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SPEAKER SERIES

Dr. Laura Rodriguez Kitkowski to Speak about Stress and Strategies for Coping with Stress

Pi Gamma Mu is pleased to announce that Dr. Laura Rodriguez-Kitkowski, of South University, will be the third speaker in its new online Speaker Series. The series spotlights the research interests and expertise of Pi Gamma Mu's chapter faculty sponsors and is free of charge.

On Friday, May 12, 2023, at 3 pm ET, Dr. Rodriguez-Kitkowski will speak about Stress and Strategies for Coping with Stress.

Dr. Laura Rodriguez-Kitkowski is a Professor for South University and previously taught at Wayne State University, Oakland University and Madonna University in Michigan. At South University, she is the Department Chair of Psychology managing students matriculating on ground and online across 10 campuses. She serves as the Institutional Review Board (IRB) Director of Compliance & Training for South University, the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Co-Director for South University, the Pi Gamma Mu Georgia Sigma Chapter Sponsor, and she is a member of the Advisory Board for Southern New Hampshire University. Originally from Texas and a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Psychology, Laura has lived in the Detroit Metropolitan area for more than 30 years where she has a private practice specializing in depression, suicide, bi-polar, dual diagnosis, substance abuse, eating disorders



and human sexuality treating children, adolescents and adults. She is a public speaker and presenter on a variety of wellness topics as well as a trainer throughout the United States on personal and professional development. Laura coordinated the 2-1-1 Initiative communications throughout the nation and Canada and continues with legislative efforts in a variety of counseling-related and wellness related initiatives. She has managed specialized programs in Elder Care, Child Care, Employment & Training and Employee Assistance. She is a Past-President of the Michigan Counseling Association (MCA), Past-President of Oakland Counseling Association (OCA) and Past-Chairman of the Board for The Information Center, Inc. She received both her Master of Arts and Doctorate of Philosophy in Counseling from Wayne State University. She is blessed with two wonderful sons, Michael Andrew & Johnathan Phillip, and her loving other half, John.

Visit <https://pigammamu.org/speaker-series.html> for updates and the meeting link.

CHAPTER NEWS

Virginia Nu Chapter Announces Inaugural Class at Virginia Commonwealth University

Courtesy of Virginia Commonwealth University

During the fall semester of 2022, Virginia Commonwealth University produced the second-highest number of new members in the honor society worldwide.

RICHMOND, VA – In the fall semester of 2022, the Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences accepted 87 new members, as part of the inaugural class of initiates from the

Virginia Nu Chapter at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). During this period, the Virginia Nu Chapter produced the second-highest number of new members in Pi Gamma Mu worldwide and the highest number from any chapter in Virginia.

In total, 16 social science disciplines are represented among this first group of initiates from VCU, either by academic major, minor, or graduate program: African American studies; anthropology; criminal justice; environmental studies; gender, sexuality and women's studies; gerontology; history; homeland security and emergency preparedness; international studies; political science; psychology; public administration; religious studies; social work; sociology; and urban and regional studies and planning.

Of the top five academic programs represented by these initiates, political science was the most popular field of study, having 34 members affiliated with the program followed by psychology (22), sociology (16), social work (13), and history (9). An initiation ceremony for the Virginia Nu Chapter's inaugural class of members is planned for April 2023.

"The Virginia Nu Chapter had one of the strongest launches in Pi Gamma Mu's 99-year history," said Suzanne M. Rupp, Psy.D., executive director of the Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences. "The Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees noticed the enthusiasm and ambition of the chapter sponsors when they applied for a charter and are so impressed with their success in the first year. Led by Dr. Deirdre M. Condit, organizers at VCU sought to establish a chapter of Pi Gamma Mu in order to provide its outstanding social science students with increased opportunities and recognition. They are off to a great start!"

"We are so delighted to see the chapter at Virginia Commonwealth University thriving," said Allison G. S. Knox, M.A., Pi Gamma Mu Southeast regional chancellor and member of the Board of Trustees. "It will be no time before VCU is one of the top Pi Gamma Mu chapters in the country!"

"It is exciting to be at the beginning of this ambitious effort to build a new legacy that will honor the talents and achievements of our current and future social science community at VCU," said Prof. Deirdre M. Condit, Ph.D., faculty sponsor of the Virginia Nu Chapter. "We are thrilled at how VCU social science students have responded to our first invitation to become Pi Gamma Mu initiates and hope the enthusiasm we have found thus far continues this spring and in the years to come. As the only international social science honor society, Pi Gamma Mu finally provides a way for students across the social sciences at our institution to receive the recognition they so richly deserve."

