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REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCES UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Reinhardt University, Waleska, GA

What: An interdisciplinary undergraduate research conference hosted by the Georgia Rho Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Reinhardt University.

When: October 21, 2016, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Reinhardt University, Waleska, GA

Registration: Free and open to undergraduate Social Science students. Registration is open from September 1 – October 1.

The Georgia Rho chapter of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences would like to invite your undergraduate students to participate in the 2nd Annual Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference at Reinhardt University on October 21, 2016, located in Waleska, GA. The half-day event will include a poster session for undergraduate students to present their research, a keynote address, and roundtable discussions. Students, along with their faculty sponsors, are invited to submit student research projects for a poster presentation. Registration is free and is open from September 1 through October 1. Dr. Katrina Smith is the faculty chapter sponsor and organizer of the conference.

Visit www.Reinhardt.edu/conference2016 and see the attached flyer for details. Contact Dr. Katrina Smith at 770-720-5535 or MKS@Reinhardt.edu with questions.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to help your undergraduate students present their research!



CHAPTERS IN ACTION

The **Delaware Beta Chapter at Wilmington University** had a very active year. In 2015-16 the chapter inducted 40 new members and contributed over 450 service hours to various communities and community projects. The University's Student Government Association awarded the chapter the Student Clubs Service Award for the second year in a row. Dr. Johanna Bishop, Associate Professor and Director of Behavioral Science Programs, is the chapter sponsor.



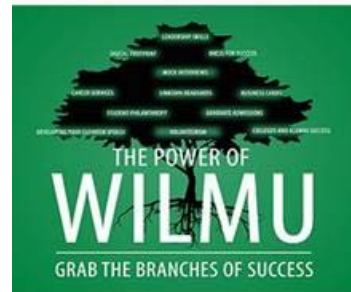
Wilmu Polar Bear Plunge
(sponsored by Pi Gamma Mu and the Wilmu Alumni Association)



The Chapter's team, "Team Pi Gamma Mu", raised \$3,465.00 in Wilmington University's Polar Bear Plunge. The chapter co-sponsored the event with the Wilmu Alumni Association. Teams plunged into the Atlantic Ocean on February 1, 2015 to help raise funds for the Special Olympics of Delaware. Team Pi Gamma Mu had 15 team members and 94 donors.

become an annual event co-sponsored by the chapter and the Wilmu Alumni Association. On April 21, 2016, students networked with business and community leaders while learning industry best practices. Topics included mock interviews, dressing for success, developing your elevator speech, how to network, and more.

Beginning in 2012, the chapter started a Power of Networking event. It has



The Delaware Beta Chapter members participated in a variety of other service projects including working with area youth, at their churches, and in community centers. They also worked hand-in-hand with social workers, psychologists, and counsellors to help with intake and assessments. The chapter requires at least 10 hours of volunteer work and many chapter members exceeded that minimum. *So, what did they do?*

- Put up Christmas decorations at church and work with youth programs/ volunteered church work/ church maintenance
- Clean youth camp and getting camp ready for use
- Volunteered at healthcare and rehabilitation facility
- Food drive
- Develop care plans for people at a rehabilitation center
- Working with the homeless/ acting as a facilitator during a code blue weather event and hosting homeless people at church
- Served as photographer for a facility that used the photos for media publications; and later to file an insurance claim as the facility burned to the ground
- Volunteer with Head Start
- Provided care baskets for local nursing home
- Volunteering with Paws for People
- Assisting Girl Scout troop
- Donating art supplies to a domestic violence shelter housing children
- Volunteered at an outpatient shelter for teens with mental health problems
- Hosted a Halloween party for martial arts students
- Mentored a young girl from the inner city and provided tutoring for 3 months
- Worked with an after school program
- Volunteered at a non profit agency that works with people with psychiatric illnesses
- Volunteered at an inner city elementary school
- Served as Youth Pastor at church
- Contributed holiday gift wrapping services for a local non-profit
- Provided inmates with books through the books Through Bars program
- Help children learn how to use a computer at a community center
- Mentored children at a local school
- Picked up highway trash
- Worked with homeless children
- Helped elderly neighbors during a snow storm
- Cooked food at church to feed the homeless
- Donated clothing to the Ministry of Caring
- Walking to end alzheimers

And SOOO Much More!

The Pi Gamma Mu Community at Wilmu is AMAZING!

The **Philippines Alpha Chapter at the University of the Philippines** had a stellar year, as usual. The chapter inducted 272 students and 2 faculty members in 2015-16. An induction ceremony was held on May 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the UPFI Film Center at the University. Professor Ma. Luisa T. Camagay, Ph.D. is the faculty sponsor and President of the chapter. Professor Elena E. Pernia, Ph.D. is the chapter Vice-President. Among other activities, the chapter provided support to bring Alexander Ken P. Libranza to campus to participate as a panelist in a conference sponsored by the Harvard Project for Asian International Relations 2016 on February 12.



