WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

If you have joined Pi Gamma Mu recently, we are very happy to welcome you to our organization. Your name has been added to our listserv, and you will remain on this list as long as you wish to receive our newsletters. There is information at the bottom of the page about how to make changes to your subscription when necessary. If you are receiving this newsletter through your college E-mail address and have graduated, be sure to give us a new E-mail address before your college address is deleted from the college’s system.

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Anytime you move, such as after graduation, please notify the Pi Gamma Mu office immediately. This will prevent your mailings from being interrupted or discontinued. The International Social Science Review is returned to us by the post office, which is an additional expense for headquarters to absorb. Just mail a change-of-address card, post card, or letter; send an E-mail message (pgm@sckans.edu); or go to our Web site (www.pigammamu.org/contact.html) to inform us of your address information. We need your name, as well as your old and new address. Thank you very much for taking a few minutes to keep your information current.

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CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS ARE IMPORTANT

Chapter annual-report forms will be mailed to chapter sponsors very soon. It is very important that all sponsors fill out and return an annual-report form to headquarters by September 1. We will put the form on our Web site soon for those of you who would like to send it back that way. We appreciate each sponsor taking the few minutes to complete and return this report.

The annual-report form helps your chapter to remain in compliance with Internal Revenue Service regulations pertaining to your chapter's obligation to submit some form of IRS Form 990 every year. The international office will gladly file such a 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, you must send in your annual report and tell us what your chapter has been doing this year. Even better, send us photographs to put in the newsletter to accompany the description of activities that you sponsored. You can send the pictures attached to an E-mail message to headquarters; – they work great that way. Please send the original digital image, if possible.

You need 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 is September 1 to submit your chapter's report to our international headquarters.

VIEW FROM THE PODIUM

Evaluating Pi Gamma Mu’s “Responsiveness”

Here at North Georgia College & State University, as I prepare my students in the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) Program for careers in public service, I have many occasions to discuss with them a concept that is known as “responsiveness.” In the corporate sector, the analogous concept is “customer-oriented marketing.” Both terms attempt to convey the idea that an organization that wants to be successful needs to determine what its customers or clients desire, rather than to try to prevail on such people to accept products or services that the organization thinks that the customers or clients ought to accept. In the case of the public sector, the concept of responsiveness is justified by the theory of democracy and limited government, which observes that the principal authority about what will make a person happy is that person herself, and so society ought to allow her to make as many decisions about her own life as possible. The theory continues that the only legitimate function of that limited government is to contribute to the well-being and happiness of citizens by doing for the public things that the public wants but cannot accomplish on its own.

Scholars in the political-science subfield of public administration say that a government agency can be responsive to clients and other citizens through the following approaches:

- Ensuring that services are accessible to clients.
- Ensuring that communications are comprehensible.
- Empowering employees to resolve problems on the spot, rather than bouncing the client from one office to another to another (a bureaucratic pathology popularly known as “passing the buck”).
- Ensuring that every citizen has access to government services that he wants and to which he is entitled, and that his access is not obstructed by discrimination of any kind.
- Involving citizens in policy decision-making.

Pi Gamma Mu is not a government entity, but has a lot in common with one. Neither exists to make a profit. Both exist to provide services that benefit society. In this column, I propose to apply the idea of responsiveness to Pi Gamma Mu.

The society's trustees and employees have made a concerted effort to make our services more accessible to our members. During the last three years, we have greatly expanded Pi Gamma Mu's Web site to provide information about our services to members, chapter officers, and students and professors at institutions that do not yet have Pi Gamma Mu chapters. Our volunteers and other members can obtain a lot of information and other kinds of resources from our Web site, usually with just a few clicks.

We give a lot of thought to our channels of communication, including the Web site and the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter. Additions to the Web site and the content of the newsletter undergo review by several individuals before they go "live," as we try to ensure accuracy and readability.

Our professional staff at our Winfield, Kans., headquarters places a high priority on providing the highest level of support when chapter officers and other members call for help. The overwhelmingly predominant form of feedback that we obtain states that our employees are exceptionally accommodating to those who call and ask for assistance of one kind or another.

Our organization is motivated to work with people and colleges and universities that are not currently affiliated with Pi Gamma Mu, but would like to start a chapter. We are a very diverse organization, in terms of the kinds of institutions that have chapters and the characteristics of their students. We will neither practice nor condone any form of discrimination.

