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2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

After much deliberation on the part of the Pi Gamma Mu Awards Committee, the committee's chairperson recommended 8 scholarship recipients and 3 alternates for awards totaling \$11,000 to the Board of Trustees in 2023. The Trustees awarded scholarships to the following lifetime members of Pi Gamma Mu:

Tara Sutton received the \$2,000 Carroll Parish Scholarship. Tara was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the Hawaii Alpha Chapter at The University of Hawai'i–Mānoa. Dr. Lorey Takhashi and Asst. Prof. Ulla Hasager are the faculty sponsors of the chapter.

Completing her undergraduate studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with degrees in Communicology, Anthropology, and Ethnic Studies, Tara is continuing her educational journey there as a Master's student in the Department of Geography and Environment. Her academic aspirations were ignited after life adventures that included raising children in Alaska's demanding conditions, diverse employment roles from bakeries to prison systems, and a deep-rooted curiosity about how people communicate and interact. These rich life experiences have shaped her into a dedicated researcher with a strong focus on community involvement. Currently a member of the Red Hill Task Force, Tara investigates the social outcomes of the Red Hill water contamination and plans to extend this research in her future Ph.D. program. She credits her family's steadfast support and her multifaceted life experiences for shaping her academic interests and career goals. Tara values her Pi Gamma Mu membership, acknowledging it as a driving force for both academic and real-world pursuits. This scholarship serves as both a validation of her efforts and a stepping stone towards achieving her broader research goals examining the element of trust between institutions and communities after periods of environmental contamination.



Tara Sutton

Olivia Jade Camarena received the \$2,000 Effie B. Urquhart Scholarship. Olivia was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the Kansas Theta Chapter at Newman University. Dr. C. Laurence (Larry) Heck is the sponsor of the chapter. She was president of Pi Gamma Mu for over two years during the COVID-19 pandemic. During her time at Newman, she learned how to be a leader, the gift of responsibility, and how to work as a team player.

Olivia is working on her Master of Social Welfare at the University of Kansas, focusing on macro social work practice. She is fascinated by the world around her and loves to study, research, and learn more about how she can create policies or programs to help the homeless population in her local area as well as volunteering regularly at local charities and food banks.

Olivia wants to thank her family and Dr. Heck, as their constant support played a huge role in her success, as well as her cat Tuti. Olivia is following in the footsteps of her father Carlos, as he attended the same master's program in 1989 and is hoping to continue her family legacy after graduation in May of 2025.



Olivia Jade Camarena

Julia Queen received the \$2,000 Marvel Stockwell Scholarship. Julia was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the Maryland Theta Chapter at The University of Maryland Global Campus. Prof. Katherine (Kathy) Im is the faculty sponsor of the chapter. Julia was accepted into the Master's degree program in Counseling Psychology at Bowie State University. She was thrilled to start classes in the fall of 2023.

Maria del Alba Clara "Clara" Sherwood received the \$1,000 Gordon E. Mercer Scholarship. Clara was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the Pennsylvania Alpha Omicron Chapter at Washington & Jefferson College in 2022. Dr. Zheya Gai and Dr. Anudeep Gill are the faculty sponsors of the chapter.

Clara graduated summa cum laude from Washington & Jefferson College with a triple major in International Studies, Spanish, and "Music & Conflict Resolution" (self-designed, thematic major). Clara is currently a New Voices on Nuclear Weapons Fellow at the Federation of American Scientists and a former US Fulbright Grantee to Morocco. An experienced research, public relations, and communications intern for U.S. Government programs and think tanks focused on diplomacy and security, she recently began her graduate program at George Washington University where she is studying international affairs and Arabic. Clara has worked and studied in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, and is currently researching the role non-governmental entities play in the intersection between nuclear escalation, crisis management, and digital narratives.



Clara Sherwood

Kyle Jedlicka received the \$1,000 Daniel E. Quigley Law Scholarship. Kyle was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the Nebraska Delta Chapter at Wayne State College. Dr. Randy Bertolas and Dr. Jean Karlen are the faculty sponsors of the chapter.

Kyle is a J.D. candidate at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law. At Nebraska Law, he is involved with the Student Bar Association, St. Thomas Moore Society, and the Federalist Society. Kyle graduated from Wayne State College in May of 2023 with majors in Political Science and Criminal Justice and a minor in Pre-Law. Before Law School, he previously worked for the Nebraska Governor's Office and the Colfax County Attorney's Office. Kyle credits Pi Gamma Mu for furthering his academic career through his participation in the 2021 Pi Gamma Mu International Conference as a student presenter and through the generous scholarship he received. He plans to practice constitutional law after graduating from Nebraska Law in May of 2026.



Kyle Jedlicka

Sophia G. Widdekind received a \$1,000 scholarship. Sophie was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the New York Sigma Chapter at LeMoyne College. Dr. Jeffrey Chin is the faculty sponsor of the chapter.