Prof. Ma. Luisa T. Camagay, Ph.D.
Philippine Alpha Chapter Sponsor and President



Prof. Elena E. Pernia, Ph.D.
Philippine Alpha Chapter Vice-President



Jubilarians at the Induction Ceremony



The chapter cosponsored a Recognition Convocation with the Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Sigma chapters on campus on March 18, 2016 to recognize summa cum laude and magna cum laude graduating students.

ILLINOIS KAPPA CELEBRATES NEW MEMBERS

The Illinois Kappa Chapter at Dominican University celebrated its new members at an initiation ceremony last spring. Dr. Janice Monti, Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology, is the chapter sponsor.



THE DELAWARE BETA CHAPTER AT WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES COMMENCEMENT



Heather Clark, showing her Pi Gamma Mu pride by wearing Pi Gamma Mu honor cords at the Wilmington University, Georgetown commencement ceremonies.



Charles Vattimo received the Trustee's Award for Service at the Georgetown campus commencement ceremonies.



Students getting ready in the robing area at the Chase Center Riverfront commencement on Sunday, May 22, 2016.

THE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IN THE FUTURE

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As a new semester approaches, the budding social scientist may find it worthwhile to pause and reflect on their academic field of choice. Pi Gamma Mu, as an international honor society for the social sciences, certainly finds the pursuit of academic excellence within this field to be not only worthwhile but to be vitally important for the future of the international community. Let's briefly explore why the social sciences are seen to be so valuable. What exactly is it that the social sciences do? What do social scientists themselves do? And what is their likely role in the future of society?

In the broadest sense, the social sciences are concerned with society and with the relationships among the individuals which make up said society. By studying social relationships this field holds the great and, indeed, the exigent ability to inform us of the world beyond our immediate experience, which can help us to explain and understand how various societies function. Amid the globalized twenty-first century what could be more basic, yet also more urgently needed than the ability to accurately understand the underpinnings of the ebb and flow of what appears to be becoming an increasingly *international* society?

The revolutionary concept that has made social thought something more than the dry reflections of detached academics is the idea that the structures of society are not natural phenomena but are instead merely, as professor and politician Roberto Unger states, "made and imagined." Yet, over time they start to appear as a faterather than what they really are, which is our own creations naturalized!¹ John Stuart Mill, writing in 1848, offers his audience a similar point of view when he writes, "things once there, mankind, individually or collectively, can do with them as they like. They can place them at the disposal of whomsoever they please, and on whatever terms."² While Mill is writing on political economy in general and on wealth distribution in particular, his point nevertheless matches Unger's in arguing that one can say that society *should* be in such a way but not that it is *decreed* to be that way by anything other than society's choice.

In a recent competition, held by the Economic and Social Research Council, PhD students from across the United Kingdom were challenged to use their creative and analytical skills to write a prediction regarding the impact the social sciences and current research will have in 2065, fifty years in the future. The three winning entries were markedly different, writing on topics ranging from a decentralized European government to the future role of social scientists in dealing with the effects of climate change. Of course, what is key to our discussion is that all three winning entries shared the view that the social sciences would be active participants in deciding how the future should and would unfold.³

During a time when many have pointed to strengthening anti-intellectual currents within society, the future social scientist must be well prepared and willing to engage in the process of forming society. Disagreements will undoubtedly occur, yet, so long as we continue to realize that the future is largely a social invention we will be able to exercise the social imagination that allows us to compete with and outwit future events. And so, my fellow Pi Gamma Mu members, stay active in your chapters and in your studies, think critically, and good luck in your future as a social scientist!

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WELCOME, NEW CHAPTERS!

We would like to welcome several new and reactivated chapters into the Pi Gamma Mu family! During the 2015-16 academic year, we have added several new chapters and reactivations to our rolls.

The following chapters were chartered in 2015-16:

Arizona Gamma – University of Phoenix
Illinois Sigma – Knox College
Connecticut Delta – University of New Haven
Oregon Delta – Northwest Christian University
Kentucky Delta – University of Kentucky
Tennessee Xi – University of Memphis

The following schools have applied for a charter and are currently undergoing site review:

Midland University - Nebraska
Hodges University - Florida
St. Joseph's College - Indiana

The following chapters, which had been inactive for some time, reactivated by sending in new initiates during the 2015-16 year:

Alabama Delta - Troy University
Pennsylvania Pi - Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Florida Eta – University of South Florida

At Pi Gamma Mu, we are always seeking to establish new chapters and reactivate those that have become inactive. If you know a faculty member at a college or university that would benefit from hosting a chapter of Pi Gamma Mu please help us connect with that faculty member so that we can activate the process of chartering a chapter at the school.

THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

C. Laurence (Larry) Heck International President



"The check is in the mail." That phrase usually makes me smile, as I think about both the promise and the problematic potential. However, now as I think of it, I have a special reason to smile, and my thought is more about the promise. That is because the check I am specifically thinking about is the Pi Gamma Mu scholarship check written for ten lifetime Pi Gamma Mu members. The phrase, "The check is in the mail," came to mind when Suzanne Rupp, our Executive Director, recently reported to the Trustees that the scholarship checks are prepared for mailing.

I am smiling (and I suspect all the Trustees are smiling) about the scholarships. I smile for at least three reasons. First, the scholarships permit us to give back to our membership. When we honor student accomplishments with membership in Pi Gamma Mu, the initiation fees permit the society to carry on all its activities. One of our key activities focuses on the awarding of scholarships--a member **service** that permits us to give back. I know that students are appreciative of their scholarships; as one recipient recently wrote: "I am very happy about this" Second, the scholarship helps us promote excellence in our student members. Our Awards Committee diligently seeks the most promising students from among the applicants; the scholarship funds help these promising students meet their educational expenses as they continue their own pursuit of **scholarly** accomplishments.

Finally, the scholarship helps Pi Gamma Mu fulfill the Society mission. Our mission is to encourage and promote excellence in the social sciences and to uphold the ideals of scholarship and service. As a mission-driven society, pursuit of scholarly excellence and the provision of service are manifested in the awarding of the scholarships.

If you are recipient of a scholarship, we hope the funds help you in your own pursuit of excellence. Keep us informed of your scholarly successes and use your lifetime membership to participate with us in the continued fulfillment of our mission.

CONGRATULATIONS, STAR CHAPTERS!

Become a Pi Gamma Mu Star Chapter by increasing your chapter's number of new initiates by 20% or more as compared to the previous academic year.

Increasing your chapter's membership helps Pi Gamma Mu accomplish its mission to encourage and recognize superior scholarship by extending the benefits of membership to more eligible students. It is the collection of the lifetime membership fees from new members that sustains Pi Gamma Mu and we ask for your continued support in this area. Increasing membership will also benefit more of the high performing students at your school with opportunities for scholarships, publications, networking, and more. Increase your chapter's number of new initiates by 20% or more as compared to the previous academic year and we will send you a Pi Gamma Mu Star plaque and will recognize your chapter in the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter and on our website. Our fiscal year ends on August 31.

2015-16 Star Chapters

California Pi, University of California Irvine, Teresa Neighbors
Colorado Theta, Adams State University, Ed Crowther
District of Columbia Alpha, Catholic University of America, Sandra Barrueco
Florida Kappa, Warner University, Nancy Anderson
Florida Lambda, Saint Leo University, Susan Kinsella
Georgia Gamma, Wesleyan College, Barbara Donavan
Georgia Epsilon, Shorter University, Jill Borchert
Georgia Xi, Brewton Parker College, Vance Rhodes
Illinois Gamma, Bradley University, Darcy Leach
Illinois Omicron, Benedictine University, Patrick Polasek
Louisiana Eta, Grambling State University, Frances Staten
Louisiana Iota, Dillard University, Robert Collins
Louisiana Lambda, Xavier University, Russell Frazier
Massachusetts Beta, Regis College, Kathryn Edny
Missouri Delta, Lindenwood University, Donald Heidenreich, Jr.
New York Gamma, Alfred University, Karen Porter
New York Theta, Keuka College, Athena Elafros
New York Sigma, LeMoyne College, Jeffrey Chin
New York Alpha Gamma, Siena College, Ausra Park
North Carolina Alpha, Elon University, Rena Cornell Zito
North Carolina Iota, Johnson C. Smith University, Deborah Quick
North Carolina Mu, Campbell University, Lloyd Johnson
Pennsylvania Gamma, Susquehanna University, Nick Clark
Pennsylvania Lambda, California University of Pennsylvania, Beverly Ross
Pennsylvania Mu, Franklin & Marshall College, Alan Glazer
Pennsylvania Psi, University of Pittsburgh – Bradford, Marvin Thomas
Pennsylvania Alpha Eta, Marywood University, Adam Shprintzen
Pennsylvania Alpha Kappa, University of Pittsburgh – Greensburg, Geoffrey Wood
South Dakota Alpha, Dakota Wesleyan University, David Mitchell
Tennessee Mu, Martin Methodist College, Doris Wossum-Fisher
Tennessee Kappa, Union University, Nina Heckler
Texas Rho, Howard Payne University, Robert Mangrum
West Virginia Beta, Fairmont State University, Charles Shields
West Virginia Theta, Bluefield State College, Amanda Willey
West Virginia Iota, American Military University/American Public University, Allison G. S. Knox

