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SAVE THE DATE!

Join Us to Celebrate Pi Gamma Mu's 100th Anniversary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania!

November 1-3, 2024

The Pi Gamma Mu Convention Committee is thrilled to announce that the 2024 Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention will be held on **Friday, November 1, 2024, through Sunday, November 3, 2024, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.** Plan to join us in the *City of Brotherly Love* in 2024 to be a part of Pi Gamma Mu's *centennial celebration!*

Events will include student research paper presentations, student and chapter poster sessions, an event celebrating Pi Gamma Mu's centennial year, student elections to the Board of Trustees, the very popular Leadership Development Program (space is limited), keynote speakers, roundtable discussion groups, and much more. Current student members, alumni members, and faculty sponsors of Pi Gamma Mu are encouraged to attend.



The Convention Committee is chaired by Prof. Kathy Im of the University of Maryland Global Campus and Second Vice President of Pi Gamma Mu.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the **Double Tree by Hilton Center City Philadelphia** with a room rate of no more than \$204/night. The rooms include two queen beds and attendees comfortable sharing rooms are welcome to do so.

Stay tuned for more details about the convention!

SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2023-2024 PI GAMMA MU SPEAKER SERIES

Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences is continuing its popular online Speaker Series for a second year. The 2023-2024 speakers will be James Wojtowicz of Rider University, Johanna Bishop of Wilmington University, Richard Greggory Johnson III of The University of San Francisco, and Steven Burkarth & Deirdre Condit of Virginia Commonwealth University.



James Wojtowicz

Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences is continuing its popular online Speaker Series for a second year and is pleased to announce the upcoming speakers for 2023-2024. The series spotlights the research interests and expertise of Pi Gamma Mu's faculty chapter sponsors and is free of charge. The 2023-2024 speakers will be James Wojtowicz of Rider University, Johanna Bishop of Wilmington University, Richard Greggory Johnson III of The University of San Francisco, and Steven Burkarth & Deirdre Condit of Virginia Commonwealth University.

The series was launched on September 30, 2022. During the 2022-2023 academic year, four speakers presented on a variety of topics relevant to the social sciences. Due to the popularity of the series, the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees decided to continue the program for another year. The four sessions will be held online and ZOOM links will be made available at a later date.

On Friday, October 27, 2023, James Wojtowicz of Rider University in New Jersey will speak about "Open Public and Freedom of Information Statutes – A Tool in the Social Science Toolbox". Prof. Wojtowicz is the faculty chapter sponsor of the New Jersey Delta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Rider University and is an Assistant Professor and Lecturer in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at Rider University. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at Rutgers University, New Jersey.

The second session this year will feature Johanna Bishop, faculty chapter sponsor of the Delaware Beta Chapter at Wilmington University, and the Pi Gamma Mu Governor for Delaware. Dr. Bishop will present on the topic of Human Trafficking On January 26, 2024. Dr. Bishop is the Director of Behavioral Science Programs at Wilmington University. She manages the undergraduate Behavioral Science Program, the graduate Human Services program, and several undergraduate and graduate certificate programs. In 2016 Dr. Bishop founded the annual Human Trafficking

Symposium and now organizes monthly human trafficking webinars open and free to the public. She attended George Washington University, Wilmington College, and Central Michigan University.

On Wednesday, May 3, 2024, Richard Gregory Johnson III, of the University of San Francisco, will speak about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Dr. Johnson is the chapter faculty sponsor of the California Tau Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at the University of San Francisco and is the Governor of California for Pi Gamma Mu. He is a tenured Full Professor for the University of San Francisco's School of Management. He is also the Director of the Business Minor in the School of Management. Dr. Johnson holds degrees from Georgetown University, Golden Gate University, and DePaul University.

