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SAVE THE DATE

2020 Triennial International Convention

Washington, DC

November 12-14, 2020

Mark your calendars! We are thrilled to announce that the 2020 Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention will be held in Washington DC. Convention events will begin on Thursday, November 12, 2020 and will continue through Saturday, November 14, 2020. Events will include student paper presentations, a student Leadership Development Program (registration required), chapter and student poster presentations, a keynote address, a welcome reception, an awards ceremony, roundtable and panel discussions, student elections, and more!

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Crystal City National Airport in Arlington, VA. The hotel is situated just 1 mile from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, 3 blocks from the Pentagon City Metro Station, and 4 miles from historic sites of Downtown Washington DC. Complimentary shuttle service is provided between the Airport and the hotel. The hotel provides a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast, a complimentary evening reception with drinks and light snacks, a fitness center, an indoor pool and whirlpool, and a business center.

On Friday, we will take the Metro to downtown DC to enjoy convention activities in some very historic and beautiful locations. The convention committee is hard at work developing a spectacular program. Stay tuned for details.



CALIFORNIA TAU CHAPTER CELEBRATES NEW INITATES

The California Tau Chapter at The University of San Francisco held its Induction Ceremony on May 10, 2018. The Chapter Faculty Sponsor is Dr. Richard Gregory Johnson III, Professor of Public Administration & Management. It was a wonderful event with 41 new members inducted into the Society. The chapter was chartered in 2016 and holds inductions each fall and spring.





OKLAHOMA IOTA CHAPTER AT LANGSTON UNIVERSITY HOLDS FIRST INDUCTION CEREMONY



The Oklahoma Iota Chapter at Langston University held its first induction ceremony April 26th, 2018. The inducted class totaled sixteen students of different disciplines under the broad rubric of social science. To share in the experience, these officers of the university and faculty were present: President Kent Smith; Dr. Ruth Jackson, Associate Vice President Academic Affairs; Dr. Charles Spurlock, Pi Gamma Mu Chapter Faculty Sponsor; Dr. CaSandra Stanbrough, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. James Showalter; and Ms. Kelly Henderson, Chair of the Social Science and Humanities Department. The Langston University School of Arts and Sciences, under the supervision of Dr. Alonzo Peterson, funded the evening dinner which was shared with family members of the students. Reflecting upon the evening, Dr. Spurlock said, "In short, it was a blast and our students look cool with their Pi Gamma Mu honors cords. Also, a big thank you and congratulations to our student officers: Sharon Panick and Sonisha Hearn."

MARYLAND THETA AWARDS TRAVEL GRANTS TO GRADUATING MEMBERS

The Maryland Theta Chapter at the University of Maryland University College is pleased to announce the winners of its 2018 Travel Grants. The two travel grants (\$300 each) are awarded to graduating Maryland Theta members who plan to travel at least 100 miles to attend a commencement ceremony.

This year's recipients are:

Alexandra Azucena, who travelled from Boston, MA to Adelphi, MD for her commencement ceremony in May.

Mayumi Kurata, who travelled from Iwakuni, Japan to Tokyo for her commencement ceremony in April.

In addition, the chapter is awarding two \$100 travel grants to **Brittney Bozman** from Princess Anne, Maryland and **Mark Yantz** from North Carolina. Both of these members will be attending May commencement in Adelphi, MD.

Congratulations to all of the recipients of the Maryland Theta travel grants!

Katherine Im, Program Chair of Sociology, Behavioral Sciences, and Gerontology, and Regional Chancellor on the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor.

MASSACHUSETTS ZETA HOLDS INAUGURAL INDUCTION CEREMONY



The Massachusetts Zeta Chapter at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts held its inaugural induction ceremony on May 11, 2018. It was a great event with many family and friends in attendance. Pictured are some of the Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work faculty and some of the students inducted. Dr. Ingrid Castro, Professor of Sociology and Director of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor.

