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INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 2021 VIRTUAL TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Social Scientists: Leading the Way

Pi Gamma Mu is the oldest and preeminent interdisciplinary social science honor society. Its purpose is to award academic excellence and service. Started in 1924 by the Deans of Southwestern College and the College of William and Mary, its headquarters today are in Winfield, Kansas. Throughout its 97 years of existence, it has produced many well-known scholars, diplomats, political leaders, business leaders, and pioneering professionals.

Over the last several decades, members of the prestigious Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society have attended the Triennial Convention in various cities across the United States. Students in chapters of this organization have waited for this convention for the opportunity to present papers and posters, hear notable speakers, and meet other honor students from colleges and universities nationwide. This year will be no different but with the continuing issues with the COVID pandemic, and decreasing revenue available for student travel, this year's convention will be held virtually. Dr. Suzanne Rupp, executive director of the society is enthusiastic about the shift in



offering the convention. "The board of trustees is excited to be offering the convention online this year so that more chapters can participate. Having a virtual convention is very affordable for the students and we expect that more Pi Gamma Mu members will be able to attend".

The virtual event will be offered from Wednesday, November 3rd through Saturday, November 6th. The keystone of the convention is student paper presentations in which selected students will present their research to convention attendees. Webinars and zoom sessions will highlight speakers in our Leadership Program and awards will honor students and chapters who have excelled in academics and service to their communities. We will also recognize historical and current Pi Gamma Mu members who have demonstrated excellence in their field. Dr. Clara Small, Professor Emerita Salisbury University, Pi Gamma Mu board member, and author of several African American history texts, presented at the 2017 convention. We are proud to bring such impressive speakers to our conventions for students and faculty. Pi Gamma Mu has an illustrious history of members who include such famous leaders as U.S. Admiral Richard E. Byrd and U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Another feature of the Convention is the popular Leadership Development Program, a series started at the last convention in Kansas City, MO. Under the direction of professor and board member, Allison G. S. Knox, the 7-hour event will feature segmented sessions on Leadership in Literature, featuring what has been written about leadership as a social science, Leadership in Special Circumstances, focusing on the skills needed by leaders in emergency or dangerous situations, and Leadership in Academia, addressing management issues in education as well as how to write effectively as a leader. Information on how to successfully publish your work will be important for students who are in or are heading to, graduate school. Students will finish the Leadership Program with a presentation and virtual field trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Leadership speakers include a program administrator, an emergency manager, a college dean, a journal editor, and experts from the Marine Museum on leadership in military combat. Certificates of completion will be awarded to all students who attend and finish the assignments.

Dr. Susan Kinsella, convention committee chairperson indicates, "the convention is open to all Pi Gamma Mu members, undergraduate and graduate. It is chock-full of surprises with a social networking event and webinars and interactive sessions through Zoom, allowing students to socially network with other chapters in attendance and learn what service projects they are engaged in, especially during this time of COVID". Service is part of the mission of Pi Gamma Mu and projects during the convention allow students to participate in assisting non-profit organizations with needed supplies and resources. Over the years students have collected and donated stuffed animals to a children's residential home, sent books to military veterans, and provided toiletries to the homeless. This year an online project will allow students to participate in another service project.

If you have never presented a paper in your discipline, attended a leadership program, visited the National Museum of the Marine Corps, or listened to an address by a leading authority in the social sciences, then this is the year to advance in your discipline. You can begin to network with other professionals in your area and find out what careers await you with your degree. There are also opportunities to be a part of the student caucus if you want to run for a student seat on the board of trustees for Pi Gamma Mu. We encourage students to come meet other honor students from around the country, and for faculty to meet other chapter sponsors and share their ideas of the activities conducted on their campuses. The Pi Gamma Mu 2021 Convention promises to be a worthwhile scholarly event and we will look forward to meeting everyone there. Pi Gamma Mu conventions are open to all members of Pi Gamma Mu. Visit pigammamu.org/convention-2021 for more information.