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About Pi Gamma Mu

Founded in 1924, Pi Gamma Mu is the oldest and preeminent interdisciplinary social science

honor society. The mission of Pi Gamma Mu is to encourage and promote excellence in the social sciences and to uphold and nurture scholarship, leadership, and service. Pi Gamma Mu serves the various social science disciplines, which seek to understand and explain human behavior and social relationships, as well as their related problems and issues. Pi Gamma Mu is a non-profit organization approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charity. Since 1953, Pi Gamma Mu has been certified by the Association of College Honor Societies. There are approximately 150 active chapters of Pi Gamma Mu operating in the United States and overseas.

Pi Gamma Mu defines the social sciences to include those disciplines, which emphasize the scientific study of human societies and social relationships, as well as related interdisciplinary programs anchored in the social sciences, particularly those that focus on age, environment, ethnicity, gender, race, and regional studies.



About the Virginia Nu Chapter

The formation of Pi Gamma Mu chapter at VCU began as a university service project initiated by the VCU Alumni Political Science Caucus. In the spring of 2022, organizers at VCU submitted a chapter application to Pi Gamma Mu, which included detailed information regarding university accreditation, social science programs, student enrollment data, faculty credentials, scholastic resources, and research opportunities, as well as a letter of support from Jennifer R. Malat, Ph.D., then serving as dean of the College of Humanities and Sciences. (Dr. Malat is currently the associate vice president of development with the VCU Office of Development and Alumni Relations.)

In the summer of 2022, a representative from Pi Gamma Mu conducted a virtual site visit and interview with the organizers at VCU. On August 23, 2022, the Virginia Nu Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu was officially chartered at Virginia Commonwealth University. Virginia Nu is the 489th chapter of the Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences.

The chapter's faculty sponsor is Deirdre M. Condit, Ph.D., associate professor of political science and former associate dean for faculty affairs in the College of Humanities and Sciences. This year marks Prof. Condit's 30th anniversary of teaching at VCU.

About VCU

VCU was founded in 1838 as the medical department of Hampden-Sydney College, becoming the Medical College of Virginia in 1854. In 1968, the General Assembly merged MCV with the Richmond Professional Institute, founded in 1917, to create Virginia Commonwealth University.

Today, VCU offers comprehensive undergraduate, master's, doctoral, and professional programs and encompasses one of the largest academic health centers in the nation. With \$363 million in externally funded research awards for the 2021 fiscal year, VCU is one of only 67 universities nationwide classified by the Carnegie Foundation as an "R1 Doctoral University – Highest Research Activity," the foundation's highest ranking, as well as its prestigious "Community Engagement" status.

VCU enrolls more than 28,000 students in more than 200 degree and certificate programs in the arts, sciences, and humanities. Twenty-nine of the programs are unique in Virginia, many of them crossing the disciplines of VCU's 11 schools and five colleges. VCU has a full-time instructional faculty of more than 2,100 who are nationally and internationally recognized for excellence in the arts, business, education, engineering, the humanities, the life sciences, social work and all the health care professions. With more than 23,000 employees, VCU and VCU Health also have a significant impact on Central Virginia's economy.

Appendix: Pi Gamma Mu Virginia Nu Chapter Membership Statistics, Fall 2022

The statistics listed below were compiled from information provided by members of the Virginia Nu Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, who were accepted in the fall semester of 2022.

Gender Identity

Women: 65 (74.71%)
Men: 11 (12.64%)
Nonbinary: 11 (12.64%)

Classes of Membership

Faculty: 01 (1.15%)
Professional Staff: 01 (1.15%)
Undergraduate Students: 65 (74.71%)
 Seniors: 44
 Juniors: 18
 Sophomores: 03
 Majors: 42
 Double Majors: 18
 Triple Majors: 01
 Dual Degree: 03
 Second Baccalaureate Degree: 01
Graduate Students: 20 (22.99%)
 Master's Degree: 12
 Doctoral Degree: 08

Top 5 Academic Programs Represented*

Political Science: 34
Psychology: 22
Sociology: 16
Social Work: 13
History: 09

*Note: Certain students have been counted more than once in this category. For example, a student majoring in one social science discipline and minoring in a separate social science discipline would be counted twice, once for each program. Other examples include, but are not limited to, students pursuing double majors, triple majors, dual degrees, and double minors.