FLORIDA LAMBDA CHAPTER CELEBRATES NEW INDUCTEES

Saint Leo University, with its main campus located in Saint Leo, Florida, has education centers in seven states as well as worldwide online programs. Several of these education centers hold Pi Gamma Mu induction ceremonies providing opportunities for more students from around the country to experience the thrill of being inducted into an international honor society via a bona fide induction ceremony. Enjoy these photos from the Ocala, Florida center. Dean Susan Kinsella is the Chapter Sponsor. Dr. Nancy Wood, Director of the Graduate Human Services Administration Program, also works with the chapter and shared these photos from the Ocala Center.



MEMBERSHIP IN PI GAMMA MU OPENS DOORS FOR MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK IOTA CHAPTER

Viviana DeCohen joined the New York Iota Chapter at Mercy College on May 6, 2016. She recently wrote to Pi Gamma Mu headquarters to share how being a member of the Society has encouraged and pushed her to greater heights. DeCohen applied and became a McNair Scholar at the College. The Mercy College McNair Scholars Program began in 1995 and targets low-income, first-generation students and those who are from groups underrepresented in graduate education. The purpose of the program is to provide enriching experiences that prepare eligible students for doctoral study. DeCohen went on to earn a Master of Science degree in Health Management from Mercy College.

Since graduating, DeCohen has been given the distinct pleasure of developing a Health program for seniors in Westchester County, New York and is thrilled that Mercy College, the home of her Pi Gamma Mu Chapter, hosted the program on June 6. The program included a Keynote Speaker, Donna M. Butts, Executive Director of Generations United. Her speech was entitled, "Reaching Across Generations: Building a Longer, Stronger Life". The program also included several workshops, breakfast, and lunch.

Ms. DeCohen wishes to share with her fellow members of Pi Gamma Mu how her Mentor and Chapter Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Dorothy Balancio, "has opened doors within me, allowing me to represent such an organization. I will forever aspire to the excellence of Pi Gamma Mu". She encourages all members of Pi Gamma Mu to take advantage of the mentoring and networking opportunities available through membership in the Society.

PHILIPPINES BETA CELEBRATES NEW MEMBERS



The Philippines Beta Chapter at De La Salle University inducted 11 new members in 2017-18. Dr. Romeo B. Lee (pictured far left) is the Chapter Faculty Sponsor.

CHAPTERS IN ACTION – WEST VIRGINIA IOTA



Whitney Gibbs, Chapter President of Pi Gamma Mu West Virginia Iota at American Military University/American Public University, recently took part in the chapter's Homeless Box Donation Drive, a winter service project which asks members to contact their local aid centers and donate items which are most needed by those struggling in their communities. By enlisting the help of family and friends, Whitney was able to collect a large number of items currently in urgent need at local aid centers in her community. In total, the donations included 115 food and personal hygiene items, 99 articles of clothing, and 52 household items that were donated to the local food bank and MEND Poverty, an organization which works to meet the needs of struggling or homeless individuals and families. Whitney said the experience was incredibly heartwarming and humbling as she witnessed the difference social service can make in a community as individuals come together toward a common goal.

NEBRASKA DELTA

Dr. Clara Small, professor emeritus of history at Salisbury University (Maryland) and 2nd Vice President of the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees, gave a presentation entitled "My Life: A Matter of Honor" at Wayne State College (Nebraska) on March 20, 2018. Moved by Dr. Small's November 2018 keynote address at the Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, Nebraska Delta chapter student president Alix Stanley got to work. She lobbied both the Wayne State College Multicultural Center and the WSC Student Senate for travel funds in order to bring Dr. Small to her campus. The Nebraska Delta chapter also applied for, and received, a generous Lectureship Grant from the Pi Gamma Mu international office to provide Dr. Small with an honorarium. Dr. Small spoke to various groups while visiting Wayne State College and well over 100 people packed the hall to hear her public presentation.



Pictured left to right: Leah Keino, Multicultural Center Director; Dr. Randy Bertolas, Nebraska Delta chapter co-sponsor; Lisa Nelson, Nebraska Delta chapter co-sponsor; Dr. Clara Small; Alix Stanley, Nebraska Delta chapter President; Dr. Jean Karlen, Nebraska Delta chapter co-sponsor.