The final session in this year's series will feature two speakers: Steven Burkarth and Deirdre Condit of Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Burkarth is the president of the VCU Alumni Political Science Caucus and is a volunteer assisting with the Virginia Nu Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu. Dr. Condit is an Associate Professor of political science in the College of Humanities and Sciences at VCU and is the sponsor of the Pi Gamma Mu Chapter. She earned her bachelor's degree from Idaho State University, attended Portland State University, and completed her MA and PhD in Political Science at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Prof. Burkarth and Dr. Condit had such a successful launch of the new chapter at VCU that they were invited to speak about the secrets of their success in their presentation on Launching a Successful Pi Gamma Mu Membership Drive.

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



Johanna Bishop



Deirdre Condit



Richard Gregory Johnson III

(not pictured: Steven Burkarth)

CALL FOR FACULTY SPEAKERS

Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences is continuing its popular online Speaker Series to spotlight the research interests and expertise of Pi Gamma Mu's chapter sponsors! The program will offer lectures from our chapter sponsors on topics of their choice to all Pi Gamma Mu members. The speaker series lectures will be offered via the Zoom online platform.

Lecture topics could include (but are not limited to) leadership, social equity, history, public policy, gerontology, economics, anthropology - or any other social science topic.

If you are interested in speaking, please send a brief proposal to Allison G. S. Knox, Chancellor of the Southeast Region: Allison_G.S._Knox@hotmail.com. We are currently accepting proposals for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions

CALL FOR CHAPTER HISTORIES – Apply for a Chapter Heritage Grant

In preparation for Pi Gamma Mu's centennial celebration in 2024, we are updating the history of the Society. The last history update was completed in celebration of Pi Gamma Mu's first 75 years and the time has come for another update with our 100th anniversary rapidly approaching. In this vein, we are asking chapters to explore and record their histories and send the information to our office. A group of dedicated past and present members of the Board of Trustees will review the information and will use it to create a more thorough historical update of the Society.

Whether yours is an older chapter or a recent one, preserving and recording for posterity that history and those traditions are important. With this in mind, the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees created Chapter Heritage Awards and encourages its chapters to apply. There is no deadline. Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted. These awards are in the amount of \$300 and support the research costs necessary to bring these projects to fruition.

Chapters often have resources to explore their histories unbeknownst to them. Advisers may have chapter files inherited from past advisers that have been largely unexamined. Such files may contain information on past officers, members, projects, publicity, etc. that could be important in writing a chapter history. Also, many college and town newspapers are preserved in university libraries and are a valuable resource for doing such research. Individuals may also possess oral knowledge of their chapter's activities: current and past advisers can be interviewed along with past officers. A chapter history is a nice item to place on your chapter website and Pi Gamma Mu headquarters is also anxious to collect these documents. Chapters may also want to give thought to renewing the older tradition of electing a chapter historian. To be eligible for a grant supporting the writing of a chapter's history, chapters must have been in existence for at least ten years, but chapters can begin and are encouraged to preserve their history as it unfolds.



Chapter Heritage Grants application form

ALUMNI MEMBERS – SEND US YOUR UPDATES

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 a future 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. Feel free to include a digital photo with your update.

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 2ND VICE PRESIDENT INVITED TO ATTEND A SHIP NAMING CEREMONY IN HONOR OF HARRIET TUBMAN



Clara Small and The Secretary of the Navy, Carlos Del Toro

Pi Gamma Mu 2nd Vice President, Dr. Clara Small, was recently invited by The Secretary of the Navy, The Honorable Carlos Del Toro, to attend a Ship Naming Ceremony in honor of abolitionist and social activist Harriet Tubman (1822-1913). The Secretary announced the naming of the ship on September 17, 2023 at the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center in Church Creek, MD. Del Toro made the announcement during an Emancipation Celebration at the Center. National Park Service Director Chuck Sams, who is also a Navy Veteran, joined Secretary Del Toro for the announcement.

The future USNS Harriet Tubman follows the tradition of naming John Lewis-class oilers after civil rights leaders and is the second vessel to bear Tubman's name. The first was a Liberty ship built during World War II.