The international Board of Trustees is determined to involve as many people as feasible into our policy decision-making process. The principle of responsiveness says that a casually responsive agency might obtain some insight about what clients really want by conducting surveys or asking clients to fill out customer-response cards. A somewhat more responsive agency could hold “town meetings” or hearings or could interview focus groups. And, says Grover Starling, professor of management and public policy at the University of Houston – Clear Lake, “the fully responsive organization overcomes the ‘us and them’ attitude of most organizations by accepting its public as voting members.” Over the years, Pi Gamma Mu has adopted this approach by widening the circle of participants in our decision-making process. In 1990, our international constitution was amended to expand the membership of the Board of Trustees to add two student members. At our 2011 triennial
international convention, then-president Gordon E. Mercer established our new Alumnus Council, to involve alumnus members in the organization’s decision-making and to ensure the input of alumni when the board evaluates new policies.

Therefore, I contend that Pi Gamma Mu is practicing responsiveness at an effective level. That's my belief. But, in the final analysis, it may not matter whether I believe this or not. The more compelling litmus test is this: What do you think? Are we satisfying your interests, and are we providing what you need? If not, please let me know. My E-mail address is bfriedman@northgeorgia.edu, and, like the plaque on President Harry Truman's desk acknowledged, "The buck stops here."

Barry D. Friedman
International President

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

Yongsheng Wang

Yongsheng Wang, newly elected member of the Pi Gamma Mu international Board of Trustees and chancellor of the Northeast Region, graduated from Texas Tech University with Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in economics and received a B. Mgmt. in accounting from Qingdao University, China. Currently, he is an assistant professor of economics and director of financial economics at Washington and Jefferson College. He founded the Pennsylvania Alpha Omicron chapter of Pi Gamma Mu. With his dedication to undergraduate teaching and research, he has received many teaching, research, and service awards and grants. For example, he received an advisor grant on social responsibilities from the Association of College Honor Societies. There are only six advisors nationwide who received this award. He received several undergraduate-research grants from Washington and Jefferson College. In 2010, he was awarded the Course Development Institute Grant from Duquesne University and the Forbes Fund to develop a service-learning curriculum. The Pennsylvania Alpha Omicron chapter received the Roll of Distinction Award from Pi Gamma Mu in 2010. Dr. Wang published numerous journal articles. One of them was published in the International Social Science Review in 2009.

Dr. Wang is very passionate about interdisciplinary learning and diversity. He has routinely taken his students to China. In 2010, he was invited to be part of the panel on international liberal-arts education by the Annapolis Group, an organization for the presidents from selected liberal-arts colleges. In addition to Pi Gamma Mu, Dr. Wang is also a member of the American Economic Association, the Eastern Economic Association, the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, Financial Executives International, Omicron Delta Epsilon, ASIANetwork, and Kiwanis International.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

One of the ideals of Pi Gamma Mu is Social Service, and, as the ritual for initiation states, "The pursuit of our ideals requires giving freely, fully, and joyously of our time, talent, and energy. The fruit of our scholarship, science, and idealism is reaped through service to others for the benefit of all humanity, and this, in turn, requires the cooperation, dedication, passion and participation of all people and of all the social sciences."

The members of Pi Gamma Mu are very generous with their time and talents. Look at some of the projects undertaken this past year. - You might see one in which your chapter could participate. Watch for more great projects in the next newsletter and consider what your chapter members might be able to accomplish.

The Florida Zeta chapter at Florida State University has been recognized as the most active student organization on its campus. Some projects that it has accomplished include: Adopt a Highway clean-up, sending care packages overseas to men and women in our armed forces, holding a year-round food drive for FSU's food pantry, donating stuffed animals to a battered-women's shelter, and participating in a breast-cancer 5K race. Because a friend of the immediate past president of the chapter, Matt Tucciarone, was diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer, the chapter members voted to donate a portion of their semester dues to the cause of colon cancer, but they still believed that there was more they could do. Therefore, last month they sponsored their first Race for Hope 5K: Conquering Colon Cancer. Their goal in this campaign was to heighten awareness, inform people of the risks and means for screening, and raise funds to better assist in the fight against colon cancer.
The Louisiana Epsilon chapter at Southern University, in conjunction with the Department of History, Student Historical Society and Speech & Debate Society, sponsored a Black History Month Lecture Program. Dr. Keith Berry, professor of history and coordinator of the Helping Black/Brown Men with Opportunities in Programs that will advance their Education (H.O.P.E.) Scholarship Program at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Fla., served as guest lecturer. His topic was "Roosevelt, Race, and Obama: A Southerner’s View."