Members of the chapter received recognition at the April 2018 Ron Holt Civic Engagement (RHCE) award luncheon on campus. Faculty nominated over twenty Wayne State College students for this prestigious award during the academic year, and all three of the RHCE finalists this year are members of the Nebraska Delta chapter of Pi Gamma Mu.

The Ron Holt Civic Engagement Award provides a \$500 gift, trophy, and Commencement recognition to a graduating Wayne State College senior who, while in college, served as an exemplary role model and contributed to the service ethos of the college campus and community. The RHCE judging panel considers a variety of service and leadership activities, but the nominee must participate in at least one Service-Learning academic co-curricular project or event.



Pictured left to right: Lisa Nelson, Director of Service-Learning at Wayne State College and campus co-sponsor for the Nebraska Delta Chapter; Henry D. Miller, overall RHCE award winner at the college and recent inductee into Pi Gamma Mu; Jayme Krejci, chapter Vice President; and Rachel Colwell, active chapter member.

Dr. Randy Bertolas, Chapter Faculty Co-Sponsor, also received special recognition this year. Bertolas received the Teaching Excellence Award for the state college system in Nebraska in 2018. The award recognizes the importance of teaching to the mission of serving students, communities, and Nebraska by providing high quality, accessible educational opportunities. Bertolas has taught at Wayne State since 1995. Bertolas was also inducted into the Pi Gamma Mu Hall of Fame in 2017. Congratulations, Dr. Bertolas!



Pictured left to right: Kevin Armstrong, CEO of the Wayne State Foundation; Marysz Rames, president of Wayne State College; Randy Bertolas, professor of geography; and Matt Ley, CEO of State Nebraska Bank & Trust in Wayne



Dr. Randy Bertolas holding his Pi Gamma Mu Hall of Fame plaque.

NEW YORK PHI SPRING INITIATION CEREMONY

The New York Phi Chapter at Nazareth College celebrated its new initiates at an induction ceremony on April 29, 2018. Professor Virginia David is the chapter faculty sponsor.





KANSAS THETA CELEBRATES 45TH YEAR AND NEW INITIATES

The Kansas Theta Chapter at Newman University celebrated its 45th anniversary and inducted 43 new members on Sunday, April 24, 2018. The chapter faculty sponsors are Dr. Larry Heck and Dr. Jill Fort.







A LETTER TO NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS FROM WEST VIRGINIA IOTA CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Incoming Pi Gamma Mu Member,

I would like to start by saying welcome! My name is Whitney Welsh Gibbs and I am the Pi Gamma Mu West Virginia Iota Chapter President. I am honored to have the opportunity to congratulate you on being accepted into such a diverse group of outstanding individuals with a shared love for the social sciences. This achievement recognizes just how dedicated you have been in your academic studies throughout your time at the AMU/APU and indicates the truly outstanding success you have had in your academic pursuit.

Being a member of Pi Gamma Mu means that you have gained lifelong membership into the oldest and preeminent interdisciplinary social science honor society. Founded by Dr. Leroy Allen in 1924, Pi Gamma Mu's mission was to encourage and recognize superior scholarship in social science disciplines and to foster cooperation and social service among its members. This is a mission that still rings true in our beloved honor society today. Pi Gamma Mu's seven ideals (Scholarship, Science, Social Science, Social Idealism, Sociability, Social Service, and Sacrifice) are the foundation on which the honor society was created and continues to thrive. Becoming a member of Pi Gamma Mu also means you join the likes of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, Margaret Mead, William French Smith, Lester B. Pearson, and Ernst Philip Boas; all members of Pi Gamma Mu that have gone on to change the world.