2021 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Join us for the second Leadership Development Program during the 2021 Virtual Triennial International Convention! Program participants will learn about leadership in a variety of different contexts to include leadership in academia, stressful environments, non-profit organizations, public policy and in the United States Marine Corps. The virtual event will consist of webinars, lectures, and a unique online experience with the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia. While the program is tailored for undergraduate students, graduate students are welcome to attend. Students will earn a certificate of completion for their resume upon the conclusion of the program.



2017 Leadership Development Program Participants attend a decision-making simulation at the Truman Presidential Library's White House Decision Center in Independence, MO.

Participants must be Convention participants (convention registration is \$60.00) and Pi Gamma Mu members. Registration is \$40.00 and must be submitted by October 8, 2021.

Some funding is available for students to attend the program. Interested Pi Gamma Mu members must submit the Leadership Development Program Grant Application by **June 1, 2021** to be considered.

Questions about the program should be directed to Allison G. S. Knox, Chair of the Leadership Development Program: Allison_G.S._Knox@hotmail.com.

PI GAMMA MU STATEMENT

In light of recent events affecting Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander communities, Pi Gamma Mu issues the following statement:

STATEMENT AGAINST HATE CRIMES AND RACISM AFFECTING ASIAN, ASIAN AMERICAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER (AAPI) COMMUNITIES

Pi Gamma Mu condemns the ongoing and intensifying racism and subsequent hate crimes we have witnessed against the Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. The AAPI community has long been scapegoated and marginalized in the wake of toxic fearmongering. Racism and hate crimes have no place in a progressive, civilized society.

Social justice and the respect for diversity are cornerstones of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences. It is vital that we speak out against the dramatic rise in racist and xenophobic violence directed against the AAPI community. As social scientists, we believe that all people should be treated with dignity and respect. We stand in solidarity with all who are the victims of violence, discrimination, and racism.

To the AAPI community: we see you. We acknowledge the trauma and pain that accompanies oppression in all its forms. We pledge to work with vigilance towards the eradication of systemic racism.

Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences

CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS - 2021 Pi Gamma Mu Convention

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES (March 29, 2021)

Pi Gamma Mu was forced to postpone its 2020 Triennial International Convention for one year by the global viral pandemic. The 2021 Triennial convention will thus take place in early November of this year (November 3-6, 2021), **but** it will be a virtual convention. The convention will have most of the features of in-person triennial conventions, with some extra features, and will be much more affordable. Student members are encouraged to submit completed social science research papers for presentation consideration at the 2021 Convention.

The final paper submission deadline is Friday, October 8, 2021. Submitters will be advised within two weeks whether or not their paper have been accepted. All accepted papers will then be ranked by the Committee of Readers. The top fifteen papers will receive free conference registration. The top ten rated papers will receive publication consideration in the International Social Science Review (ISSR). Early submissions are strongly encouraged.

All submissions must include a completed cover page (see example below), including the title of the paper, the author's name, institutional affiliation, email address, telephone number, <u>AND</u> the email address and phone number of their Pi Gamma Mu chapter sponsor *AND/OR* the professor for whom the paper was originally written. Students are to include their personal information *only* on the cover page and the email



Student presenters pose at the podium at the 2011 Triennial Internatioanl Convention. The highlight of the Convention was the day-long presentation of 40 members' research findings, which took place in the ornate Kennedy Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building, located across from the U. S. Capitol on the northern side of Constitution Avenue in Washington, DC.

sent with their entry, to ensure a completely blind or unbiased evaluation when the paper is sent to the evaluation committee. The paper itself must include none of the identifying information from the cover page other than the title of the paper. Completed papers should be at least 12 pages but no longer than 30 pages in length, including endnotes and references; double-spaced in Times New Roman 12 font. No review comments will be shared with submitters, either verbally or orally, prior to the submission deadline. Authors are reminded that their paper is being submitted for viewing by an audience of scholars in a number of social science disciplines, and that if their paper was originally written for a specialized class it should now have language and terminology which could be understood by non-specialists in their discipline.