Sophia completed her A.A.S. in Mechanical Technology in Winter 2019, her B.A. in Psychology in Spring 2023, and is currently attending Syracuse University for her M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy through Falk College. Sophia is an active member of the Trans Team and is interested in specializing in gender-affirming care. Outside of school her interests include singing and art.



Sophia Widdekind

Ravyn Hicks received a \$1,000 scholarship. Ravyn was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the Maryland Theta Chapter at the University of Maryland Global Campus. Prof. Katherine (Kathy) Im is the faculty sponsor of the chapter.

Ravyn is a Logistics Analyst with General Dynamics. Her daughter, Jenesis, will be two in January. Jenesis is signed with two agencies and competes in pageants. Ravyn also has a three year old Puggle named Xan. Ravyn hopes to enter a Master of Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling upon completion of this current MA in Forensic Psychology through the University of North Dakota. She hopes to, then, gain licensure as an LCPC, and as a long-term goal, become a Forensic Psychologist.



Ravyn Hicks

Jacqueline "Jackie" Marie Dimalanta received a \$1,000 scholarship. Jacqueline was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the Philippine Alpha Chapter at The University of the Philippines. Prof. Maria Fe Villamejor-Mendoza is one of the faculty sponsors of the chapter.

Jackie earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of the Philippines-Diliman in 2022. Following this accomplishment, she gained admission to the university's Direct Ph.D. in Psychology program, specializing in Clinical Psychology. As a dedicated clinical psychologist in training, Jackie aspires to advance her advocacy for enhancing the accessibility of mental health services for all. In addition to her Ph.D. studies, she actively contributes as a research assistant, peer support volunteer, and engagement specialist for mental health professionals. During her leisure time, Jackie finds joy in mindfully connecting with nature, playing with her pets, and creating music.



Jackie Dimalanta

Sadie M. Harris was selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship, but declined due to a change in her plans. An alternate was selected to receive the scholarship. Sadie joined Pi Gamma Mu through the Nebraska Theta Chapter at Midland University. Dr. Megan Nielsen is the faculty sponsor of the Chapter.

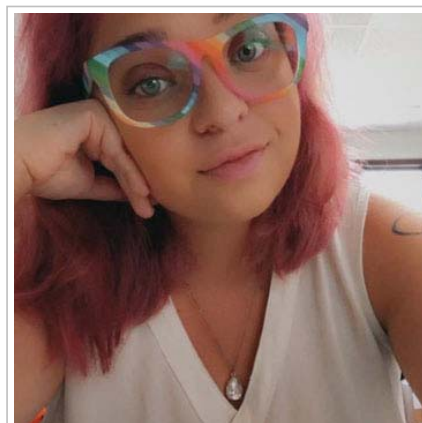
Due to family matters Sadie was unable to attend law school this semester as planned, but with all things back to normal for her family she has submitted law school applications for the Fall 2024 semester. She anticipates hearing back soon. She is currently working at Foulston Siefkin LLP as a Legal Assistant to stay in touch with the legal world as she waits.



Sadie M. Harris

Emily Barylske was selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship, but declined due to a change in her plans. An alternate was selected to receive the scholarship. Emily joined Pi Gamma Mu through the Illinois Pi Chapter at McKendree University. Dr. Michael Hahn is the faculty sponsor of the Chapter.

Emily is planning to go into missionary work for 2 years with the Southern Baptist IMB; as long as her interviewing process is successful. Currently, during her off time from Graduate School, she works as a Project Coordinator at Dometic located in Litchfield, IL. She has helped Dometic with their interior and exterior designing process, and it has made her reconsider my Grad School plans as well to consider Project Management. She finds that her bachelor of arts degrees has helped her in the business world to be able to understand people and also think outside the box more. She finds that McKendree University has set her on the right path for life post-graduation, and she still keeps in contact with some of her professors to discuss life plans and to get advice from them.



Emily Barylske

Melissa-Hong Thuy Kieu was recommended as an alternate to receive a scholarship if one became available due to another selected student declining the award. No award became available for Melissa, although her success is recognized by her selection as an alternate. Melissa was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu at the Kansas Lambda Chapter at Wichita State University.

2023 CHAPTER HONOR ROLLS

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), Roll of Merit, and Incentive Chapters (or honorable mention).

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. 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

Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College, Randy Bertolas & Jean Karlen

Kansas Theta, Newman University, Larry Heck

Louisiana Eta, Grambling State University, Frances Staten

Hawaii Alpha, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Lorey Takahashi & Ulla Hasager

California Kappa, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Kristen Conway-Gomez & Kelly Huh

Pennsylvania Alpha Rho, Immaculata University, Joshua Weikert

Maryland Theta, University of Maryland Global Campus, Katherine Im

Roll of Merit

Mississippi Eta, Alcorn State University, Antrina Bell

West Virginia Iota, American Military University / American Public University, Allison G. S. Knox

District of Columbia Alpha, Catholic University of America, Abby Adler Mandel

Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Tara Mielnik & Rachael Bible

Georgia Mu, Emmanuel University, Robert J. Fulton, Jr.