As you are a member of the American Public University System's West Virginia Iota chapter, you have joined a group that is truly unique! With over 2,500 members, our chapter is one of the largest Pi Gamma Mu chapters in world and our members can be found at every corner of the globe. Unlike most chapters, we interact in a completely virtual environment, which means we have the opportunity to spread the Pi Gamma Mu mission much further than our brothers and sisters at other chapters. Our chapter is extremely lucky to have a wonderful officer board which regularly creates volunteer and philanthropic opportunities for our members to participate in, wherever they may reside. Over the past 19 months that I have served as president, I do not believe a month has gone by that there has not been something really exciting to do, so I encourage you all to get involved! Our chapter also hosts a variety of Lunch and Learn and guest speaker events that can be accessed virtually and regularly scheduled membership conference calls so that members can learn more about what is happening in our chapter, how to get involved, and ask leadership any questions they might have! There is truly no limit to the amount of opportunities you will have to be involved with our wonderful chapter and for this reason we have received the 2017 Pi Gamma Mu Roll of Distinction!

Within the upcoming months, you will receive your Pi Gamma Mu Member certificate and additional Pi Gamma Mu materials in the mail which will be sent to you from the International Office; however, you do not have to wait for these materials to start participating. Feel free to stop by our Facebook page (AMU/APU Pi Gamma Mu) and join the conversation!

Once again, I welcome you to Pi Gamma Mu and congratulate you on your wonderful achievement. I hope that you find your membership enjoyable and fulfilling!

Warmest Regards,

Whitney Gibbs

CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS DUE AUGUST 15



Chapter annual report forms are due on August 15. Many chapters have already sent in their forms and we thank you. If you have not sent in your chapter's form, it is not too late. The [form is available on our Website](#). We appreciate each Chapter Faculty 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 file your chapter's 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](#), 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 headquarters. We encourage you to 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 to our international office is August 15.

NEBRASKA DELTA WELCOMES LARGEST GROUP OF INITIATES IN ITS HISTORY



The Nebraska Delta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Wayne State College welcomed its largest group of initiates in its history at an April 19, 2018 ceremony. Held during the annual Social Sciences Day event on campus, 31 students became the newest members of Pi Gamma Mu. Social Sciences Day is an annual observance hosted on campus by the Nebraska Delta Chapter at the end of every semester. Chapter faculty sponsors and student officers coordinate the event at which all social sciences honor societies induct new members. Due to the record class of new Pi Gamma Mu initiates this spring, activities were moved from the Social Sciences building into the roomier campus Student Center. Dr. Randy Bertolas, Lisa Nelson, and Dr. Jean Karlen are Chapter Co-Sponsors.

NEW PI GAMMA MU MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE



Wooden Greek Letters - PGM - This set of three 8" tall wooden letters is made of 1/2" thick Baltic birch plywood. The set will arrive sanded and ready to paint or display as is. These letters are great to showcase along with a Pi Gamma Mu Banner during induction ceremonies and new initiates love posing for photos holding the letters. They also look great on display in a home or office.

Set of three \$21

Visit PiGammaMu.org and click on "merchandise" to see all of our official Pi Gamma Mu merchandise including honor cords, t-shirts, tote-bags, coffee mugs, and more!

Wooden Greek Letters – set of three \$21

Updates from the *International Social Science Review*

The *International Social Science Review* is saying good-bye to one of our most dedicated team members, our book review editor, Linda Ullman-Petrash. Over the last four years, Linda curated an always-fascinating selection of books to be reviewed, while overseeing a cadre of dedicated reviewers. Her insight and knowledge will be greatly missed. However, the *ISSR* is excited to welcome a team of three new books review editors. Blake A. Duffield is an assistant professor of history at Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas. Eric V. Bell is a senior fellow at the National Minority Technology Council and an adjunct professor at Henley-Putnam University. Benjamin M. Sorensen is a faculty member at both Ashford University and Brunswick Community College. If you would like to be added to their list of book reviewers, please email them at bookrevieweditors.issr@gmail.com.

If you are interested in acting as a blind peer-reviewer, submitting a paper, or are a faculty member interested in overseeing a point-counterpoint piece, please contact Candice Quinn at quinn.issr@gmail.com. Enjoy the summer and keep an eye out for the next issue of the *ISSR* shortly after Labor Day weekend!

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ACHS MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS THE LEGITIMACY OF HONOR SOCIETIES

Pi Gamma Mu is one of 69 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 website (www.achsnaatl.org) for the [list of honor societies](#) that are members.



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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