Papers need to be submitted via email to Dr. Charles W. Hartwig, Chair of the Committee of Readers, at *hartwigc@suddenlink.net*, with a "cc" copy to the Convention Committee Chair, Dr. Susan Kinsella, at *Susan.Kinsella@saintleo.edu*. The papers should be attached to an email cover letter as a Microsoft Word document. Other word-processing software is unacceptable. The *deadline* for submitting papers is Friday, October 8, 2021; earlier submissions are highly encouraged.

Submissions will be acknowledged by email when received. Chapter sponsors and/or the relevant faculty member will also receive notification. If a submission is not acknowledged within four days of being sent, the student submitter should follow up by contacting the Convention Committee Chair (Dr. Kinsella) at the email address above.

We are encouraging members of Pi Gamma Mu, undergraduate students, graduate students, and alumni alike, to submit their work. Past conventions have demonstrated that Pi Gamma Mu members have completed truly outstanding research – we look forward to learning about new research.

Now is the time to decide to submit a research paper.

Questions? Contact Dr. Hartwig at hartwigc@suddenlink.net, or 870-935-9454.

CALL FOR VIRTUAL POSTERS

The 2021 Student and Chapter Virtual Poster Session will be held during the 2021 Virtual Triennial International Convention this November 3-6. Detailed guidelines and information on how to submit a "virtual" poster, along with session logistics (date, time, web address), will be sent for all accepted posters at a later date. Poster proposals are being accepted now.

Purpose: The Poster Session is designed to both feature student work in the Social Sciences and highlight the history/activities of a Pi Gamma Mu chapters. Virtual posters are exhibits of materials that report academic work or chapter activities in visual and summary form.

Student Posters: Students experience and study the Social Sciences in many ways. This session is designed to feature the variety of these experiences, disciplines, and studies. Posters may present completed original research and data collection, projects and papers which may be "in progress", theoretical works and applications, studies of public policy, and summaries of applied experiences such as service-learning projects or internship experiences. In addition, posters provide a means for students to present group projects as well as those of individuals.

Chapter Posters: Pi Gamma Mu is also interested in posters from Pi Gamma Mu Chapters. Chapter posters can exemplify the diverse strengths of our chapters and share ideas regarding a wide range of chapter-related activities including an overview of a year's activities, a chapter's history, service projects, initiations, programming, or recruitment strategies.



2017 Convention attendees enjoy presentations during the Student Poster Session.

Expectations of Poster Presenters: Students must be members of Pi Gamma Mu and register for the convention in order to participate. Poster proposals can be submitted before registering for the convention and proposals are being accepted now.

NOTE: Once reviewed and accepted, the presenters/chapters will be notified of their acceptance. This process may help the chapter in seeking institutional funding for the presenters. Thus, members are encouraged to develop their poster ideas now and submit poster proposals this spring or early in the summer.

Poster Proposal Submissions should include the following information:

- POSTER TITLE
- **PRESENTERS:** Please provide names and email addresses for all student and faculty presenters, if possible. At a minimum, each poster submission must have the name and contact information of one individual who will serve as the key contact for the session.
- CHAPTER and FACULTY SPONSOR: Provide the chapter name, institutional affiliation, address, name, and contact information (email and phone number) of a faculty sponsor.
- ABSTRACT: A summary of the virtual poster's content in 150 words or less.

Format: Detailed guidelines and information on how to submit a "virtual" poster along with session logistics (date, time, website link) will be sent for all accepted posters at a later date.

Submission Information: Poster proposals are welcome anytime. Deadline to be announced at a later date.

Send poster proposal submissions directly to Dr. Brad Tennant (brad.tennant@presentation.edu). Contact Dr. Tennant with any questions you may have.