CHAPTER NEWS

Newman University Plans a Week in Celebration of the Kansas Theta Chapter's 50th Anniversary

Courtesy of Newman University



Members of the Kansas Theta Chapter at Newman University participate in a service project for the Open Door Food Ministry.

At Newman University, there's an entire week dedicated to celebrating the 50-year anniversary of the Kansas Theta Chapter of [Pi Gamma Mu](#), an honor society for social sciences.



While the Kansas Theta Chapter celebrates 50 years, Pi Gamma Mu itself is one year away from celebrating its 100th anniversary. The honor society is 200 chapters strong across the U.S.

Vianey Rivera, president of Newman Pi Gamma Mu, said she is thrilled to bring recognition and appreciation to the honor society.

"It is an honor to be able to incorporate Newman University traditions such as Jet Fridays and medallion hunts during our week," she said. "What I am looking most forward to is the service project that will be held the Friday of Pi Gamma Mu week. This is where students will be able to see and get a feel of what Pi Gamma Mu is all about."

From March 20-24, Newman students, staff and faculty can expect multiple on-campus events and activities to celebrate 50 years of Pi Gamma Mu.

THE INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

Pi Gamma Mu

MARCH 20-24

CELEBRATES THE CHAPTER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

MONDAY-FRIDAY, MARCH 20-24

- Campus-Wide Medallion Hunt
(co-sponsored by Mo Floyd, of Campus Security)

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

- Alumni Speaker: "Working with Troubled Youth"
by Sara Avelar, KS Dept. of Children & Families
7pm, Eck 118—open to everyone

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

- Jet Friday (Sponsored by Pi Gamma Mu)
8:30am, Fugate Student Center
- Tree Branch Removal Service Project
1-6pm, Arthur B. Sim Golf Course
(co-sponsored by Circle K International)

Monday, March 20

- A medallion scavenger hunt begins on campus. The Newman student who finds the hidden medallion and returns it to [Director of Security Morris "Mo" Floyd](#) will receive a prize courtesy of Pi Gamma Mu.

Thursday, March 23

- **7 p.m.** – [Sara \(Zogleman\) Avelar '21, '22](#) of the Kansas Department for Children and Families presents "Working with Troubled Youth" in Eck Hall, room 118.

Friday, March 24

- **8:30 a.m.** – Jet Friday donuts are sponsored by Pi Gamma Mu in the Fugate Student Center.
- **1-6 p.m. (come and go)** – A tree branch removal service project will take place off campus at the Arthur B. Sim Golf Course, 2020 W Murdock St. This event is co-sponsored by Newman [Circle K International \(CKI\)](#) and Kansas Theta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu. Those interested in participating can email CKI president Ashley Dinh at dinh563445@newmanu.edu.



Members of Pi Gamma Mu host a bake sale in the Bishop Gerber Science Center in 2017.

[Elizabeth Raehpour](#), vice president of Pi Gamma Mu, said "Participating in Pi Gamma Mu week is a simple and easy way to get better involved in our community and connect with some of the organizations we work with. For social work students especially, this week should involve activities that interest them."



Professor Emeritus Larry Heck, chapter cosponsor of Kansas Theta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu

Professor Emeritus Larry Heck began his role at Newman in 1974, just one year after the Kansas Theta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu was chartered. He jumped at the opportunity to serve as the chapter sponsor when he was approached and has never looked back.

"I really believe in honor societies and when I finally got an invitation to join one, I thought 'Wow,'" Heck said. "In that spirit of appreciation, I have been a sponsor to try and pass that appreciation on to our excellent students."

Rivera said she was inspired by Heck, former classmates, Newman's mission and the mission of Pi Gamma Mu to become a member. "

As a student at Newman, most of what I chose to participate in — through acts of service — made me a better version of myself," Rivera said.



Heck (second from left) shows off books donated to United Way on behalf of Pi Gamma Mu's book drive.

Being a part of Pi Gamma Mu meant Rivera could help other students feel the same way about their own efforts.

"As students of Newman we are called to help others and transform society," said [Kelly Mai '22](#), an officer of Pi Gamma Mu. "And through these events, we are able to live out what St. Newman wanted us to do as a university. It's important for us to continue to keep Pi Gamma Mu's presence alive on campus and I'm glad other student organizations are helping with it."

'Where we've been, where we're going'

Heck explained that almost every discipline has an honor society, but Pi Gamma Mu is unique for its interdisciplinary nature.

