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UPCOMING CONFERENCE - DISRUPTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING: ORGANIZING COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Wilmington University – New Castle, Delaware

Thursday, October 5, 2023



An invitation from Dr. Johanna Bishop, Pi Gamma Mu Chapter Faculty Sponsor of the Delaware Beta Chapter at Wilmington University and Governor of Delaware for Pi Gamma Mu:

Dear Doctoral and Graduate Students, Faculty, and Practitioners,

On Thursday, October 5, 2023, we will be holding an in-person conference: "Disrupting Human Trafficking: Organizing Community Response." This conference will be a one-day event held at the New Castle campus and registration will be limited to 300 people.

NEW to the conference this year will be an opportunity for doctoral and graduate students, practitioners, as well as faculty, to share their work with members of the public and practitioners.

Benefits of presenting your work at a conference are (a) sharing your knowledge and expertise, (b) thinking through questions from audience members, (c) exposure to professional practitioners who may be able to offer diverse perspectives that would add to your work, and/or (d) opportunity to network with professionals in the field.

The poster presentation submission process will be to submit an abstract of the poster presentation. The poster presentation must be related to the topic/ theme of this year's conference (as shown in the conference title). All poster abstract submissions will undergo a blind, peer-reviewed process.

General Poster Presentation Requirement(s):

- Participants submitting an abstract for consideration of a poster presentation must be available to present their posters and or answer questions about their work.

Abstract Requirements:

- Abstracts must be submitted in MS Word format only.

Research poster abstracts should be between 350-400 words and include the following:

- A title that clearly describes the research
- Problem statement.
- Literature in which the research was grounded.
- Purpose of the research, research hypothesis, and/or research question.
- Description of the research methodology.
- Research results.
- Discussion and implications of the research.

Research posters are defined as quantitative or qualitative research studies, case studies, ethnographies or autoethnographies, or evaluation studies.

Non-research abstracts and posters could pertain to the following: reporting a case study, a local audit, or describing a new service. A suggested poster format for non-research poster presentations (also with abstracts between 350-400 words) would include:

- A title that clearly describes the work being presented in the poster
- Clear statement of purpose

- Clear indication of relevance to the conference theme
- Context within the current evidence base presented
- Method/approach applied appropriate to relevant goals
- Evaluation and/or analysis and results appropriately interpreted and applied
- Strengths and weaknesses of the work presented
- Relevance and implications to the conference theme clearly expressed
- Suggestions for future or follow-up work

Physical Format of the Poster Presentations:

Posters will be set up in the DAC lobby and the DAC second floor (near the Academic Advising area). Trifold poster boards and binder clips will be set up on easels onto which the printed posters can be attached. The size of each printed poster should be 36" by 48."

Presenters must be available to stand by their poster and interact with conference attendees between 11:50 AM and 12:50 PM to answer questions and interact with attendees.

In addition to the larger poster presentation, a limited number of posters will be grouped into a formal break-out session where each presenter will have the opportunity to present their work. Details about the break-out session will be distributed once a poster has been accepted as a break-out session option.

Poster presentation Abstract Submissions:

Submit all poster presentation abstracts to: (working to get online submission link)

Important Dates to Remember:

Conference Registration Opens: TBD Conference Registration Fee: TBD

CEU's fee: TBD Conference Registration Closes: September 30, 2023

Abstract Submissions Due On or Before: August 15, 2023

Poster Presentation Acceptances Notified by: August 20, 2023

Thank you for your consideration. This process is all new to us and we are excited about this opportunity for our students, faculty, and conference constituents. Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

~Johanna Bishop, Ed.D.

Director, Behavioral Science Programs
Human Trafficking Conference / Webinar Founder & Organizer

Questions? Contact Dr. Johanna Bishop: Johanna.p.bishop@wilmu.edu

ALUMNI CORNER

The Pi Gamma Mu Alumni Corner was created by the Pi Gamma Mu Alumni Council so that Alumni could stay in touch with their updates, career activities, and key events in their lives. The Alumni Council would love to include your update in next year's July issue of the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter.