After escaping slavery herself, Tubman helped approximately 70 enslaved people escape slavery using the network of safe houses known as the Underground Railroad. During the American Civil War she served as a scout and spy for the Union Army. In 1863, she helped plan and execute a raid on Combahee Ferry near Port Royal, South Carolina, guiding Union Naval ships carrying 300 Black troops. The raid resulted in the liberation of more than 750 enslaved people. In her later years, Tubman continued to advocate for the rights of Black Americans and was an activist in the women's suffrage movement alongside Susan B. Anthony.

In recognition of her contributions to understanding and documenting the history of Black Americans on the Delmarva Peninsula of the Eastern Shore of the United States, Dr. Clara Small was extended a personal invitation to attend the Ship Naming Ceremony. Dr. Small is a historian who has dedicated her life to teaching and telling the story of Black Americans from the Delmarva Peninsula. Professor Emeritus at Salisbury University, Dr. Small spent 36 years teaching history and related courses at the University. It has been argued that she is the region's foremost scholar on the history of Black America on the Delmarva Peninsula.

Dr. Small has authored or co-authored several books including:

- *Reality Check: Brief Biographies of African-Americans on Delmarva*
- *Compass Points: Profiles & Biographies of African Americans from the Delmarva Peninsula, Volumes 1,2, & 3*



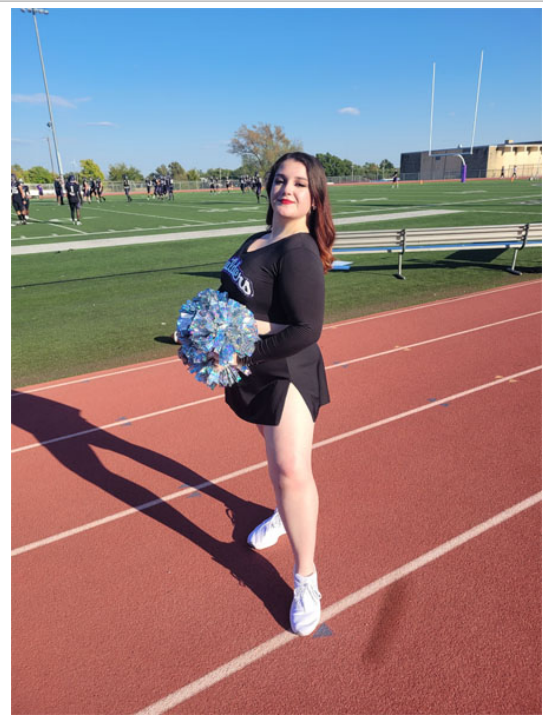
Clara Small and Chuck Sams, National Park Service Director, first Native American to hold the position and Veteran of the US Navy.



Clara Small and Ventris Gibson, 40th Director of the United States Mint and first Black person to head the bureau, and Veteran of the US Navy

PI GAMMA MU WELCOMES GRACE WHISENHANT, ITS NEWEST CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Grace Whisenhant, a junior at Southwestern College, has been hired as Pi Gamma Mu's new Chapter Development Officer. Whisenhant started at Southwestern College (Winfield, KS) in the fall of 2022 with enough credits to qualify as a sophomore. Majoring in Psychology with a minor in Business, she plans to attend graduate school upon completion of her Bachelor's degree. Along with her studies and new role as Chapter Development Officer, Whisenhant is an athlete at Southwestern College on the school's dance team. She is also involved in Hope Squad, Psychology Club, Service Learning Leadership, and 9 Lives Improv Troup. The primary duties of the Chapter Development Officer at Pi Gamma Mu include researching colleges and universities worldwide that may be suitable to host or reactivate a chapter and contacting faculty at those colleges and universities to encourage them to start chapters. Whisenhant looks forward to her work as Chapter Development Officer and is eager to get started! She can be contacted at chapterdevelopment@pigammamu.org



