students will have the chance to display their posters and tell everyone about the exciting happenings on their campus. Did you have a fabulous induction ceremony or an invited guest speaker? Did you engage in a research project or a Service Learning Activity? Remember to take pictures of your actions and they will be easy to post on a tri-board or create something different and post the text or papers of your chapter's activities. We all get ideas from others so sharing what we are doing as Social Science Scholars is important. You might learn about something that another chapter is doing that can be replicated at your school. Be creative and get some feedback from others at the convention. If you haven't been very active, there is still time to develop an idea, create a Service Learning activity at a local non-profit agency, or ask a speaker to come to a class to learn more about their area of expertise in the social sciences. If you don't have the time to submit a paper, or you don't have a paper that you think would be eligible for submission, then think about the Chapter Poster Presentations on behalf of your school. All chapters are welcome to present, so bring along your Poster Board when you head to Charleston in October.

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PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA NU CHAPTER ATTENDS STUDENT LOBBY DAY IN HARRISBURG, PA



Pictured left to right: Dr. Stephen Medvec, Ms. Laura Tamas, Senator Mike Stack, D-Philadelphia, Ms. Leah Banton, and Ms. Daniela Chacon at the annual "Student Lobby Day" in Harrisburg, Penn.

On March 31 and April 1, 2014, Dr. Stephen Medvec, Pi Gamma Mu Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania and Sponsor of the Pennsylvania Alpha Nu Chapter at Holy Family University, led three newly inducted (on April 4, 2014) members of Pi Gamma Mu to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania for the annual "Student Lobby Day" sponsored by the Association of Independent Colleges & Universities in Pennsylvania (AICUP). Dr. Medvec and highly selected students (3 to 4) have been going annually to Harrisburg for this event since 2005. The year's exceptional delegation included Ms. Leah Banton, Junior, Accounting, Political Science minor, resident of Abington, PA (currently doing her internship with the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue); Ms. Laura Tamas, Freshman, Political Science, native of Budapest, Hungary, resident of Brussels, Belgium, here on a volleyball scholarship, starting libero, 24 service aces in November 2013; Ms. Daniela Chacon, Junior, Political Science, Spanish minor, native of Colombia, US citizen, now an intern at the Independence Visitor Center in Center City Philadelphia to assist visitors from Spanishspeaking nation-states. In contrast to the eventful and significant 2011 protests against the widespread education cuts by the (then) new governor, Tom Corbett, this trip was relatively peaceful. In addition to the large number of AICUP private-college-and-university delegations from around

the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the Capitol, the farm lobby was especially active on April first. In fact, it is fair to say that when the education lobby comes up against the farm lobby, the farm lobby wins.

In some ways, this particular "Student Lobby Day" was a comedy of errors, but, in the end, it all worked out. We did not meet with Representative Gene DiGirolamo, R-Bucks, for the first time since forever, as it was by chance his 64th birthday party and he and his staff was somewhere else in the Capitol. I left a message, my card, and the AICUP literature on the middle-income educational funding proposed by Governor Corbett to attempt to overcome his 2011 budgetary cuts to education in Pennsylvania... Then, Representative Kevin Boyle, D-Philadelphia, had to run back to Philadelphia for a constituent emergency. Also sitting in the room waiting for a separate meeting was Ms. Melissa Grimm, a public-relations consultant, whom I have known from my days with the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC). We spoke briefly in Kevin's office. Then, things picked up! We crossed the hallway to walk into the office of Representative Brendan Boyle (D-Philadelphia, who was then running for the 13th Congressional District seat (he won the May 20th Democratic primary among four candidates) currently held by Representative Allyson Schwartz, who was running for the Democratic nomination for Governor; she lost to York businessman and former Pennsylvania Department of Revenue Secretary, Tom Wolf, on May 20th). Brendan was very pleased to meet with us, not previously scheduled (we had met with Brendan in 2013, but I had promised brother Kevin that we would meet with him in 2014, so things work out like they are supposed to do). In any event, Brendan was his usual gracious self and the delegation was very impressed with Brendan! He invited us to the House floor at 11:15 a.m. for a private meeting. In the interim, we followed Leah's lead as she had grown up in Pucksatawney ("Phil"), Pennsylvania, and knew from childhood Representative Sam Smith, R-Jefferson. We had no idea he is now Speaker of the House! His secretary very kindly allowed us to meet with him briefly (surrounded by two groups of farm lobbyists), and he was equally very gracious. When I introduced myself with card, I said, "I am Dr. Stephen Medvec, the one who has brought Leah to Harrisburg" (paraphrasing JFK in Paris!). After that, we went to see Senator Mike Stack, D-Philadelphia, and took the obligatory photos. The senator then invited us to a committee hearing of the Judiciary Committee, of which he is the ranking member. (Senator Stack ran for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor and won the nomination on May 20th going away among five candidates; he took 90 percent of the vote in Philadelphia County, a very nice cushion to go into the remainder of Pennsylvania.) That was a first in all the years of "Student Lobby Day" since 2005 to attend a committee hearing. All of this made a very positive impression on my student delegation. They now want to run for office when they come of age! All three want to pursue careers in the law."