SPRING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - Online System Now Available

We wish to thank our Chapter Faculty Sponsors for their volunteerism and support, especially during this difficult time of COVID-19. We understand that this is a challenging time for students and faculty alike and we hope that you remain safe and well. Here at Pi Gamma Mu, we continue our work to support our chapters and members and are here to help. Please take time this semester to recognize your top social science students by providing them with an invitation to join Pi Gamma Mu. An invitation means more now than ever given all the losses students have faced due to COVID-19. Additionally, it is the lifetime membership fees collected by Chapter Faculty Sponsors that allows Pi Gamma Mu to operate and to provide services to its members such as scholarships, a professional journal, conventions, presentation opportunities, and more. The fees also allow the Society to maintain fiscal stability and prepare for a strong future. We thank the Chapter Faculty Sponsors for this important work!

In response to the increased need for online solutions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pi Gamma Mu is now accepting online payments for memberships. Your students are now be able to pay their \$50 lifetime membership fee online, directly to our office, using any credit card accepted by PayPal. Chapter sponsors are no longer required to collect the lifetime membership fees; students can pay them directly, online!

If you prefer to collect and mail in the payments and registration forms, we will happily continue to accept memberships through the mail. Chapters are not required to use the new online payment/registration system. Sending in paper application forms/lists with a check is still acceptable.

We hope that you will strive to make both your chapter and Pi Gamma Mu stronger by inviting **all eligible students** to join. Remember that students may now qualify as second-semester sophomores and that Pi Gamma Mu is interdisciplinary in nature. We encourage your chapter to include all eligible disciplines: anthropology, criminal justice, economics, geography - human, gerontology, history, history of education, human services, international relations, political science, psychology, social philosophy, sociology, social work, as well as related interdisciplinary programs anchored in the Social Sciences, particularly those that focus on age, environment, ethnicity, gender, race, and regional studies. In addition to undergraduate members, don't forget to invite eligible graduate students, faculty, and professional staff.

Please contact our office if you any assistance with your chapter's membership drive or any other matter.

Thank you!

2019-2020 CHAPTER HONOR ROLLS ANNOUNCED

Each year, the Pi Gamma Mu International Board of Trustees recognizes Pi Gamma Mu's most active chapters by placing them on the annual Roll of Distinction (the highest award for chapters) and Roll of Merit.

The Rolls are the result of the Awards Committee's evaluation of the annual reports filed by 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 the international board of trustees. This includes chapter organization and participation by faculty members and students, election and initiation of members, and financial responsibility. Local initiatives in developing new activities or methods of operation are considered.

Roll of Distinction

American Military University & American Public University (West Virginia Iota), Allison G.S. Knox

Grambling State University (Louisiana Eta), Dr. Frances Staten

Newman University (Kansas Theta), Dr. Larry Heck

Pace University (New York Tau), Dr. Linda Quest & Dr. Kevin Schaefer

Saint Leo University (Florida Lambda), Dr. Susan Kinsella

University of Maryland Global Campus (Maryland Theta), Prof. Katherine Im

University of the Philippines (Philippines Alpha), Dr. Elisio A. De Guzman

Wayne State College (Nebraska Delta), Dr. Randy Bertolas & Dr. Jean Karlen

Roll of Merit

Brewton-Parker College (Georgia Xi), Dr. Vance Rhodes

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (Massachusetts Zeta), Dr. Ingrid Castro

Presentation College (South Dakota Zeta), Dr. Brad Tennant

Shorter University (Georgia Epsilon), Dr. Jaren Linebach

Southwestern College (Kansas Alpha), Dr. Cheryl Rude

PI GAMMA MU LIFETIME MEMBER APPRECIATES ACHS-CERTIFIED STATUS



When Chera P. applied for membership in Presentation College's South Dakota Zeta Chapter, she felt that her academic success not only reflected her determination as a student but also for her career aspirations. Chera, who is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, commented that she wanted "not only her advisors but future employers to know that I gave it all I had to make good grades." Of course, the recognition of being inducted into Pi Gamma Mu meant that she would also be able to wear the honor cords and stole, but then the pandemic hit, and her graduation became a remote virtual affair. Still, there was the satisfaction of being recognized for her academic success in the variety of social science courses she took on her way to earning her baccalaureate degree in nursing.