Incentive Chapters

Vermont Gamma, Castleton University, Scott Roper & Paul Derby

New York Iota, Mercy College, Dorothy Balancio

New Jersey Delta, Rider University, Brook Hunter & James Wojtowicz

Kansas Alpha, Southwestern College, Cheryl Rude & Jacob Goodson

Virginia Nu, Virginia Commonwealth University, Deirdre M. Condit & Steven Burkarth

APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS DUE FEBRUARY 15

Each year, Pi Gamma Mu awards scholarships to outstanding members. These scholarships are intended for the first or second year of graduate work in the social sciences. If you are interested in applying, you should start putting your information together now. Applications must be fully completed on or before February 15. Winners will be notified in the spring, with the grants awarded during the following fall semester. Please check the Pi Gamma Mu website for information and application instructions <http://www.pigammamu.org/scholarships.html>



PI GAMMA MU SPEAKER SERIES 2023-2024

This series is online and free-of-charge!

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



Johanna Bishop

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

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

On Friday, October 27, 2023, James Wojtowicz of Rider University in New Jersey launched the 2023-24 Series with a presentation about "Open Public and Freedom of Information Statutes – A Tool in the Social Science Toolbox". Prof. Wojtowicz is the faculty chapter sponsor of the New Jersey Delta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Rider University and is an Assistant Professor and Lecturer in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at Rider University. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at Rutgers University, New Jersey.

The second session this year will feature Johanna Bishop, faculty chapter sponsor of the Delaware Beta Chapter at Wilmington University, and the Pi Gamma Mu Governor for Delaware. Dr. Bishop will present on the topic of Human Trafficking On January 26, 2024.

Dr. Bishop is the Director of Behavioral Science Programs at Wilmington University. She manages the undergraduate Behavioral Science Program, the graduate Human Services program, and several undergraduate and graduate certificate programs. In 2016 Dr. Bishop founded the annual Human Trafficking Symposium and now organizes monthly human trafficking webinars open and free to the public. She attended George Washington University, Wilmington College, and Central Michigan University.

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

The final session in this year's series, on August 9, 2024, will feature two speakers: Steven Burkarth and Deirdre Condit of Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Burkarth is the president of the VCU Alumni Political Science Caucus and is a volunteer assisting with the Virginia Nu Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu. Dr. Condit is an Associate Professor of political science in the College of Humanities and Sciences at

VCU and is the sponsor of the Pi Gamma Mu Chapter. She earned her bachelor's degree from Idaho State University, attended Portland State University, and completed her MA and PhD in Political Science at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Prof. Burkarth and Dr. Condit had such a successful launch of the new chapter at VCU that they were invited to speak about the secrets of their success in their presentation on Launching a Successful Pi Gamma Mu Membership Drive.

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



James Wojtowicz



Deirdre Condit



Richard Gregory Johnson III

(not pictured: Steven Burkarth)

NATIONAL 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 national 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 National 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!

CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter news in this issue comes from the Delaware Beta Chapter at the **Wilmington University**, the Nebraska Delta Chapter at **Wayne State College**, and The Louisiana Eta Chapter at **Grambling State University**.



Wilmington University's *Disrupting Human Trafficking* Conference a Resounding Success!

Monthly Online Sessions to Continue through April 2024.

Wilmington University in Delaware held its *Disrupting Human Trafficking – Organizing Community Response* Conference on October 5, 2023. The conference was a hybrid event combining online and in-person features and was attended by 126 people. All of the attendees found this experience amazing!



The students pictured here were instrumental in assuring that things ran smoothly as they oriented attendees around the building and to their breakout sessions and introduced the session presenters. They worked as breakout session moderators and student ambassadors. They are, from left to right: Savannah Rust, Alyssa Romano, Ashely Jones, Kelly Snipes, Lisa Pillman, and Jessica Criddle.

The University is continuing its online *Human Trafficking Studies Webinars* with monthly sessions to be held on the last Tuesday of each month until April 2024. As their [website](#) says, "Become part of the initiative to educate, advocate, and end human trafficking" by attending these sessions and learning more.