Stephen E. Medvec, Ph.D.

Pi Gamma Mu Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania

Sponsor of the Pennsylvania Alpha Nu Chapter and Professor of Political Sciencea at Holy Family University

STUDENT MEMBERS CAN RUN FOR OFFICE!



Pi Gamma Mu invites student members to *run for office!* At each triennial international convention, the student members elect two students to serve on the international Board of Trustees for the new triennial (three-year) period. Both student trustees then attend the annual board meetings during that triennium and participate actively in governing Pi Gamma Mu.

Board membership is a sign of respect and accomplishment, particularly if it happens when one is still a student. But it is certainly a significant career milestone at any age. Board membership can open up a whole new world of wonderful people, experiences, and causes. Serving on a board will allow one to develop skills that he or she may not have had the opportunity to develop before. One can build his or her professional network and develop a deeper understanding of what it takes to run a successful organization. Consider running today!

The two elected students are voting members and possess all of the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities as a trustee. The student trustees shall serve a term of three years and at the time of

their election must be currently enrolled in an academic institution containing an active chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, in which the student is a member in good standing at the time of election.

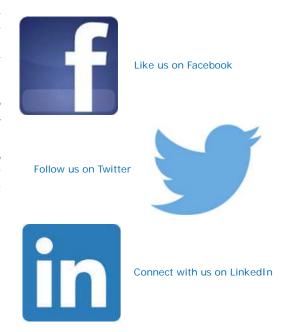
The nomination, campaigning, and election for student trustees occur during the triennial international convention. Student caucuses are also held during the convention for the purpose of the electing the student trustees. The 2014 Triennial International Convention will be held in N. Charleston, S.C., in October.

Please contact the international office with questions.

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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, *follow* us on Twitter, 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, Twitter, 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 provided here to ensure that you have connected with the official pages managed by the Pi Gamma Mu international office.



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, CLARA SMALL, NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

SALISBURY, MD---Dr. Clara Small, first vice president of the Pi Gamma Mu board of trustees and professor of history at Salisbury University, was nominated to a four-year term on the Maryland Commission on African-American History and Culture beginning July 1, 2012.

"I am honored to have been selected to serve on the Maryland Commission on African-American History and Culture for doing what I consider to be a labor of love," Dr. Small said. "To preserve the past by researching and teaching history to present and future generations is my passion, and I hope to inspire some of my students to become historians to do the same." Also a member of the Maryland Governor's Commission to Study the Legacy of Slavery in Maryland, Small is well known in the community for her talks on African-American and women's history, averaging about 90 each year at schools, churches, prisons, halfway houses and civic meetings. Last year, she earned the African-American Tourism Council of Maryland's prestigious Harriet Ross Tubman Lifetime Achievement Award. She also was honored by the Maryland General Assembly during the 11th annual Harriet Ross Tubman Day of Remembrance in 2011.

Small is the author of an article, "Abolitionists, Free Blacks and Runaway Slaves: Surviving Slavery on Maryland's Eastern Shore" in the book *A History of African-Americans on Maryland's and Delaware's Eastern Shore*, and two books: *A Reality Check: Brief Biographies of African-Americans on Delmarva* and, with the Rev. David Briddell, *Men of Color, to Arms! Manumitted Slaves and Free Blacks from the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland Who Served in the Civil War.*

In addition to her scholarly work, she has held a leadership role in a number of local organizations, including Pemberton Hall Manor, SU's Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, and the Thomas E. Polk Sr. chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers. Through a grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, she helped promote and sponsor the annual Buffalo Soldiers Summer Youth Workshop to educate area children.

At SU, Small has been a noteworthy professor both in and out of the classroom. She has served as an advisor to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the first African-American sorority on campus. She was the long-time advisor for SU's Union of African-American Students and was a catalyst for establishing a student chapter of the NAACP.