The invitation to join Pi Gamma Mu stated that "Pi Gamma Mu has been certified by the Association of College Honor Societies since 1953. In fact, the US Government's Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers incoming <u>federal employees a two level pay grade increase</u> for 'Superior Academic Achievement,' which can be obtained through membership in ACHS-certified honor societies such as Pi Gamma Mu." Little did she realize how important her lifetime membership would mean for her career.

During her job interview, the recruiter who reviewed her credentials brought her Pi Gamma Mu membership to her attention.

Since graduating with her BSN in August 2020, Chera, has been hired by the Indian Health Service, and she learned that, instead of beginning at a GS-5 category, she received a GS-7. Elated, Chera emailed Dr. Brad Tennant, the South Dakota Zeta Chapter faculty sponsor, and said, "Thank you for encouraging us to be part of the [Pi Gamma Mu] Honor Society!" Chera's advice to all students is to stay strong and do not give up. When she reflects on her induction into the South Dakota Zeta Chapter, she said that it was definitely worth it and now realizes the significance of Pi Gamma Mu being ACHS-certified.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIRTUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES

Because the 2021 Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention will be held virtually, this is the most affordable time to attend a Pi Gamma Mu convention. Without the costs of flights and hotels, now is the perfect time to attend a Pi Gamma Mu Convention for a small registration fee. This virtual convention will include the same key features as all Pi Gamma Mu conventions, including student paper presentations, an optional student Leadership Development Program, a keynote speaker, roundtable discussions, student elections to the Board of Trustees, networking opportunities, and more!

If you are seeking funding to help cover the cost of the registration fee, consider these options:

- 1. **Paper Submissions/Leadership Program.** Read up on the opportunities available for Pi Gamma Mu students. A few students will have their papers selected for presentation, and there are some funding opportunities through the Student Leadership Program. For more information, please visit http://pigammamu.org/convention-2021.html
- 2. Ask your Pi Gamma Mu chapter sponsor. Chapters that will be in attendance at the Convention sometimes have funds available.
- 3. Ask your professors. Sometimes departments have some funds built into their budgets to help students attend conferences.
- 4. **Contact the Student Affairs Department at your university.** Sometimes the Student Affairs Department (or a similar department) at your university has funds available for student conference attendance.

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

NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT - FEATURING WAYNE STATE COLLEGE, NEBRASKA

Please join Wayne State College and other chapters in the Pi Gamma Mu National Service Project!

Chapters are working together to support veterans, the homeless, and animals in animal shelters. Chapters may choose to do one, two, or all three components of the service project.

Descriptions of the national service project are listed below. If you have any questions, please contact Allison G. S. Knox, Chancellor of the Southeast Region and point of contact for the Pi Gamma Mu Service Project initiative. allison_g.s._knox@hotmail.com. Chapters are encouraged to email photos and descriptions of their participation in the National Service Project to suzannerupp@pigammamu.org for inclusion in a future issue of the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter.

Homeless Box Drive - chapters contact an organization in support of the homeless and put together a donation box full of supplies the organization can use. The supplies are donated to an organization in support of the homeless from September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Veterans - chapters contact a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital and collect toiletries and soft cover books in support of the veterans. Supplies are donated to a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital from September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Animals - chapters will contact an animal shelter in their area and will put together a donation box full of supplies the organization can use. The supplies are donated to an animal shelter from September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

The **Nebraska Delta Chapter** at **Wayne State College** participated in the national service project this spring. The chapter accepted donated items for the Norfolk Rescue Mission, in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Through March 31, the chapter collected the following donated items for the project. The photo shows some of the items donated. Cash donations were also accepted and were delivered to the Mission along with donated items.

- Coffee and coffee creamer in containers
- Razors, shaving cream, men's deodorant
- Large tinfoil pans (bigger than 9x13) for making lasagna
- Drink mixes: tea, lemonade, Kool-Aid, etc.
- Sugar or brown sugar (any size bag)
- Non-stick cooking spray

Dr. Randy Bertolas, Professor and Chair of the History, Politics, and Geography Department, and Dr. Jean Karlen, Professor Emerita and Service Learning Consultant, are the chapter co-sponsors.