Grace Whisenhant, Pi Gamma Mu Chapter Development Officer

2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

ALABAMA Delta	Troy University	Jessica Childs	29
ARKANSAS Zeta	University of Arkansas-Little Rock	David Briscoe	2
CALIFORNIA Epsilon	Holy Names University	Charles Sarno	2
CA Kappa	California State Poly Univ.,-Pomona	Kelly Huh, Kristen Conway-Gomez	10
CA Xi	University of La Verne	Gitty Amini	2
CA Tau	University of San Francisco	Richard Johnson III (Vice Chancellor, S/SW Region)	18
CA Phi	Fresno Pacific University	Sai Mouanoutoua	11
CA Chi	Soka University of America	Esther Chang	6
COLORADO Epsilon	Colorado College	Dana Wittmer	10
CONNECTICUT Epsilon	University of Saint Joseph	Jennifer Cote	1
DELAWARE Beta	Wilmington University	Johanna Bishop (Gov., DE)	41
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Alpha	The Catholic University of America	Abby Adler Mandel	88
FLORIDA Zeta	Florida State University	Lisa Turner de Vera	3
FL Kappa	Warner University	April Steen	6
FL Lambda	Saint Leo University	Katrina Maxwell, Susan Kinsella, Nancy Wood, Suzie Cashwell, Felicia Wilson, Michelle Allen, Amina Abdullah, Cheri Chambers, Michelle Boone Thornton	16

FL Nu	University of Central Florida	Michael Armato	1
FL Xi	Jacksonville University	Laura Atkins	14
GEORGIA Gamma	Wesleyan College	Barbara Donovan	12
GA Epsilon	Shorter University	Dustin Addison, Luciana Philyaw	11
GA Iota	Clark Atlanta University	Henry Elonge, Terry Kight	78
GA Kappa	University of North Georgia	Charles Wilson	1
GA Lambda	Georgia State University	Glenwood Ross	4
GA Mu	Emmanuel College	Robert Fulton, Jr.	8
HAWAII Alpha	University of Hawaii - Manoa	Lorey Takahashi	55
ILLINOIS Gamma	Bradley University	Bradford Brown	10
IL Kappa	Dominican University	Christina Perez	17
IL Xi	Elmhurst University	Karen Musser, Elizabeth Lanzo	26
IL Pi	McKendree University	Michael Hahn	18
INDIANA Alpha	University of Evansville	Mari Plikuhn	6
IN Theta	Manchester University	Timothy McKenna-Buchanan	5
IOWA Gamma	University of Northern Iowa	Jennifer McNabb (Chancellor, N/NW Region)	21
KANSAS Alpha	Southwestern College	Cheryl Rude	3
KS Theta	Newman University	Larry Heck	30
LOUISIANA Epsilon	Southern University	Shawn Comminey	5
LA Eta	Grambling State University	Frances Staten, Inetha Wimberly, Lemmy Akoma	46
MARYLAND Beta	McDaniel College	Julie Routzahn	31
MD Epsilon	Coppin State University	Elgin Klugh, Claudia Nelson	3
MD Theta	University of Maryland Global Campus	Katherine Im	165
MASSACHUSETTS Beta	Regis College	Kathryn Edney (Gov., MA)	12
MA Epsilon	Springfield College	David Rudder	11
MA Zeta	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	Travis Beaver, M. Junaid	6
MICHIGAN Zeta	Madonna University	Elizabeth Prough	1
MISSISSIPPI Eta	Alcorn State University	Antrina Bell	8
MS Theta	Blue Mountain College	Terry Taylor	1
MISSOURI Zeta	Missouri Valley College	Tiffany Bergman	31
MO Kappa	Central Methodist	Kristin Cherry (Gov., MO)	5