Dr. Clara Small

She also organized the Maryland Gamma chapter of the Pi Gamma Mu honor society in the social sciences at SU, serving as its co-advisor since 1982. Nationally, she was named its chancellor of the northeastern region in 1991 and has been re-elected to the post every three years until 2011, when she became national second vice president. In 2005, the international organization honored her with its Faithful Service Award. Beyond her service to the campus, Small has provided food and comfort to those in need. She coordinated efforts in the Salisbury community to send more than 140 boxes of relief supplies to victims of Hurricane Floyd in her native North Carolina, going beyond local collection to drive three vanloads of food, blankets, clothing and other needed items to the stricken area. She was the first person at SU to organize relief efforts for victims in Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. At the local level, she continues to coordinate the collection of non-perishable goods for the Maryland Food Bank in Salisbury and other agencies.

Small is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the University System of Maryland's highest faculty honor, the Board of Regents Award for Excellence, and the Community Foundation's Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award. She also has earned the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council's Tee O'Conner Award for outstanding contributions to African-American heritage issues, as well as the Wicomico County Commission for Women's Community Service Award and the SU Alumni Association's Faculty Appreciation Award. Currently, she is working with the National and Maryland park services to help establish the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park near the site of Tubman's birthplace in Dorchester County, MD.

From an SU Press release issued Monday, March 12, 2012

CHAPTERS IN ACTION

The Florida Zeta Chapter at Florida State University had a very active year. In the fall 2013 semester, their first event included participation in the FSU Social Sciences Fair where they set up an information booth and learned how to get more than just a degree through their experiences at the university. The chapter also began work with the Ronald McDonald House of Tallahassee. Members of the chapter helped prepare for an annual fundraising event. Through their involvement with the Ronald McDonald House, the chapter attended the St. Mark's Stone Crab Festival where they helped serve refreshments, provided valet services, and handed out informational pamphlets. In the Spring 2014 semester the chapter participated in FSU's annual philanthropic event, The Big Event, in which the chapter helped pick up trash around the community. They also provided advertising for the Justin Sisson 5K through Students for America's Military. The 5K is a charity event for a scholarship foundation in honor of a fallen veteran who graduated from FSU in 2012 and went on to serve as an Army officer. Chapter members also volunteered to help students sign up to become blood marrow donors on behalf of the Kid's 1st Blood Marrow Drive. The chapter also collected donations for Downtown Tallahassee to



Members of the Florida Zeta Chapter help clean up their sponsored highway in the Tallahassee area.

benefit the homeless community. Their final event of the spring involved helping with art projects, mural painting, and earth education at the *Green Arts Festival* in honor of earth day. Ongoing efforts include food pantry collections and participation in the Florida Adopt A Highway program. Dr. Robert Crew is the chapter sponsor.

The **Kansas Theta** Chapter at **Newman University** held its initiation ceremony on Sunday, April 13, 2014 at the Dugan Library and Campus Center. The ceremony was held on the second floor Tarsicia Roths, ASC Alumni Center. The center provided a lovely setting for the event and features a formal lounge with fireplace and views to the balcony overseeing the Newman's Founders Plaza of Newman University. Pizza and cake were served. Chapter sponsor and Pi Gamma Mu International President, Dr. Larry Heck, along with student officers, Alex Prine (president), Sara Schaller (vice president), and Lauren Baker (vice president) officiated. The ceremony included guest speaker, Dr. Suzanne

Rupp, executive director of Pi Gamma Mu. Dr. Rupp provided a presentation on the history and benefits of membership in Pi Gamma Mu.



New Members are initiated into the Kansas Theta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Newman University. Dr. Larry Heck (far right) officiates.

The **Ohio Eta** chapter at **Kent State University** hosted several events this year including their annual bowling event, a silent auction, and a baggo tournament. Each event helps the chapter raise funds for service projects and awards and initiation ceremonies. The baggo tournament is a competition and potluck fundraising event which is held every fall to welcome incoming students and catch up with current students. Service projects include supply drives for the local battered women's shelter, a humane society drive, book drives, and volunteering at the local food bank. The newest event was the first annual North East Ohio Sociology Symposium. This event was held at Kent State University on March 1, 2014 and was open to undergraduate students at universities and colleges all over Northeastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania; however students from as far as North Carolina came to participate. It was a conference designed to highlight undergraduate research and is the only one in the region. Over 25 schools were represented and there were over 170 attendees at the event. Dr. Clare Stacey is the chapter sponsor; chapter president is Brooke L. Long, M.A.



Merrill Hall on the campus of Kent State University in Kent, OH.



Louisiana Kappa Chapter holds its induction ceremony in April, 2014.