Please email your update to: executivedirector@pigammamu.org. Please limit your summary to a few sentences and list "Alumni Corner" in the subject line of your e-mail. Please be sure to list the name of your Pi Gamma Mu chapter. The Alumni Council is co-chaired by Gordon Mercer, past Pi Gamma Mu President, and Nilda Pyronneau, a past Pi Gamma Mu Student Board member.

Pi Gamma Mu lifetime member, **Rev. Viviana M. DeCohen**, of Mount Vernon, NY, has been appointed by the Governor of the state of New York to head New York Veterans Services. DeCohen is a Marine Corps veteran and church leader. She has served as commissioner of Mount Vernon's Veterans Services Agency. While at the agency, DeCohen created "Veterans Week" to expand on Veterans Day. Events include free haircuts, counseling, Covid-19 vaccines, blood pressure checks, food, clothing, and jobs. Along with her work with veterans she is an associate pastor at the Mount Vernon Congregational Church alongside her husband, Troy.

Lifetime member from Kansas, **Shannon Kelly**, has been employed as a Medical Social Worker at St. Francis Hospital South in Tulsa Oklahoma since November 2021. Her short term goals include becoming Licensed in Social Work and Certified in Case Management and her long term goal is to become certified in addictions while maintaining my Kansas licensure in addictions. Kelly enjoys learning, family, reading, organizing and being a pet parent.

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HONOR SOCIETIES

Press Release, June 2023

Statement to the Higher Education Community

The Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) serves as the only certifying agency for college and university honor societies. The ACHS board of directors would like to assure you that we are committed to the Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and Accessibility of our certified academic honor societies by promoting such policies, programs, and initiatives for both the national association and its member societies.

We also hereby confirm that:

- ACHS was founded in 1925 as a coordinating agency for certified academic honor societies in chartering chapters in accredited colleges and universities and currently certifies 67 honor societies linked and searchable [here](#).
- Our members are academic honor societies that serve multiple academic disciplines and specific academic majors as opposed to professional and social organizations.
- Our members seek to recognize, encourage, and honor students who have achieved a high level of academic competence and to promote excellence in the academic community.
- ACHS acknowledges that due to the origins and nature of the establishment of institutions of higher education, historical contexts, and the earlier admittance practices of some colleges and universities, discrimination of certain groups of students undoubtedly occurred in some collegiate organizations of those times.
- ACHS honors and recognizes the resiliency of minority populations who have fought for access to academic pursuits and admittance to colleges and universities and thus academic honor societies.
- Our members undergo a regular compliance and certification process that is outlined on our website.
- ACHS sets a high priority on maintaining high standards, on defining the honor society movement, and on developing criteria for judging the credibility and legitimacy of honor societies.
- ACHS operates in compliance with the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) standard for "College Honor Society Programs."
- For the students who have been invited or who in the future will be invited to join our member honor societies, it represents a notable achievement in their academic lives and places them in a community of similarly high-achieving scholars.

ACHS is proud of our member societies, which encourage and recognize the scholarship and service achievements of the students and alumni who comprise their membership. If you have questions about ACHS, please contact us at info@achshonor.org. More information about ACHS and its member societies is available on our website at www.achshonor.org. Sincerely, Curt Gomulinski, ACHS National President, president@achshonor.org Lara Noah, ACHS National Vice President, vicepresident@achshonor.org

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The Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS), founded in 1925, sets standards for organizational excellence and scholastic eligibility and is the nation's only certifying agency for collegiate honor societies.

Note from Pi Gamma Mu:

Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences, founded in 1924, has been a certified member of the Association of College Honor Societies since 1953.



JEFFREY CHIN AWARDED THE "DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEACHING AWARD" BY THE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Jeffrey Chin is the chapter sponsor of the New York Sigma Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at LeMoyne College and is the Regional Chancellor for the Northeast Region on the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees.

The article below was published by:

American Sociological Association. (2023). *2023 ASA Award Winners* [Press Release]. [URL](#)

Jeffrey Chin is Professor of Sociology and Carnegie National Scholar at Le Moyne College. Although this award is not given solely to those who have made contributions to the teaching of sociology over the course of an entire career, Chin's letters of recommendation and curriculum vitae show what can be accomplished when doing so.