	University		
NEBRASKA Delta	Wayne State College	Randy Bertolas, Jean Karlen	37
NE Theta	Midland University	Megan Nielsen, Cortney Wilder	6
NEW HAMPSHIRE Beta	St. Anselm College	Kevin Doran	24
NH Gamma	Plymouth State University	Patrick May	23
NEW JERSEY Delta	Rider University	Brooke Hunter, James Wojtowicz	36
NJ Theta	Stevens Institute of Technology	Lindsey Cormack (Gov., NJ)	1
NJ Iota	Rutgers University-Camden	Laura Napolitano	27
NEW YORK Gamma	Alfred University	Robert Stein	22
NY Theta	Keuka College	David Pak Leon	24
NY Iota	Mercy College	Dorothy Balancio, Marla Moulton	38
NY Lambda	St. Thomas Aquinas College	Heath Bowen	11
NY Mu	Dominican College	Christopher Libertini	20
NY Nu	St. Joseph's College	Kirk Lawrence, Rachel Kreier, Basak Horowitz	11
NY Sigma	LeMoyne College	Jeffrey Chin, (Chancellor, NE Region)	19
NY Tau	Pace University	Matthew Bolton, Laura Fung-Ross	26
NY Alpha Gamma	Siena College	Tim Cooper	50
NY Alpha Epsilon	Marymount Manhattan College	Erin O'Connor	4
NORTH CAROLINA Delta	North Carolina Central University	Carlton Wilson	9
NC Mu	Campbell University	Lloyd Johnson	37
NC Upsilon	Fayetteville State University	Kofi Johnson	1
NC Omega	Livingstone College	DaTarvia Parrish	2
NC Alpha Beta	Chowan University	Danny Moore, Lewis Nicholson	24
OHIO Epsilon	Baldwin-Wallace University	Liya Wang	13
OKLAHOMA Epsilon	Univ. of Arts & Sciences of OK	Sakin Erin	1
OK Zeta	Northeastern State University	John McIntosh	15
OK Kappa	Northwestern Oklahoma State University	Jana Brown Pittman	5
OREGON Delta	Bushnell University	Nani Skaggs	14
PENNSYLVANIA	Susquehanna University	Nick Clark	24

Gamma					
	PA Mu	Franklin and Marshall College	Alan Glazer		21
	PA Alpha Epsilon	University of Scranton	Christie Karpiak		16
	PA Alpha Zeta	Widener University	Mariah Schug		9
	PA Alpha Kappa	University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg	Geoffrey Wood		13
	PA Alpha	Lincoln University	Jernice Lea		11
Lambda					
	PA Alpha Mu	Chatham University	Jean-Jacques Sene		2
	PA Alpha Xi	Wilson College	Ela Rossmiller		6
Omicron	PA Alpha	Washington & Jefferson College	Anudeep Gill, Zheya Gai		5
	PA Alpha Rho	Immaculata University	Joshua Weikert		47
	PHILIPPINE Alpha	University of the Philippines	Maria Fe Villamejor-Mendoza, Nestor T. Castro, Maria Ela L. Atienza, Maria Rosel S. San Pascual, Adrin P. Lee, Ma. Luisa T. Camagay		622
SOUTH CAROLINA Theta		University of South Carolina-Aiken	Phillip Mason		7
	SC Nu	Allen University	Christopher Rounds		3
	SOUTH DAKOTA Zeta	Presentation College	Brad Tennant		8
	TENNESSEE Lambda	Cumberland University	Tara Mitchell Mielnik, Rachael Bible		34
	TN Mu	University of TN Southern	Alicia Webb		12
	TEXAS Epsilon	University of North Texas	Wendy Watson, Susan McCutcheon, Katherine Kroh		16
	TX Omicron	West Texas A&M University	John David Rausch		3
	TX Sigma	Angelo State University	Bruce Hunt, Arabella Pena		3
	TX Tau	Texas Wesleyan University	Brenda Taylor Matthews, Eddy Lynton, Sara Wilke		18
	TX Upsilon	University of Houston-Downtown	Christina Hughes		2
	TX Psi	Huston-Tillotson University	Michael Hirsch		12
	TX Omega	East Texas Baptist University	Laurie Smith		13
	VERMONT Gamma	Castleton University	Scott Roper		25
	VIRGINIA Zeta	University of Mary Washington	Bradley Hansen		17
	VA Mu	George Mason University	Amanda Torres		197
	VA Nu	Virginia Commonwealth University	Steven Burkarth, Deirdre Condit		104
	WEST VIRGINIA Delta	University of Charleston	Kara Fisher		4