At North Georgia College & State University (NGCSU), the Georgia Kappa chapter sponsored a Princeton-elm tree that was planted on the campus's Nature Refuge in front of the Young Social Science Center. The Georgia Kappa chapter has been the main participant of the NGCSU honor societies’ Kiva micro-loan project which maintains a $250 fund. This money is used to partially fund 10 micro-loans to foreign entrepreneurs at any given time. As an entrepreneur repays her loan, the honor-society chapters then commit the $25 portion to a new applicant. The chapter provided 60 percent of the $250 fund. More information can be found at the Kiva Web page at http://www.kiva.org/lender/northgacollegeand5545.

In order to support the NGCSU Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) organization, the Georgia Kappa Chapter donated $50 toward the cost of creating a design for the GSA’s commemoration of Coming Out Day. Dr. Barry Friedman (Pi Gamma Mu international president and secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Kappa chapter) created the draft artwork; the final design was accomplished by a professional computer artist. The chapter made a $350 donation that went toward the Pi Gamma Mu international board’s initiative to send a donation to the International Rescue Committee for disaster relief in Japan. The chapter donated $90 to sponsor three water filters for families in Haiti in support of a project of the students in the various sections of PSYC 1001, "Fundamentals of Leadership." A total of $3000 was raised for the purchase of 100 water filters by the PSYC 1001 students.

The Virginia Delta chapter at Emory & Henry College had a brown-bag lunch and heard from Dr. Shelly Koh about community service, community relations, and the new Master of Community Organizing and Leadership program.

The Missouri Kappa chapter at Central Methodist University sponsors the Dr. Merrill E. Gaddis Memorial Lecture each year. The lecture honors Dr. Gaddis, who founded the Missouri Kappa Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu in 1935 and served as Pi Gamma Mu regional chancellor. Gaddis, who joined the CMU faculty in 1929, was professor of history and later chair of the Social Sciences Division at CMU until his death in 1958. Pi Gamma Mu’s international Board of Trustees has sponsored the Gaddis Lecture since 1984.

Richard Dailey, who retired from the New Jersey Transit Police Department after 28 years as a career law enforcement officer serving the State of New Jersey’s mass-transit bus, rail, and light-rail system, spoke on the campus. He co-founded and is now president and owner of MIRIMAR Consulting, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in organizational development and leadership. Mr. Dailey’s subject was "Leadership: A Career Choice." He discussed the value of communication as an essential and understated component of leadership, and emphasized the importance of how thoughts, ideas, concerns, and even directives are conveyed.

The Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta chapter at Widener University sponsored a Leukemia Society Walk last October, and supported "Adopt a Family for the Holiday" in December. Both were very successful initiatives.

At University of Mary Hardin-Baylor the Texas Zeta chapter decided, since 2010 was an election year, to raise awareness among students by hosting an election-night results party. The chapter developed a series of maps and charts showing the races under contention, and how the U. S. House and Senate might split given likely outcomes. It used them to decorate a large multi-use room in the middle of the library. The night of the election, the chapter set up feeds from several television channels (and of course lots of food including red, white and blue cookies and cupcakes). Students were able to drop by all evening to see what was going on in local, state, and national races. The chapter even had a new freshman from Istanbul, Turkey, who came and stayed for quite a while. - This student was very interested to see the much different process of elections in action in the United States.
SUMMER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY

There are still positions available for the Rutherford Institute's Summer Internship Program for law students, which runs from June 4 - to July 27. This will be the 29th year for the internship program (also the Rutherford Institute's 30th anniversary), and it is looking forward to welcoming some outstanding students—as well as outstanding speakers—to the program.

The Rutherford Institute’s Summer Internship Program offers law students and undergraduates the unique opportunity to learn practical legal skills, while developing a critical understanding of constitutional law. The Summer Internship Program, open to qualified law students and undergraduates interested in receiving a grounding in critical areas of law impacting civil liberties and religious freedom, has attracted top students from law schools across the country and abroad. The program’s intensive lectures and course work are coupled with practical assignments related to the ongoing work of the Rutherford Institute. Many students have made contacts through the intern program that proved to be beneficial in developing career opportunities. Former interns now serve in nationally recognized law firms, as clerks for federal and state judges, and in leadership roles with various civil-liberties groups, including the Rutherford Institute.