2020 CONVENTION - TOP 10 STUDENT PAPERS ANNOUNCED

Even though Pi Gamma Mu was forced to postpone its 2020 Triennial International Convention for one year due to COVID-19, the Society still held a Call for Student Papers in 2020. Despite many challenges, Pi Gamma Mu's Committee of Readers remained dedicated to providing this important opportunity to students. Dr. Charles Hartwig, Chair of the Committee of Readers and Regional Chancellor on the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees championed this important project on behalf of the members of Pi Gamma Mu.

In 2020, all accepted papers were ranked by the Committee of Readers. The top ten rated papers are receiving consideration for publication in the *International Social Science Review* (ISSR), <u>and</u> if published, will be accepted for oral presentation at the 2021 Triennial International Convention which will be held virtually on November 3-6, 2021.

Presenting one's research can help jump-start a student's desire to pursue a graduate degree and can provide a boost for a resume or graduate school application. By design, Pi Gamma Mu conventions are student oriented. Students establish bonds with other students from colleges and universities all over the United States and other countries as well. Past conventions have demonstrated that Pi Gamma Mu members complete truly outstanding research and 2020 was no different.

Another call for papers will be held in advance of the 2021 virtual convention.

Pi Gamma Mu 2020 Convention - Student Research Paper Competition

Top Ten Papers

(listed in alphabetical order)

Age of the Alt-Right: New-Age Media and White Nationalism in Trump's America

Cagliuso, Dominique

Marymount Manhattan College, New York Alpha Epsilon Chapter

Glorious to Gruesome: Callot, Goya, Picasso, and the Art of War

Capers, Mary-James

Emmanuel College, Georgia Mu Chapter

COVID-19 and 9/11: The Effect of Emotion on Reflection and Partisanship During Crises

Curry, Jacqueline

Franklin and Marshall College, Pennsylvania Mu Chapter

Women in Literature: The Impact of Feminism on Fantasy Literature, 1950-1990

Dassler, Jessica M.

University of Maryland Global Campus, Maryland Theta Chapter

Kansas City or Bust: The Commission on Survey of the Educational Institute of the Methodist-Episcopal Church and the

Campaign to Relocate Baker University. 1927-1939

DeGreeff, Zac

Baker University, Kansas Eta Chapter

A Sustainable Future for Business and Leaders: ESI and Mindfulness Development

Dupré, Juliette

The New School, New York

Pilot Study Examining the Impact of Acculturation on Refugees' Healthcare Satisfaction

George, Saliyah J.

Franklin & Marshall College, Pennsylvania Mu Chapter

Parenting and the Development of Social Competence in Early Childhood

Karam, Meredith

Catholic University of America, District of Columbia Alpha Chapter

A Study of Recidivism Among Online Sexual Predators

Kolodner, Hannah

Catholic University of America, District of Columbia Alpha Chapter

The Impact of Tourism on Cultural Identity in Peru

Tavarez, Lia

Franklin and Marshall College, Pennsylvania Mu Chapter

PI GAMMA MU ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

The Pi Gamma Mu Alumni Council congratulates all Pi Gamma Mu members on their accomplishments. The Council encourages alumni members to email their educational and career updates to executivedirector@pigammamu.org with the subject line "Alumni Spotlight" for inclusion in a future issue of the *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter*.

Since becoming a Pi gamma Mu member in 2015, Bianca Valdez has obtained her master's degree in Digital Forensics and Cyber Investigation. She has followed her passion for protecting digital assets and was published on one of her favorite topics – forensics.

Valdez, Bianca (2018) "Spotlight on a Discipline: Forensics," *International Social Science Review:* Vol. 94: Iss. 2., Article 18. Available at:

https://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr/vol94/iss2/18

She is a member of groups including Women's Leadership Development (WLD) and IT Women seeking to continually build the community while encouraging others. When she isn't working, you'll find Bianca in the kitchen tying out new dishes.