"We have lots of [history](#), [sociology](#) and [psychology](#) majors, but by being interdisciplinary, it's a way to honor and recognize many students across the disciplines," he said.

In 50 years of Pi Gamma Mu at Newman, the honor society has hosted a variety of events, from pig roasts during the [Renaissance Faire](#) and "Book and Bake" sales to campus-wide service projects and sweatshirt sales.



Sister Charlotte Rohrbach, former Pi Gamma Mu sponsor, helps prepare the pig roast during a Newman Renaissance Faire in the early 90s. (Courtesy photo)

"There are three big pillars to Pi Gamma Mu mission: academic excellence, service and leadership," Heck said. "We've always tried to do service projects through the years and are excited to target the week of March 20-24 for more events to celebrate Pi Gamma Mu."

"I love seeing where we've been and where we're going," Heck added with a smile.

UPDATE YOUR CHAPTER'S HISTORY IN TIME FOR PI GAMMA MU'S 100th ANNIVERSARY – GRANTS AVAILABLE

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HISTORY AND TRADITIONS OF YOUR PI GAMMA MU CHAPTER?

Some chapters have traditions that span the whole of the organization's existence while others have only been recently chartered. But whether yours is an older chapter or a recent one, preserving and recording for posterity that history and those traditions is important.

The Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees created Chapter Heritage Grant to encourage chapters to explore and record their histories. Recipient chapters will receive \$300 to support the research costs necessary to bring these heritage projects to fruition. All chapters are encouraged to apply. There is no deadline; however, funds are limited, and awards are granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Awardees are expected to produce a deliverable (e.g., book, journal article, website) that will be shared with Pi Gamma Mu. Evidence of this work must be submitted to Pi Gamma Mu within 6 months of receiving funds.

Recipients of the heritage grant must wait 10 years before applying again.

Documenting Chapter History

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 eager to collect and preserve 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 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.

Getting Started As chapters learn more information about their PGM histories, there are numerous approaches that can be taken when it comes to sharing their stories. The list below identifies a number of themes and topics which provide choices for organizing materials. Depending on the chapter history as a chapter, some themes/topics are likely more relevant to some chapters more than others.

First steps should likely include some general information about the chapter, for example, when was chapter started, who were the firsts officers, sponsors, chapter's official designation, and gaps in when chapter may have been inactive. Much of this data is available from Headquarters so that may be your first place to start. A basic timeline containing important dates, names, activities might also be useful.

BASIC CHAPTER INFORMATION:

- Current date/year
- Name and contact information for person "in charge" of project
- Official Name of Chapter
- Name of Institution (a bit of history on the institution might be helpful)
- Date/Year Chapter was/has been active and/or inactive
- Average Number of inductees...
- Lists of Advisors, student officers (create short bios and/or special notes)

POTENTIAL THEMES/TOPICS TO EXPLORE:

- Chapter organization and changes over the years
- Participation in national triennial conventions, # of attendees, student presenters....
- Speakers and panels sponsored
- Community and campus activities
- Special chapter milestones/highlights (ex. anniversaries of chapter or chapter sponsor)
- Chapter traditions – initiations, meeting components, banquets
- Membership on PGM's Rolls or Merit
- Fundraising projects/events
- Prominent Alumni (include shot bio)
- General history summaries of various time periods (could relate to years, various advisors....)

In general, try to provide readers with a "sense of the chapter" over time.

POTENTIAL SOURCES/RESOURCES

- PGM's Website and local websites
- PGM's Newsletter
- College/university yearbooks, newspapers
- Minutes of Meetings
- Scrapbooks, pictures
- Annual reports (Check with the Executive Office)

For a sample chapter history, check the "Negotiating Between Antecedents, Precedents, and Innovations: The Pi Gamma Mu Story at Penn" by Roger Lee Mendoza (<https://pennpgm.webs.com/ourpennchapter.htm>).

TO APPLY

Applications may be completed using the online form, or the application may be downloaded and sent to Pi Gamma Mu Headquarters by mail or email (see below).

Completed applications will be reviewed by Pi Gamma Mu. Notifications will be sent to the chapter sponsor within a few weeks of receipt.

PI GAMMA MU CHAPTER HERITAGE GRANT APPLICATION

To be considered for a Chapter Heritage Grant, please [complete the entire application](#). Pi Gamma Mu Chapter Heritage Grants are \$300 each and are awarded to chapters, not individual members. Pi Gamma Mu International reserves the right to restrict the number of awards each year to fit within the constraints of its general budget and based upon the merits of each application.

