ELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

Each active chapter is entitled to one vote in the election of International Officers of Pi Gamma Mu. These votes must be cast by sending your ballot to headquarters no later than September 30, 2008. They will be counted on October 6, 2008 by an outside accounting firm. According to the Pi Gamma Mu Constitution, the chapter president is to consult with the chapter’s members and cast that vote. To facilitate the procedure, a ballot marked “official” and a letter of instructions will be mailed to each president in care of the faculty sponsor who usually corresponds with headquarters. Please note that the address to which ballots should be mailed is: Sue Watters, Executive Director, Pi Gamma Mu, 1001 Millington, Suite B, Winfield, KS 67156.

The ballot as printed here is not official. However, this newsletter will introduce you to the candidates, whose brief biographies and campaign statements are on pages 2-4. If, for any reason, your official ballot is not received or available, the chapter president may write on this one “Official” and send it to headquarters.

Your vote is important! Election results will be announced during the Triennial Convention in October, and in the November PGM Newsletter.
**INTRODUCING...**

**for President**

Gordon Mercer  
Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs  
Western Carolina University  
Cullowhee, NC

PGM Service:  
PGM President, 2005-2008  
PGM First Vice-President, 2002-2005  
PGM Chancellor of Atlantic region, 1996-2002  
PGM Treasurer-1993-1996  
WCU Lambda received the Joseph B. James Chapter Incentive Award, 1993

Other:  
Worked with others to start PGM Reactivation and New Chapter Invitational System, thereby moving from 122 chapters to 149 chapters, 2005-2008  
Worked with the PGM Treasurer, PGM Chapters and Board of Trustees to establish a balanced and growing budget, 2005-2008  
Visited Kansas PGM Headquarters in 2005 and 2008  
Represented PGM at the University of Philippines Alpha Chapter Diamond Jubilee Celebration, 2007  
Established a larger Executive Committee, 2005-2008  
Worked with PGM Board of Trustees and PGM students to help redesign the PGM lost flag, 2007  
Established the PGM Chancellor’s Committee to strengthen communications among PGM Chancellors, 2006-2008  
Worked with Sue Watters and the PGM Board of Trustees and Experience to establish PGM’s first Career Management and Career Services for students and faculty advisers, 2008

Authored or co-authored two articles and three book reviews in the International Social Science Review

Statement:  
I look forward to greeting you at our 2008 Triennial Convention in Atlanta. We have an excellent international legacy of helping promote academic excellence and by working together we can strengthen and enhance this legacy. Especially it is important that we continue to emphasize the importance of our chapter faculty advisers and continue to provide excellent services for students through our International Social Science Review and the PGM Newsletter. While we have accomplished major growth in chapters in the last three years, we are seeing many faculty advisors retire, and we need to continue to strengthen our chapter reactivation and new chapter chartering program.  
Most importantly we are enthused and excited about our mission of supporting academic excellence in a way that reaches students and we can see this reflected in our growth. I am very appreciative of being nominated for another three year term as PGM President.

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**for Second Vice President**

Charles W. McClellan  
Professor Emeritus of History  
Radford, VA

PGM Service:  
44 year membership in Pi Gamma Mu  
Initiated into Kansas Iota chapter, 1965  
26 year sponsorship of VA Epsilon chapter at Radford University  
Selected over 1300 members during my sponsorship, representing over 60% of our current alumni  
Instrumental in establishing an annual PGM scholarship of $1,000 for VA Epsilon chapter  
Second Vice President, 1996-2008; chair of the Awards Committee which handles Roll of Merit, Roll of Distinction & Scholarship Awards  
Proposed creation of and instituted a PGM Hall of Fame to honor meritorious chapter advisers & other deserving functionaries of the organization

Other:  
Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia, 1967-1970  
Fullbright Research Award, 1989  
Fullbright Scholar-in-Residence Award, 2002  
Author of book on Ethiopia, numerous articles and book reviews  
International Election moderator, Ethiopia, 1992  
Membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Lambda Delta  
Recipient, Distinguished Teaching Award, 2004  
Recipient, Radford University’s International Educator of the Year, 2007  
Statement:  
One of the most under-appreciated and unrecognized strengths of Pi Gamma Mu as an honor society is its interdisciplinary nature. It has the potential to bring together both students and faculty from the various social science disciplines who often interact much less than one might imagine. The world in which we live today requires students who have the training and ability to draw knowledge from a variety of fields and who recognize the fact that solutions to many problems are multi-dimensional as well as multi-disciplinary. Pi Gamma Mu members are thus well placed and better prepared than most for today’s challenging world. Today’s criminologists, social workers, teachers, politicians and lawyers require broad based knowledge and skills that derive from a study of history, politics, psychology, geography, and economics, but can also extend into the areas of philosophy, foreign language, and the sciences. I have been proud to be associated with the PGM scholarship competition for the last twelve years. These scholarships assist with graduate education in the social sciences, with many of those programs increasingly representing multi-disciplinary curricula. PGM members and chapter sponsors should work hard to bring the disciplines together on their campuses and evidence the great possibilities of which PGM was established.