CLARA SMALL PUBLISHES THIRD VOLUME OF ACCLAIMED BOOK ON THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICANS FROM THE DELMARVA PENINSULA

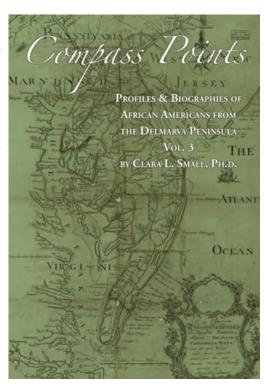
Dr. Clara Small, Second Vice President of the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees and Professor Emerita at Salisbury University, profiles 65 notable African Americans in the third volume of her series, *Compass Points: Profiles and Biographies of African Americans From the Delmarva Peninsula.* The book includes brief biographies of well-known, and not-so-well known, but impactful, African Americans from the region.

From the publisher:

Did vou know...

- ... former President Obama's Secret Service Agent and a Director of Safety for the NBA resided here?
- ... the Eastern Shore's only African American member of the VA House of Delegates during Reconstruction lived here?
- \dots 18 USCT veterans of the Civil War founded the only all-black village in the nation?
- ... the founder of Kwanzaa hailed from here?
- ... the first African American VP for Delmarva Power Bay Region calls Delmarva home?
- ... the first Black female Superintendent in the National Park Service resides here?
- ... one of the most prolific national seafood companies existed here?

If one would plot a compass on the Delmarva Peninsula and expand it to 60 or 90 degrees, one would cover the locations or sites where the most famous African Americans lived in this country's history. Names like Harriett Tubman and Frederick Douglass would rise in an instant, but there are many others to discover. In this collection, Dr. Clara Small explores and uncovers an incredible history about 65 African Americans who lived on the Delmarva Peninsula and who made a lasting impact on the people, communities, and cultural landscapes.



Compass Points Volume 3 is Small's sixth book. Her other works include Compass Points Volumes 1 and 2 as well as Reality Check: Brief Biographies of African Americans on Delmarva, released in 1998 and Men of Color to Arms! Manumitted Slaves and Free Blacks from the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland Who Served in the Civil War, co-authored with David Briddell and They Wore Blue and Their Hearts Were Loyal: The United States Colored Troops of Dorchester County, Maryland.

For details visit: https://www.saltwatermedia.com/shop/compass-points-volume-3

SHOW YOUR PI GAMMA MU PRIDE



Pi Gamma Mu's exclusive merchandise not only allows you to proudly display your achievement and affiliation with the society, but merchandise purchases also support the activities of Pi Gamma Mu and help us finance our programs and awards.

Show off your high academic achievement in the Social Sciences by wearing Pi Gamma Mu Honor Cords or a Stole or both to commencement! You may order your regalia as soon as you are a member of Pi Gamma Mu. Order online at https://pigammamu.org/store.html

Pi Gamma Mu stole. This white satin graduation stole is 76 inches in total length and has royal blue embroidery. On the left side are the Greek Letters and Society name and on the right is the Society's key. **\$24.**

Pi Gamma Mu Honor Cords. The Society's royal blue and white honor cords include four tassels in royal blue. **\$17.**

Buy a Pi Gamma Mu stole and honor cords bundle and save \$5! \$41 \$36

Only members of Pi Gamma Mu may wear this regalia.

Pi Gamma Mu Store

Other items include t-shirts, coffee mugs, bumper stickers, tote bags, wooden Greek letters, and more.





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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.

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.

Like us on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/PiGammaMuHonorSociety/

Follow us on Twitter - https://twitter.com/PiGammaMu1

Connect with us on LinkedIn - https://www.linkedin.com/in/pi-gamma-mu-international-honor-society-45733695/

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.

ACHS MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS THE LEGITIMACY OF HONOR SOCIETIES

Pi Gamma Mu is one of 69 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.achsnatl.org) for the list of honor societies that are members.



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.

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