WV Zeta	Glenville State College	Luke Bendick	7
WV Theta	Bluefield State College	Amanda Matoushek	4
WV Iota	American Military University	Allison Knox (Chancellor, SE Region)	173
WISCONSIN Alpha	Marquette University	David Nowacek	1
Total Members	Chapters 105		Members 2,829
285,171			

GET INVOLVED WITH THE *INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW*

As the ISSR gets closer to the milestone Volume 100, now is a great time to get involved with Pi Gamma Mu's flagship peer-reviewed journal. Of course, submitting an original research article is a great way to make sure the academic community knows of your work, but there are also other meaningful ways to get involved, including:

- Becoming a book reviewer: our book review editors send out a list of books to be reviewed four times a year - email us to get on their list;
- Acting as a peer reviewer, one of the backbones of the journal - email us your curriculum vitae and in the email list your areas of expertise;
- Write an extended commentary;
- Are you a professor teaching a social science class that deals with a current topic? Then consider working with two students to write a Point-Counter Point piece.

Please feel free to reach out to Candice at quinn.issr@gmail.com to submit an article, to be considered as a book reviewer or peer reviewer, or to share any ideas or questions you may have about the journal.

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FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Your decision to lead a chapter of Pi Gamma Mu gives you the unique opportunity to provide well-deserved recognition to your social science students, your faculty colleagues, and your department. By inviting students to join your Pi Gamma Mu Chapter this fall, even more of your students will 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!

Our **online option** allows the students you invite to register and pay us directly online using a credit card. We also continue to accept memberships and payments through the mail. Instructions are available at <https://pigammamu.org/adviser-portal.html> Thank you for your volunteerism and support of Pi Gamma Mu and your good students.

TOP 10 CHAPTERS BY MEMBERSHIP

The Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees and staff wish to thank and congratulate the 2022-2023 Top 10 Chapters by Membership. It is the collection of the lifetime membership fees from new members that sustains Pi Gamma Mu and its programs. 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. Membership in Pi Gamma Mu provides students with increased opportunities for scholarships, publications, networking, and more. Our fiscal year ends on August 31. The following 10 Chapters sent in the most members compared to all other active chapters during the 2022-2023 academic year:

1. **Philippine Alpha**, University of the Philippines – 622 Members – Prof. Maria Fe Villamejor-Mendoza
2. **Virginia Mu**, George Mason University – 197 members – Assistant Dean Amanda Torres
3. **West Virginia Iota**, American Military University/American Public University – 173 members – Prof. Allison G. S. Knox
4. **Maryland Theta**, University of Maryland Global Campus – 165 members – Prof. Katherine Im
5. **Virginia Nu**, Virginia Commonwealth University – 104 members – Prof. Steven Burkarth and Dr. Deirdre Condit
6. **District of Columbia Alpha**, Catholic University of America – 88 members – Dr. Abby Adler Mandel
7. **Georgia Iota**, Clark Atlanta University – 78 members – Dr. Harry Elonge
8. **Hawaii Alpha**, University of Hawaii - Manoa – 55 members – Dr. Lorey Takahashi and Prof. Ulla Hasager
9. **New York Alpha Gamma**, Siena College – 50 members – Dr. Nathalie Degroult
10. **Pennsylvania Alpha Rho**, Immaculata University – 47 members – Dr. Dr. Joshua Weikert

Congratulations and thank you, 2022-2023 Top 10 Chapters by Membership!

CONGRATULATIONS, STAR CHAPTERS!

The Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees and staff wish to congratulate and thank the 2022-2023 Star Chapters for their dedication and success in increasing their chapter's number of new initiates by 20% or more as compared to the 2021-2022 academic year.

Congratulations on your success, Star Chapters! Join this elite group by increasing your chapter's membership by 20% or more in 2023-2024!

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. Our fiscal year ends on August 31. The Star Chapter program was started in 2014-15.