First-, second-, and third-year law students are encouraged to apply. Undergraduate students are also welcome to apply. Please send a résumé and writing samples to: internships@rutherford.org.

Read more about TRI's Summer Intern Program at https://www.rutherford.org/internships/

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INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Pi Gamma Mu has a special category of membership: the International Affiliate Membership. Please think about the international students and visiting faculty on your campus who might fit into this category, and consider the benefits of choosing them for this special membership.

The purposes of International Affiliate Membership are to introduce international visitors to Pi Gamma Mu, individuals who generally are not eligible for full membership because of their brief tenure on a campus; to encourage the international dimension of Pi Gamma Mu by bringing into greater contact our international guests with Pi Gamma Mu, to enable them to provide information to colleagues abroad about Pi Gamma Mu; and to become a nucleus for foreign chapter development. Therefore, the membership criteria are flexible.

Criteria for membership: Students, professors, administrators, and distinguished guests from other nations who have an interest in the social sciences.

Benefits:

1. A certificate issued by International Headquarters in recognition of International Affiliate Member status (not the full membership certificate).
2. A Pi Gamma Mu key.
3. A one-year subscription to the International Social Science Review.
4. The privilege of participating in local chapter activities, except for serving as an officer.

Cost: $20 to be sent by the chapter to international headquarters to cover the expenses of the publications, mailings, and key.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Dr. Stephen Medvec, chapter sponsor of the Pennsylvania Alpha Nu chapter at Holy Family University, will hold the rank of full professor of political science when the 2012-2013 school year begins. Sister Francesca Onley, university president, announced Dr. Medvec's promotion in March.

Dr. John H. "Jack" Roper, chapter sponsor for the Virginia Delta chapter at Emory & Henry College, received the Excellence in Teaching Award for the second year. This award was voted on by the graduating seniors.

ROLLS ANNOUNCED

The Awards Committee of the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees announced the Roll of Distinction and Roll of Merit at the board’s annual meeting in October 2011.

The Rolls are the result of the decision by the Awards Committee on the basis of the annual reports filed by responsible chapter officers. Among the criteria reported are facts indicative of the activity and effectiveness of the chapter on its campus, as well as its efficiency of operation according to procedures suggested or required by Pi Gamma Mu's international board. This includes chapter organization and participation by faculty and students, election and initiation of members, and financial responsibility. Local initiative in developing new activities or methods of operation is especially noted. These lists are in alphabetical order.
ROLL OF MERIT

Maryland Gamma, Salisbury University, Clara Small
Maryland Theta, University of Maryland - University College, Katherine Humber
Massachusetts Delta, Wheelock College, Susan Antonelli
Missouri Omicron, Evangel University, Lew Hall
Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College, Jean Karlen, Randy Bertolas
Pennsylvania Kappa, Mansfield University, Janice Kay Purk

ROLL OF DISTINCTION

Delaware Beta, Wilmington University, Johanna Bishop
Florida Eta, University of South Florida, John Napora, Janet Monroe
Florida Theta, Barry University, Lisa Konczal
Georgia Kappa, North Georgia College & State University, Kathleen Dolan, Barry Friedman
North Carolina Lambda, Western Carolina University, Gordon Mercer
New York Tau, Pace University, Linda Quest
Ohio Eta, Kent State University, Will Kalkhoff
Texas Psi, Huston-Tillotson University, Michael Hirsch

STUDENT SHADOW PRESIDENT UPDATE

Another four is not guaranteed; Obama has his work cut out for him

We are four months into the year 2012, and it is time to weigh in on the activities of President Barack Obama. As we inch closer to the presidential campaign and election, it is going to be rather interesting to watch the moves of the president as he seeks another four years in the White House. There is a host of new issues that Mr. Obama has to confront.

President Obama’s health-care reform bill has met stark criticism and hangs in the balance. The Supreme Court has held several days of hearings on the president’s health-care reform measure, and many observers are speculating that the Supreme Court may well rule the central provision of health-care reform unconstitutional; that is the requirement mandating that all Americans purchase medical insurance or pay a penalty. On March 27, oral arguments suggested that, by a slim majority, the court would strike down the individual mandate as a violation of the U. S. Constitution’s provision that empowers the national government’s power to regulate interstate commerce. Currently, 15 percent of the United States economy is comprised of the health care industry. An error in Mr. Obama’s health-care reform was focusing on universal coverage rather than exorbitant health-care costs. Obama is viewed as being in favor of “expansive” governmental powers, which his Republican opposition will highlight in his reelection bid.