2014-15 Star Chapters

Arkansas Delta, Southern Arkansas University, Paul Babbitt
Arkansas Eta, University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, Laurence Hare
California Pi, University of California – Irvine, Gitty Amini
Delaware Alpha, Delaware State University, Sam Hoff
Delaware Beta, Wilmington University, Johanna Bishop
Florida Lambda, Saint Leo University, Susan Kinsella
Florida Theta, Barry University, Lisa Konczal
Illinois Rho, Eureka College, Junius Rodriguez
Indiana Alpha, University of Evansville, Mari Plikuhn
Kansas Alpha, Southwestern College, Carrie Lane
Kansas Kappa, Central Christian College, Jamie Sparks
Maryland Epsilon, Coppin State University, Elias Taylor



Massachusetts Delta, Wheelock College, Marcia Folsom
Mississippi Eta, Alcorn State University, Antrina Bell
Missouri Theta, Maryville University, Kent Bausman
Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College, Randy Bertolas
New Hampshire Beta, Saint Anselm College, Tauna Sisco
New Hampshire Gamma, Plymouth State University, David Starbuck
New York Alpha Delta, Cazenovia College, John Greene
New York Beta, Elmira College, Jim Twombly
North Carolina Nu, Saint Andrews University, David Herr
North Carolina Upsilon, Fayetteville State University, Kofi Johnson
Oklahoma Epsilon, University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma, Christopher Garneau
Texas Psi, Huston Tillotson University, Michael Hirsch
Texas Upsilon, University of Houston – Downtown, Joanna Kaftan
Texas Zeta, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Janet Adamski
Vermont Beta, Norwich University, Emily Meyer
Virginia Delta, Emory & Henry College, John Morgan
Virginia Epsilon, Radford University, Sharon Roger Hepburn
West Virginia Beta, Fairmont State University, Charles Shields

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You can submit articles and book reviews to be considered for publication via the site or by emailing the article to the journal's editor, Candice Quinn, at quinn.issr@gmail.com

Dr. Quinn also welcomes Pi Gamma Mu members to share important updates for possible inclusion in the journal (members having new publications, faculty positions, etc.).



SEEKING NEW CHAPTERS

Pi Gamma Mu is seeking to charter new chapters at colleges and universities around the globe and we need your help! Our mission is to encourage and promote excellence in the social sciences and to uphold the ideals of scholarship and service. All too often, honor students whose professors do not arrange for their initiation into an honor society receive no recognition at all for their achievement. Establishing new chapters of Pi Gamma Mu provides that well-deserved recognition. An important resource in the effort to charter and operate a Pi Gamma Mu chapter is *a faculty member willing to sponsor the chapter and participate in its essential functions*. You may know such a faculty member at a college or university that would benefit from hosting a chapter of Pi Gamma Mu. If you can help us connect with the faculty member, we can activate the process of chartering a chapter at the school.

Call 620-221-3128 or email ExecutiveDirector@PiGammaMu.org to learn more. There is no cost to the university to host a chapter of the society and there are many benefits of membership. Members are eligible to apply for one of eleven annual scholarships, present research papers at international and regional conventions, submit articles for publication in our peer-reviewed professional journal, and those interested in federal jobs have the possibility for advancement in government service rating. Pi Gamma Mu is interdisciplinary in nature, allowing chapter sponsors and members to expand their professional networks by working collaboratively with society members from various fields of study. Each chapter is eligible to apply for up to \$300 in lectureship grants annually. Each chapter must have one or more faculty sponsors at the university. Contact us to learn more today!

DONOR RECOGNITION

Thank you!

We gratefully acknowledge those who donated to Pi Gamma Mu during the 2015-2016 fiscal year, which concluded on August 31, 2016.

Illinois Pi Chapter at McKendree University, Chapter Sponsor, J. L. Kemp

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Luis Rodriguez, Missouri Mu Chapter at Park University

Carol Rupp, Winfield, KS

Suzanne Rupp, Winfield, KS

While Pi Gamma Mu is not the largest or wealthiest of the 67 national and international honor societies affiliated with the national Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS), arguably our international officers and trustees and our chapter sponsors are the hardest-working volunteers who can be found in any of the societies.

Please, would you consider being one of our tenacious partners? We gratefully accept donations of any size. Donations of \$25 or more are acknowledged both on our Web site and in the *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter*. If you are willing to help us maintain our array of outstanding programs, projects, and publications, send a check payable to "Pi Gamma Mu" along with a note identifying your name, your mailing address, and the name of the college or university whose chapter initiated you or visit our website to make a donation using a credit card. This is our mailing address:

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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 below to ensure that you have connected with the official pages managed by the Pi Gamma Mu international office.

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 website (www.achsnaatl.org) for the [list of honor societies](#) that are members.



MISSION OF PI GAMMA MU

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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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