2022-2023 Star Chapters

(Increase in membership of 20% or more over the previous fiscal year)

- **Alabama Delta**, Troy University – Prof. Jessica Childs
- **California Kappa**, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona – Dr. Kristen Conway-Gomez
- **California Tau**, University of San Francisco – Dr. Richard Gregory Johnson, III
- **Colorado Epsilon**, Colorado College – Dr. Dana Wittmer
- **Georgia Iota**, Clark Atlanta University – 78 members – Dr. Harry Elonge
- **Georgia Mu**, Emmanuel College – Dr. Robert J. Fulton, Jr.
- **Illinois Pi**, McKendree University – Dr. Michael Hahn
- **Iowa Gamma**, University of Northern Iowa – Dr. Jennifer McNabb
- **New Hampshire Beta**, Saint Anselm College – Dr. Kevin Doran
- **New York Gamma**, Alfred University – Dr. Robert Stein
- **North Carolina Mu**, Campbell University – Dr. Lloyd Johnson
- **North Carolina Omega**, Livingstone College – Dr. Da'Tarvia Parrish
- **Philippine Alpha**, University of the Philippines – Prof. Maria Fe Villamejor-Mendoza
- **South Carolina Theta**, University of South Carolina, Aiken – Dr. Philip Mason
- **Tennessee Lambda**, Cumberland University – Prof. Rachael Bible and Dr. Tara Mielnik
- **Texas Sigma**, Angelo State University – Prof. Bruce Hunt
- **Texas Psi**, Huston-Tillotson University – Dr. Michael Hirsch
- **Texas Omega**, East Texas Baptist University – Dr. Lisa Daniel
- **Vermont Gamma**, Castleton University – Dr. Paul Derby and Dr. Scott Roper
- **West Virginia Zeta**, Glenville State College – Dr. Luke Bendick



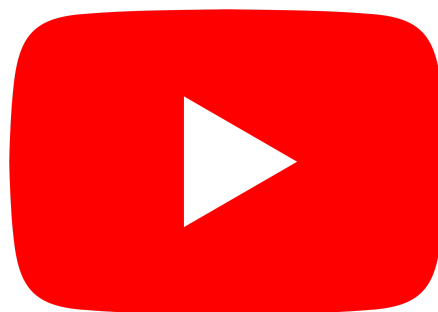
CHECK OUT IΓM's YOUTUBE CHANNEL

We are just getting started with our new channel on YouTube and we are off to an amazing start! So far, the channel features speeches made for the 2021 Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention and the 2022-2023 Pi Gamma Mu Speaker Series by the following Pi Gamma Mu lifetime members:

- Dr. Susan Kinsella, Pi Gamma Mu International President,
- Dr. Suzanne Rupp, Pi Gamma Mu Executive Director,
- Dr. Joshua Weikert, Pi Gamma Mu Chapter Sponsor at Immaculata University,
- Dr. Laura Rodriguez-Kitkowski, Pi Gamma Mu Chapter Sponsor at South University,
- Chuck Grassley, United States Senator (of Iowa),
- Diana DeGette, United States Congresswoman (of Colorado),
- and Dr. Judith Rodin, philanthropist and leader in higher education.

Plans are being made for more video uploads in the coming year and beyond, so subscribe now!

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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](#), [subscribe on YouTube](#), and [connect with us on LinkedIn](#) to see announcements, opportunities, and deadlines (such as the scholarship application deadline). Keep your eye out for updates about the Triennial International Convention coming up in 2024!

Please note that several Facebook 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.

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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.

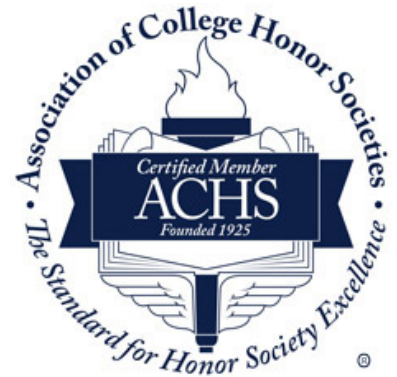
Why join an ACHS-certified honor society?

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.