President Obama had a microphone slip-up during his March 26 trip to Russia that may present complications with his bid for reelection. Russia opposes the United States missile-defense system in Europe, which Russian leaders perceive as a threat to their country’s own deterrence. Obama could be overheard telling Dmitry Medvedev that, after he is reelected, he will have “flexibility” to hear Russia’s demands regarding the opposition to the United States missile-defense system planned for Europe. The president’s opponents have already begun to spin Obama as a “weak” leader willing to acquiesce relative to an international rival. Republicans will surely paint Obama as a weak leader who is a threat to national security interests, and who recklessly jeopardizes national security and relationships with key European allies by “kowtowing” to Russian demands. President Obama has to contend with rising racial animosities. The killing of black teenager Trayvon Martin by the son of a white retired Virginia state Supreme Court magistrate judge who was not arrested or charged, has sparked racial animosities and calls certain southern state laws into question relative to race and injustice. Another issue involving race is the issue of African American unemployment, an issue on which Obama has been criticized for a lack of concern and disconnection. President Obama must consider how he may have antagonized members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC). Last year President Obama responded to criticism from the CBC on African American unemployment by telling the members in a speech to “stop whining.” U. S. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) expressed CBC discontent by adding that Obama tells one of the most esteemed and recognized political bodies to “stop whining” on concerns of African American unemployment, yet he did not tell “homosexuals” to stop whining on the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy. Ms. Waters also mentioned that Obama would not dare tell Israel to “stop whining” on its concerns of Iran being a threat to its national security.

When Obama ran for president in 2008, his charisma, talk of change, and ethnicity factored heavily into his being elected as the first African American president. Upon his inauguration, many saw him as a two-term president. His current approval rating is 47.3 percent, while his disapproval rating is 47.9 percent. Reality sets in. President Obama has his work cut out for him in his reelection effort.

Dr. Matthew Anderson
Shadow President
OPPORTUNITY FOR GIVING

Pi Gamma Mu is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and able to accept tax-deductible donations. If you would like to make a donation to our organization in honor / memory of a professor, sponsor, relative, or friend, or to support our scholarship program, you can help us to strengthen our honor society. Pi Gamma Mu gives 10 scholarships to students going into a graduate program in social science each year. We encourage you to mail your donation to Pi Gamma Mu, 1001 Millington Street, Suite B, Winfield, KS 67156.

For more information, visit the Web page at http://www.pigammamu.org/donate.html.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The *International Social Science Review*, Pi Gamma Mu’s refereed journal, published on a semi-annual basis, invites submissions of manuscripts in history, political science, sociology, anthropology, economics, international relations, criminal justice, social work, psychology, social philosophy, history of education, and human/cultural geography.

Articles must be based on original research, well-written, and not longer than 20 pages in length (including notes/references and written in Times New Roman 12 font). Reference formatting and style must conform with the *Chicago Manual of Style*. Authors interested in publishing in the ISSR are asked to submit three hard copies and a Microsoft Word softcopy along with contact information (phone number, mailing address, and E-mail address) and a brief biography to Dean Fafoutis, Department of History, Salisbury University, 1101 Camden Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801.

Professor Fafoutis would like to receive students’ research papers for consideration. Professors, please consider having your students do a Point-Counterpoint article to submit for review. Previous Point-Counterpoint articles have had frequent requests for reprints by publishers of collected readings.

PI GAMMA MU ITEMS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

Headquarters is selling royal-blue Pi Gamma Mu sweatshirts in sizes M, L, XL, and XXL for $35. We have navy-blue polo shirts, embroidered with the Pi Gamma Mu key design in white, which are always a popular item. We have them in sizes M, L, XL, and XXL for $35. You can order your honor cords any time during the year. They can be worn at graduation, they can be draped around your Pi Gamma Mu membership certificate on the wall, or you can be creative--but be sure to order yours. There is an order form on the merchandise page at www.pigammamu.org. You can also call headquarters and purchase these items with a credit card, and they will be mailed to you immediately. If you would like more items with the Pi Gamma Mu logo, check out the selection from CafePress Storefront. Church Hill Classics offers beautiful Pi Gamma Mu frames that can turn your membership certificate into a spectacular work of art! Visit the Web page at http://www.pigammamu.org/church-hill-classics-store.html.

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.

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