The **Louisiana Kappa** Chapter at the **University of New Orleans** held its induction ceremony and program in April 2104. Chapter sponsor, Dr. James McAllister, officiated and reported that the ceremony was a big success.

SHADOW PRESIDENT UPDATE

The "Shadow President" was conceptualized for the 2008 triennial--aptly named "A Political Party." Elected by the student delegates, the assignment for the "Shadow President" was to "propose policy ideas and second-guess the initiatives of President Barack Obama" in an occasional column (January 2009 Newsletter). Eric Knutson served as the first "Shadow President." During the 2011 triennial, student delegates elected Dr. Matthew Anderson to continue the assignment of the "Shadow President." The opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and may not reflect those of Pi Gamma Mu or its members.

Scandal, Unemployment, Bad Foreign Policy

At the helm in the Nation's Capital, the political spectrum continues to be a cesspool of gridlock, infighting, incompetence, and of lack of accountability.

Controversy and condemnation of the President's decision making skills again was in the forefront of political news when President Obama negotiated with the Taliban in swapping the release of five Guantanamo detainees for one American soldier, a deserter named Bowe Bergdahl. There are concerns relative to national security, because the United States Government which purportedly does not negotiate with terrorists negotiated the release of five Taliban leaders who in all likelihood will rejoin the Taliban efforts against United States influence in Afghanistan. Technically, the Taliban are not on the terrorist list because they reportedly are not attacking United States interests outside of the civil war in Afghanistan.

Millions of people are still without the extended unemployment benefits that expired in December of last year. Each week more than 70,000 are added to the already 2 million plus with no compensation. Draconian Speaker of the House, John Boehner, refused to allow the Bill passed in the Senate in April to come up for vote. President Obama blamed Republicans for the extended unemployment issue during his State of the Union Address, but President Obama knew the benefit extension was not part of the budget deal he signed off on prior the beginning of 2014. The Chief Executive, who claims to care for the poor, hardworking, and the disadvantaged, should have demanded the unemployment extension be included in the budget deal before signing it, rather than signing a budget with no provisions for extended unemployment benefits, and then later turning around and blaming the Republicans for letting unemployment benefits expire. The deal crafted to extend benefits retroactively through May has now expired and it seems unlikely a deal will be reached.

The Veterans Administration Inspector General notified the Obama administration about three audits yielding findings of impediments to timely health care coverage for countless Vets back in 2008. Reports indicated the Obama administration was notified in the weeks after the 2008 presidential election. President Obama championed his health care initiative around the country and promised improved medical treatment for veterans, yet this is another one of his promises that appears to have been broken. His leadership skills again have come under attack for indecision and lack of action. Obama, while maintaining he is pushing for quick action, has told Veterans he is still trying to gather facts on an issue he has known about since 2008. Veteran's Affairs Secretary Eric Shineski resigned in wake of the scandal.

The Obama Administration's decision to leave scant US military presence in Iraq has now resulted in Iraq security forces being overwhelmed by terrorist groups and activity. In an obvious show of power and test of US resolve in the Obama era of "downsized military", Vladimir Putin and Russia's aggressive seizures of parts of Eastern Ukraine have put Obama's foreign policy strategies under scrutiny. Indecision, underestimation, and late responsiveness have been the major criticism of President Obama's handling of crises. Republican leaders have pushed for legislation that would provide weapons to Ukraine nationalist forces. In order to check Russian aggression against vulnerable European nations, Obama is seeking Congressional approval for 1 Billion dollars in aid to enhance security. This additional spending would not be necessary if the President had not erred in 2009 when he pulled back on plans of a defense system to be based in Poland and the Czech Republic. The President seems to have much turmoil to deal with on the world scene, yet he seems undaunted. He takes plenty of time off to vacation and play golf while Iraq, Ukraine, and Syria, remain hotbeds of conflict and instability.

Dr. Matthew Anderson Shadow President

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SocialWorkLicenseMap.com is a website committed to providing comprehensive information and resources for social workers who are interested in pursuing a Masters in Social Work degree. SocialWorkLicenseMap and Pi Gamma Mu have a shared goal in supporting the next generation of well-equipped social work professionals. Their website contains a social work scholarships page which contains extensive information about external organizations that provide funding for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a social work degree.

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ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HONOR SOCIETIES



ACHS Membership Protects the Legitimacy of Honor Societies

Pi Gamma Mu is one of 66 members 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 online and allow self-nomination, accepting fees with no questions asked. If in doubt about an organization, you can check out the ACHS Web site (www.achsnatl.org) for the list of honor societies that are members.

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.

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