At Le Moyne, Chin has received the Beatrice Robinson Advisor of the Year award, which surely reflects his foundation in the development and implementation of effective and innovative teaching techniques, especially those focused on enhancing sociology curricula and student outcomes. The reach of these techniques has expanded beyond his own campus through numerous teaching-related books, edited volumes, journal articles, and presentations. His publications in the scholarship of teaching and learning span nearly four decades and he has also been instrumental in the publication of other's work in this area as an editor and editorial board member of *Teaching Sociology*. Chin has also served on the Council and as chair of the ASA's Section on Teaching and Learning and received that Section's Hans O. Mauksch Award for Distinguished Contributions to Undergraduate Sociology.



Perhaps Chin's most important service in support of individual sociology teachers has been through his numerous leadership roles in the organization of teaching-related workshops and symposia to help share his own work and that of others, including at ASA Annual Meetings. Chin has also served as Secretary-Treasurer of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society, since 2008, using this position to help develop pre-conference teaching workshops with various regional sociological associations and the Association of Black Sociologists. When in-person workshops were not possible due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Chin created a series of sociology pedagogy webinars and is currently under contract for a volume entitled *Emerging Stronger: Pedagogical Lessons from the Pandemic*.

Through his publications, presentations, and workshops, Chin has influenced the teaching of countless individual sociologists, but he has also had a profound impact on U.S. sociology departments. Since 1997, he has served as a member of the ASA's Program Reviewers and Consultants, conducting over 50 site visits to assist departments in the assessment of their curricula and teaching. His impact at sociology departments across the country is further reflected in his co-authorship of the ASA's 2017 publication, *The Sociology Major in the Changing Landscape of Higher Education*.

This brief summary cannot adequately capture the scope of Jeffrey Chin's influence on the teaching of sociology and on sociology curricula across the country. The award committee is honored to present him the award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Sociology in recognition of his career-long dedication to these goals.

APPLY FOR A PI GAMMA MU LECTURESHIP AND CHAPTER EVENT GRANT

The Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu have established the Lectureship and Chapter Events Fund for the purpose of advancing the social sciences and researching and eliminating all forms of discrimination. Funds may be used by chapters in the following two ways: 1) to bring a specially qualified speaker to campus for a chapter event, or 2) to help cover expenses related to a chapter hosting a scholarship based-event for students. The Fund serves as a memorial to deceased Trustees of this honor society. The Trustees encourage chapters to apply.

Lectureship Guidelines

The amount available for a lecture may range up to \$300 depending on chapter size (see "Funding Guidelines" below). The topic of the lecture must be related to one or more of the fields within the scope of Pi Gamma Mu (see the [Constitution](#)). The lecturer should have special qualifications and must be a guest, not a member of the local faculty, administration, or staff. If approved, a check will be sent to the responsible chapter officer for presentation to the lecturer.

Chapter Event Guidelines

The amount available for a lecture may range up to \$300 depending on chapter size (see "Funding Guidelines" below). Chapters of Pi Gamma Mu hosting a scholarship-based event, such as a student research conference or symposium, may apply for funding of up to \$300 depending on chapter size. Funds may be used to help cover costs related to hosting the event. If approved, a check will be sent to the chapter officer.

Funding Guidelines

Chapters must have initiated members in the previous or current fiscal year to be eligible to apply.

A limited number of grants are available annually.

Grants are awarded in the following amounts based on the number of new members initiated in the previous or the current fiscal year (September 1 – August 31):

- 1 - 10 members \$100
- 11 - 20 members \$200
- 21+ members \$300

Please mention Pi Gamma Mu as a funding supporter in the event program/marketing materials. We strongly encourage that a copy of the manuscript of the lecture, a copy of the event program, and/or photos of the event be sent to executivedirector@pigammamu.org for possible publication in the [International Social Science Review](#) or the Pi Gamma Mu [Newsletter](#).

Filing of this [application](#) includes acceptance by the applicant of conditions set forth on this form.

Submit application, at least **three** weeks before the lecture, to:

Executive Director
Pi Gamma Mu
1001 Millington, Suite B
Winfield, KS 67156

START FUNDRAISING NOW TO ATTEND PI GAMMA MU'S 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

November 1-3, 2024, Philadelphia, PA

It can be difficult to travel while in college or graduate school, especially when money is limited. Here are a few ideas that might help you as you contemplate traveling to Pi Gamma Mu's 100th Anniversary Celebration and Triennial International Convention in Philadelphia, PA, November 1-3, 2024.