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**for First Vice President**

Barry D. Friedman  
Professor of Political Science  
North Georgia College & State University  
Dahlonega, GA

PGM Service:  
Secretary-Treasurer of Georgia Kappa Chapter since 1994  
International First Vice President, 2005 to present  
Book Review Editor of International Social Science Review, 2002 to present  
Convention Committee Chair and/or local host for three international conventions (2002, 2005, and 2008) and two regional conventions (1999 and 2002)  
Chancellor of Atlantic Region, 2002 – 2005  
Vice Chancellor of Atlantic Region, 1999 to 2002  
Governor of Georgia, 1995 to 2002

Other:  
Member of Pi Sigma Alpha’s national Executive Council, 2004-2008  
Faculty Advisor of NGCSU Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, 1994 to present  
Founding Executive Director, NGCSU Council of Honor Societies, 1995 to present  
Member of Alpha Chi, Alpha Kappa Delta, Beta Gamma Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Pi Alpha Alpha  
NGCSU Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award, 1997 and 2002  
Phi Kappa Phi (NGCSU Chapter) Promotion of Excellence in High Education Award, 1994 and 1999 to present  
Author of one monograph, one book chapter, four refereed articles, and other non-refereed publications

Statement:  
After 44 years as a volunteer in the Pi Gamma Mu honor society, I am recognized sometimes by name, sometimes by face, and sometimes by both by many people for any one of several reasons. Some NGCSU students and alumni know me by my signature on their membership certificates. Some social science scholars know me as the person who mails books to them so that they can write book reviews for our journal, the ISSR. Some chapter advisors and student and alumnus members know me from my signature on the letter that invited them to a regional or international convention, or recognize my face because I was the grand marshal for the Teddy Bear Pageant parade at the 2002 conference in Atlanta. Some chapter advisors remember that I helped them charter their Pi Gamma Mu chapters. I’ve done these things because officials of our honor society have called on me to help them provide service to the members of the honor society, and I stepped forward. I re dedicate myself to ensuring that the international apparatus of our organization will be capable of delivering beneficial and well-received services to all of our members.

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**for Secretary-Treasurer**

C. Laurence (Larry) Heck  
Professor of Sociology  
Newman University  
Wichita, KS

PGM Service:  
Member since 1974  
Faculty sponsor of KS Theta 1984-96 and 2002 to present, with chapter placed on Roll of Distinction or Merit several times during these years  
Vice Chancellor of South Central Region-1987-96  
Secretary-Treasurer of Board of Trustees-1996 to Present  
Active participant in regional meetings and Triennials at Tampa, Birmingham, Omaha, San Antonio, Wichita, Atlanta and Nashville  
Chairman-75th Anniversary Triennial in Wichita

Other:  
Faculty member of Sociology at Newman University since 1973  
Service in administrative roles as:  
Director of the School of Social Sciences, 2007-present  
Director of Financial Aid-1986-1990  
Humanities and Social Science Division Chair-1990-1994  
Title III Coordinator-1993-1998  
Director of Planned Giving-1994-1999  
Active in community through work with United Way, Mid-America Artists Showcase, and Music Theater for Young People (president elect 2008-09)  
Recipient of Teaching Excellence Award-1986  
Recipient of Honorary Alumni designation-1993  
Recipient of Newman Medal - 2005

Statement:  
The concept of honor societies in general and the existence of Pi Gamma Mu in particular is especially important to me. First as an invited member, then as a chapter sponsor, as vice chancellor, and Trustee secretary-treasurer, the Society has played a significant part in my academic life. Through my sponsorship of our chapter (1994-1996 and 1999 to present)  
Established the PGM Chancellor’s Committee to strengthen communications among PGM Chancellors, 2006-2008  
Worked with Sue Watters and the PGM Board of Trustees and Experience to establish PGM’s first Career Management and Career Services for students and faculty advisers, 2008  
Authored or co-authored two articles and three book reviews in the International Social Science Review

Statement:  
I was very appreciative of being nominated for the 2008 three year term as PGM President. I am very appreciative of being nominated for another three year term as PGM President.
for Chancellor of Southeastern Region

Wendell H. Hester
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology / Anthropology
East Tennessee State University
Johnson City, Tennessee

M.A. and Ph.D. - Emory University, Atlanta, GA
B.A. - University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL

PGM Service:
Advisor, Eta Chapter, 1978-1985
Faculty Sponsor, 1985 to Present
Member Alpha Kappa Delta National Honor Society in Sociology, 1966 to Present
Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellow, 1972-1973
Active in national and regional professional organizations, 1964 to Present
Active in Faculty Senate, University, College and Departmental affairs