Eligible chapters include only those that have been chartered for ten years or more. Chapters that have been awarded a Chapter Heritage Grant may reapply, but not more frequently than every ten years. Submissions are accepted at any time during the year. If awarded a Chapter Heritage Grant, the chapter agrees to share the results of final project with Pi Gamma Mu Headquarters. Evidence of work must be submitted to Pi Gamma Mu within 6 months of receiving the award. The chapter sponsor or an appointed project manager is responsible for supervising the project and allocating grant funds to support the project.

Date of Application:

Institution:

PGM Chapter:

Chapter Sponsor:

Manager of the Chapter Heritage Grant Project:

Part I: Provide a brief narrative description of the project to be undertaken and the expected final deliverable. What will be researched, why, and how will the final product be used by the chapter?

Part II: Provide a brief overview of the resources available to the chapter to undertake this research. This list may be preliminary but should provide sufficient evidence that the applicants have identified resources that are available. These resources may include individuals, reports, newspapers, photographs, etc.

Part III: Provide a preliminary timeline for completion of the project.

Part IV: How will grant funds be used? Chapter Heritage funds may be used to support activities related to information gathering (e.g., supplies, copying, fees to access records), or they may be more broadly used to support the project. For example, funds may be used to pay for events related to the project (e.g., refreshments for a kick-off event, dinner for a student committee working on the project). Funds may also be used to pay for registration or travel to the Pi Gamma Mu convention where the project can be shared with the Society.

Submit your completed application to Pi Gamma Mu Headquarters by mail or email.

Mailing Address:

Pi Gamma Mu
1000 Millington, Suite B
Winfield, KS 67156

Email Address: SuzanneRupp@pigammamu.org

Completed applications will be reviewed by Pi Gamma Mu. Notifications will be sent to the chapter sponsor within a few weeks of receipt.

APPLY FOR A PI GAMMA MU LECTURESHIP AND CHAPTER EVENT GRANT

The Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu have established the Lectureship and Chapter Events Fund for the purpose of advancing the social sciences and researching and eliminating all forms of discrimination. Funds may be used by chapters in the following two ways: 1) to bring a specially qualified speaker to campus for a chapter event, or 2) to help cover expenses related to a chapter hosting a scholarship based-event for students. The Fund serves as a memorial to deceased Trustees of this honor society. The Trustees encourage chapters to apply.

Lectureship Guidelines

The amount available for a lecture may range up to \$300 depending on chapter size (see "Funding Guidelines" below). The topic of the lecture must be related to one or more of the fields within the scope of Pi Gamma Mu (see the [Constitution](#)). The lecturer should have special qualifications and must be a guest, not a member of the local faculty, administration, or staff. If approved, a check will be sent to the responsible chapter officer for presentation to the lecturer.

Chapter Event Guidelines

The amount available for a lecture may range up to \$300 depending on chapter size (see "Funding Guidelines" below). Chapters of Pi Gamma Mu hosting a scholarship-based event, such as a student research conference or symposium, may apply for funding of up to \$300 depending on chapter size. Funds may be used to help cover costs related to hosting the event. If approved, a check will be sent to the chapter officer.

Funding Guidelines

Chapters must have initiated members in the previous or current fiscal year to be eligible to apply.

A limited number of grants are available annually.

Grants are awarded in the following amounts based on the number of new members initiated in the previous or the current fiscal year (September 1 – August 31):

- 1 - 10 members \$100
- 11 - 20 members \$200
- 21+ members \$300

Please mention Pi Gamma Mu as a funding supporter in the event program/marketing materials. We strongly encourage that a copy of the manuscript of the lecture, a copy of the event program, and/or photos of the event be sent to executivedirector@pigammamu.org for possible publication in the [International Social Science Review](#) or the Pi Gamma Mu [Newsletter](#).

Filing of this [application](#) includes acceptance by the applicant of conditions set forth on this form.

Submit application, at least **three** weeks before the lecture, to:

Executive Director
Pi Gamma Mu
1001 Millington, Suite B
Winfield, KS 67156

CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS DUE AUGUST 15

Attention, Chapter Sponsors,

Chapter annual report forms are due on August 15. To be eligible for Chapter Honor Rolls (Rolls of Distinction and Merit), chapters must submit their annual reports between April 1 and August 15. As your chapter holds events this semester, please take a moment to document those events and plan to include an attachment with your annual report. The supplemental information you provide helps us know about your activities and increases your chances at being recognized on our Chapter Honor Rolls.