- 1) **Ask your professors.** Sometimes departments have some funds built into their budgets to help students attend conferences.
- 2) **Contact the Student Affairs Department or other offices at your university.** Sometimes the Student Affairs Department (or a similar department) at your university has funds available for student conference attendance.
- 3) **Paper Submissions/Leadership Program.** Read up on the opportunities available for Pi Gamma Mu students. A few students will have their papers selected for presentation and will receive some funding to attend the conference and present their research, and there are some funding opportunities available through the Leadership Development Program. For more information, please contact the international office.

4) **Ask your Pi Gamma Mu chapter sponsor.** Chapters that will be in attendance at the Convention sometimes have funds available for students. Chapters can also hold fundraisers to help fund student travel. Ask your chapter to plan such an event(s) on your campus.

Each chapter is building a reserve of convention funding at Pi Gamma Mu headquarters. It grows every time a chapter sends applications for membership and initiation fees. The Convention Reserve Fund was established by action of the international Board of Trustees to encourage more chapters to participate in convention activities. Each chapter that sends a delegation to the Convention will receive funding.

We hope to see you in Philadelphia, PA in November, 2024!

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – It’s not too late to be counted!

Pi Gamma Mu’s fiscal year ends on August 31. If your chapter has not yet sent in members this year, it’s not too late! We want to count your chapter among our active chapters in 2022-2023 and it is easier than ever to complete a membership drive. During the summer, many students are at home with their families who are typically very supportive of accredited honor society invitations... and sometimes pay the membership fee on their behalf. Now, with online memberships available, Pi Gamma Mu has made it easier than ever for you to induct new members whether you and your students are at home or on campus.

Our **online member registration system** allows invited students to register and pay Pi Gamma Mu headquarters directly online. Chapter sponsors no longer need to collect those fees and membership forms and mail them to us. Please note that we will mail the certificates to the chapter sponsor once you send us a request unless other arrangements are made with our office in advance. To use the new online membership system, visit <https://pigammamu.org/adviser-portal.html>. Contact suzannerupp@pigammamu.org with questions.

If you prefer to collect and mail in the payments and forms, we will continue to accept memberships through the mail.

By inducting more members this summer, your students can enjoy these benefits of membership Pi Gamma Mu has to offer:

- Recognition of high scholastic achievement (great for your resumé),
- The opportunity to wear Pi Gamma Mu honor cords and stoles at commencement,
- A handsome membership certificate worthy of framing,
- A wallet membership card,
- A gold-plated keypin,
- Lifetime membership for one low fee,
- Access to the Society’s online newsletter and peer-reviewed professional journal,
- Possible advancement in U.S. Civil Service Rating and a related pay increase of thousands of dollars per year,
- The opportunity to apply for exclusive Pi Gamma Mu scholarships to attend graduate school,
- The opportunity to present research at Pi Gamma Mu conventions,
- Publication opportunities,
- Chapters may apply for grants to bring dynamic speakers to campus,
- and more!

We hope to hear from you soon. Please contact us if there is anything we can do to assist you with your membership drive or any other matter.

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 a few minutes to complete and return this report.

The annual report form helps your chapter 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 the 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.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW

Volume 99, Number 2 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 or membership in Pi Gamma Mu, so please feel free to share it with your colleagues, students, and friends. You can find it here:

International Social Science Review (ung.edu)

This dynamic issue includes the following articles:

Sociability v. Structure as a Path to Legislative Success

Joshua J. Weikert

Student Conceptions of Race and Racial Attitudes

Laura Sills

Classical Ballet to Modern Dance: The Cultural Impact on the World of Dance in the American 1920s and 1930s

Laura Edwards

Russia, Pariah Statehood, and the Future of Global Economic Governance

Jacob Condran

The issue also includes the following extended commentary:

Extended Commentary: Curricular Conversations: Make Your Program the Best it Can Be

Jeffrey Chin

The issue also contains 11 reviews of new and important books related to the social sciences, *The International Social Science Review Submission and Publication Guide*, and Pi Gamma Mu News.

Enjoy!



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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.



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.