Statement:
Contributing to the acknowledgement of the success of the finest students in the study of people, culture and society has been a joy to me. I look forward to assisting the Board of Pi Gamma Mu as we accept the challenges of change and move forward. I urge all sponsors and advisors for their assistance during the past, present and the future.

for Chancellor of North/Northwestern Region

Amy J. Orr
Associate Professor of Sociology
Linfield College
McMinnville, OR

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Notre Dame
M.A., Sociology, University of Notre Dame
B.S., Sociology-Anthropology and Psychology, Nebraska Wesleyan University

PGM Service:
Faculty Sponsor of Oregon Beta Chapter, Linfield College, Fall 2001-present.
Other:
Samuel H. Graf Faculty Achievement Award, Linfield College,
Faculty Advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta (International Sociology Honor Society),
Linfield College.
Member, Accreditation Steering Committee, Linfield College.
Co-Chair, Student Success Team, Linfield College.
Member, Hispanic Outreach Committee, Linfield College.
Social Science Councilor, Council of Undergraduate Research (CUR).
Member, Membership Committee, Pacific Sociological Association (Chair, 2006-2007; Co-Chair, 2007-2008).
Chair, Faculty Executive Council, Linfield College, 2006-2008.
Substitute, Faculty Trustee, Linfield College, Spring 2008.
Co-Chair, Faculty Workload Committee, Linfield College, 2007-2008.
Judge, 1st Amma/Leitnehe Student Collaborative Research and Creative Projects Symposium, Linfield College, Spring 2006.
Member, Program Committee, Pacific Sociological Association, 2003-2005.
Faculty Advisor, Association of Non-Traditional Students, Linfield College, 2002-2005.
President for undergraduate paper sessions at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association since 2002.
Member of the American Sociological Association, the Pacific Sociological Association, and the American Association of University Women.
Member of Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Gamma Mu, Alpha Kappa Delta, Psi Chi, and Cardinal Key.
Various publications.

Statement:
When I arrived at Linfield College in the fall of 2001, I learned that the college's chapter of Pi Gamma Mu had been inactive for several years. I immediately took the initiative to reactivate our chapter, as Pi Gamma Mu, with its stringent academic standards and strong values, provides a unique opportunity to recognize our students for their achievements and for students and faculty to come together across disciplines. Pi Gamma Mu is an asset to college campuses, and I would enjoy the opportunity to work with colleges in our region to establish and strengthen their own chapters of the honor society.

for Chancellor of Northeastern Region

Clara Small
Professor of History
Salisbury State University
Salisbury, MD

Ph.D.-University of Delaware
M.A.-St. John’s College, Santa Fe, NM
B.A.-BA-NC Central University

PGM Service:
Organizer and co-advisor of MD Gamma chapter-1983-2008, many times on the Honor Roll
Chancellor of Northeastern Region-1992-2008
Panelist at many PGM meetings
Pi Gamma Mu Awards Committee member-1996-2008
Chairperson of the Regional Chancellors
Other:
Former co-advisor for Phi Alpha Theta honor society
Former Phi Alpha Theta paper prize committee member-1993-1999
Former advisor/organizer-Salisbury State University branch of NAACP
Former advisor-Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority
Summer National Endowment for the Humanities Fellows-Duke University, 1991

Chesapeake Regional Scholars Summer Seminar in African American Studies-Univ. of Virginia, 1997
Commission to Coordinate the Study, Commemoration, and Impact of Slavery’s History and Legacy in Maryland, 2001 to Present
Former member of Speakers Bureau for the Delaware Humanities Forum
Former member of Scholar-in-Residence for the Delaware Humanities Forum
Former Discussion Scholar for the “Let’s Talk About It” series on Delmarva Published article, “Abolitionists, Free Blacks, and Runaway Slaves: Surviving Slavery on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.”
Published booklet, “Reality Check: Brief Biographies of African-Americans on Delaware” (Feb. 1996)
Member of the Board of Directors of the Ed Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture
Member of the Board of Directors of Pemberton Hall
Member of the Consortium of Doctors
Former Corresponding Secretary of the Princess Anne Chapter of The Links, Inc.
Former Historian and Member of the Thomas E. Polk, Sr. chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers
Co-Founder of the Fulton School’s Brown Bag Lunch Discussion Series, through which the community is invited to hear SU faculty, staff, students and community members share their insights and interests on a variety of topics. Recognized for community service by the Wicomico County Commission for Women
Recipient of PGM’s Faithful Service Award, 2005
Recipient of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents Award for Public Service, 2005
Recipient of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore Frank Morris Humanitarian Award, 2005
Recipient of the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Corp. Award for the preservation of African American History and Culture 2009
Recipient of the Sturgis One Room School Museum’s Merit Award, 2008