The annual report form not only makes your chapter eligible for chapter awards, but also helps your chapter to remain in compliance with Internal Revenue Service regulations. The international office will file your chapter's Form 990-N tax 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.

The online [form is available on our Website](#). We appreciate each Chapter Faculty Sponsor taking a few minutes to complete and return this report.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

Please join other chapters in the Pi Gamma Mu Service Project!

Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences is proud to embrace Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion within all international service projects.

As an interdisciplinary social science honor society, students and professors are keenly aware of the myriad of social problems that exist in communities throughout the world, especially the unique problems facing our own individual communities. Considering diversity, equity, and inclusion, chapters interested in participating in this service project should choose an issue or project important to them in their unique social environment, campus setting, and community and create a service project around this initiative.

Examples of service projects include but are not limited to:

- donation boxes to organizations in support of the homeless,
- book donations to the department of Veteran Affairs, or
- donation boxes to local animal shelters,
- voter registration drives,
- projects to improve accessibility on your campus or in your community,
- fundraisers (bake sales, hot cocoa sales, t-shirt sales, etc.) to provide financial support to homeless shelters, food banks, or other organizations in your community,
- projects focused on addressing a social problem facing your campus or community,
- or any project related to diversity, equity, and inclusion aimed at improving your campus, student life, your community, or the world.

Participating chapters must complete the service project by June 30 each year and include a description in their Chapter Annual Report to be considered for the Pi Gamma Mu Roll of Distinction award.

Questions?

Questions about the Pi Gamma Mu International Service Project should be directed to Allison G. S. Knox, Chancellor of the Southeast Region: Allison_G.S._Knox@Hotmail.com.

Get Involved and Help to Make Your Community a Better Place!

SHOW OFF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH A STOLE AND HONOR CORDS



The international office is selling Pi Gamma Mu honor cords, stoles, coffee mugs, bumper stickers and more. Members can order honor cords and stoles 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/store.html.

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 www.pigammamu.org/church-hill-classics-store.html.



INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW

We are thrilled to announce that another issue of the *International Social Science Review (ISSR)* is now live. The *ISSR* is the peer-reviewed professional journal of Pi Gamma Mu. The journal is now accessible to everyone - no subscription required. Explore the journal online at <https://issr.ung.edu/> or type "International Social Science Review" into any search engine.

Volume 99, Number 1 of Pi Gamma Mu's professional journal, the *International Social Science Review* is now live! Pi Gamma Mu's commitment to scholarship in the social sciences is manifested most tangibly through the publication of this blind peer-reviewed journal. The journal is presented in an open-access digital format and does not require a subscription, so please feel free to share it with your colleagues, classmates, and friends. You can find it here:

International Social Science Review (ung.edu)

This dynamic issue includes the following articles:

Repatriating the "Mother Tongue": Should Quebec, Wales, Scotland, and the United States be speaking Hebrew? Elizabeth C. Hirschman

Deadly Diseases and the Collective Adoption of International Environmental Agreements Vivian Ike

Bridging the Gap: Young Adults Perceptions of Aging Mari Plikuhn , Ayrilia Welch, Elizabeth Long, Sarah Akins, Chelsea Clifton

and,

Socialization and the Normalization of Deviance: A Partial Test of Social Learning Theory Jacob Aldridge

The issue also includes the following extended commentary:

Extended Commentary: Ad Astra: The Future of Military Space Operations Alexander Amoroso

The issue also contains 12 reviews of new and important books related to the social sciences and Pi Gamma Mu News. Enjoy!

Volume 98, Issue 4 (2022) includes book reviews, Pi Gamma Mu News, an **Extended Commentary: Pandemic, Paradigm, and Philosophy in Social Science Research** by Narmada Poojari, Jyoti Bania, and the following articles:

Pride, but is there Respect at Work? Survey Based Evidence from Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Workers in the United States Christopher Salvatore, Travis Taniguchi

Using Multiple Intelligences to Motivate Students Brian Stevens

Security Arrangements and Migration Crises Christopher White

Let's Shift Paradigms: Examining Cultural Transmission and Reflexivity amongst Cultural Anthropologists Ozzy Whitley

A Submission and Publication Guide is available at <https://pigammamu.org/international-social-science-review.html>
Enjoy!



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.

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