Statement:
Since my initiation into Pi Gamma Mu at North Carolina Central University in the late 1960’s, Pi Gamma Mu has always held, and always will hold, a special place in my heart. Pi Gamma Mu represents values, integrity, and honor as it incorporates the disciplines that have studied humankind in all of its endeavors and the search for truth. Furthermore, it is the best vehicle by which to honor excellence in the social sciences. Since 1992, it has given me honor to serve as the Chancellor of this vast region, to visit campuses, to meet faculty, initiates, and administrators, to conduct site visits, to assist with initiatives, and to be of service to the chapters, the region, and the international office. It has been my goal to foster greater communication between the chapters and the international office, and that continues to be my major emphasis. However, the success of the region is the result of the cooperation and assistance of dedicated sponsors and advisors committed to the goals and ideals of Pi Gamma Mu and to recognize our outstanding students for their academic achievements and leadership abilities. Thanks for your support in the past and I hope that level of cooperation will continue in the future.

for Chancellor of South/Southwestern Region

Charles W. Hartwig
Professor of Political Science
MA Program Advisor
Arkansas State University
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Ph.D.-University of Kentucky
MA -University of Kentucky
BA-Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Other: University of Minnesota;
Universität Hamburg [Germany]

PGM Service:
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor of Arkansas Beta chapter at Arkansas State University for some 30 years.
Governor of Arkansas Province since 1975.
Final PGM site inspector for two new chapters—at Southern Arkansas University and Philander Smith College. [A promising effort to establish a new chapter in Liberia was halted by the outbreak of civil war.]
Other:
Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia, 1965-67
Hospital Administrator, rural church-related hospital in Kenya, 1969-70
Assistant Professor, Slippery Rock State College [PA], 1971-73
Fulbright Professor, Cuffington University College [Liberia], 1985-86
Model UN sponsor/organizer/instructor, 34 years
Political Science Department Chair, 10 years
Numerous articles, book chapters, reviews, etc. published—mostly on African topics
Past President [and other positions], Arkansas Political Science Association
Faculty Professional Service award, ASU, 1997-98
Lion of the Year awards, Jonesboro University Heights Lions Club, 1996-97 and 2006-07

Statement:
I am honored to be nominated for the Chancellorship of my region, and look forward, if elected, to working with the other PGM officers at the international, regional, state, and campus levels to promote the goals of our honor society. As discipline-specific honor societies have proliferated, the integrative and interdisciplinary nature of Pi Gamma Mu can be increasingly helpful in reminding us that we (including alumni) are all part of a larger picture. The social sciences will continue to play a key role in helping us meet the challenges—from local to global—of the 21st century.

[i have not received, nor will accept any PAC or special interest funding during this campaign.]
CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS

Students, plan now to participate in the upcoming PGM Triennial Convention by presenting a paper! Paper sessions provide students with a forum for presenting their completed research papers. This is also an appropriate forum for students involved in group projects to present their work. The topic headings are open to those which relate to the social sciences recognized by the honor society. Paper guidelines are:

1. Students will be notified as to their acceptance as convention participants no later than October 1. Students who need to know earlier about their participant status should submit their papers earlier. Notification of paper acceptance will usually occur within 2-3 weeks following receipt of materials.
2. Qualified papers must have been completed while students were enrolled as undergraduates or graduates in a college or university with an active PGM chapter.
3. The maximum length of an eligible paper should be no more than twenty-five double-spaced pages of text, not counting abstract, references, tables and figures. The paper must be prepared in a format considered professionally appropriate to the discipline to which it relates.
4. The title page should include the title of the paper/project, institutional affiliation, and student’s name, address and phone number. The name, institutional address, and phone number of the PGM faculty advisor for the local PGM chapter should also be included in the materials sent to student session coordinator.
5. Each student presenter will receive one paid room night at the convention hotel.
6. All student presenters who are accepted as convention participants are expected to attend the convention and present their own work.
7. Papers may be co-authored by students but not by students and faculty. Co-authors will have to share/split the support provided by PGM.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH POSTER SESSION

The PGM Convention Committee is working out a process for poster papers as a possible option for students during the 2008 Triennial International Convention. Once a decision is reached on poster papers, faculty advisers will be notified.

Student research papers are already being received and we encourage students to submit research papers for consideration soon, as the Pi Gamma Mu Triennial Convention is not far away.

CONVENTION FUNDS AVAILABLE TO CHAPTERS

Each chapter is building a convention reserve at headquarters. It grows every time you send new members. The Convention Reserve Fund was established by action of the Board of Trustees to encourage more chapters to participate in convention activities.

The way it works is that two dollars from each $40 membership goes into a fund to be used at the time of the next convention. Suppose your chapter initiated 50 members during the last three years - then your convention fund would equal $100. This amount will be given to your chapter delegate when they register at the convention.