For additional information about these webinars contact:

[Dr. Johanna Bishop](#)

Director of Behavioral Science Programs

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Under the Leadership of Long-Time Chapter Sponsor, Dr. Frances Staten, the Louisiana Eta Chapter at Grambling State University has Another Award-Winning Year

Under the leadership of long-time Chapter Sponsor, Dr. Frances Staten, the Louisiana Eta Chapter at Grambling State University had another award-winning year. The chapter was placed on Pi Gamma Mu's Roll of Distinction for its good work last year. Pi Gamma Mu's Board of Trustees recognizes Pi Gamma Mu's most active chapters by placing them on the annual Chapter Honor Rolls. The Roll of Distinction is the highest award for chapters. The Louisiana Eta has received this distinction several times including this year.

The Chapter's theme for the year was, "Fulfilling the Seven Ideals of Pi Gamma Mu". The following is from the chapter's annual report:

Fall 2022

AUGUST- DECEMBER

FULFILLING THE SEVEN IDEALS OF PI GAMMA MU:

SCHOLARSHIP, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

PGM Faculty and Students participated in a Faculty and Student Potpourri Session at the annual meeting of the Mid—South Sociological Conference, October 15, 2022. Their presentations included: A Paper Roundtable on Covid-19 and Failures of Government Policies; A Poster on "Longevity Environmental Research - Service in the Cemetery" and "An Exploratory Case Study of GSU's Football and Basketball Coaches: Length of Life After Retirement.



Pictured from left to right: Dr. Lemmy Akoma, Rev. Lester Sims, Kimorah John (PGM/ Psychology), Peter Michael-Ferdinand (Criminal Justice), Jasmine Fordjour (PGM)/, Grace Powell (Sociology); Christopher Brown (Sociology); Dr. Frances Staten (PGM Advisor); Dr. John Nwoha (PGM- Louisiana Tech and Rev. Marcus Davis, Sociology/PGM- Not Pictured Marcus Davis)

Spring 2023

January-February

SCHOLARSHIP/ SCIENCE/ SOCIAL SCIENCE Dr. Staten continues to recruit and award pre-paid national membership fees to students enrolled in cultural anthropology class with a 3.0 grade point average or above, and high-class participation, and for participation in the annual Black History Poster Exhibition of African- Americans Pioneers in Social Science, and the cemetery clean-up and Beautification of the tombstones of 1800s families and individuals.



March – April

SOCIAL SCIENCE, SCIENCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE Terronkia Jones, (PGM/Adjunct Professor of Psychology and Dr. Frances Staten accompanied social science majors (Criminal Justice, Kinesiology. Mass Communication. Sociology, and Psychology) and affiliates of the NAACP), to receive training in historical preservation techniques at the National Center for Historical Preservation and Technology on the Campus of North Western University, Natchitoches, Louisiana, and tombstone cleaning at Jackson Square cemetery.

Pi Gamma Mu members, Fairley, Thomas, and Dejean (left), received training in tombstone cleaning, conducted by the renowned and distinguished Cemetery Preservationist, Jason Church. Dr. Frances Staten also gave a brief lecture at the Grambling Historical Cemetery on how "tombstone data can be used to explore longevity of different social and cultural groups".

June

BLACK EMPOWERMENT APPENTICEHESHIP PROGRAM (BEAP) ATTENDS THE NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS/ HUMAN RIGHT/S CONFERENCE

On June 18-21,2023 in Tallahassee, Florida, the BEAPERS, along with Undergraduate students, engaged in film viewing and discussion with a special focus on select scenes or scripts from the films or documentaries of Black Like Me, The Untold Story of Emmett Til, The Gathering of Old Men.

July

BEAPERS AND MENTORS VOLUNTEER AT GRACE MINISTRIES

July 3, August 2, and 7, 2023, BEAPERs and their mentors volunteer their time and donations at Grace Ministries.



Louisiana eta chapter inductees 2023 posed for photo before great "G - March".



At the Spring 2023 Pi Gamma Mu induction ceremony.

Wayne State College 2023 Festival of Trees Draws Record Number of Entries

For the 22nd consecutive year, the annual Festival of Trees at Wayne (Nebr.) State College was coordinated by the Wayne State College Student Senate and the Nebraska Delta chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, the honor society in social sciences. A record 25 entries were on display this November in the Kanter Student Center atrium.

The premise is simple. All campus clubs, offices, organizations, sports teams, residence hall floors and other groups are encouraged to enter and decorate a tree.

The event serves three purposes: students who may not have an opportunity to decorate a tree during the holidays get to do so, the Student Center atrium is brightened up for three weeks with colorful entries, and each participating group agrees to contribute a modest donation which is used to provide toys and clothing to underprivileged children in Wayne County.

There is also a competitive aspect to the Festival of Trees. Anonymous judges from the college's Professional Staff determine which tree will be crowned, "Best in Show," an honor that went to an entry decorated by The Green Team this year. Other notable trees recognized include:

Track & Field Throws Team
Drama Club
Crochet Club
KWSC 91.9 the Cat
Criminal Justice Association
The Max Lovers

Most Marvel-ous Tree
Most Show-stopping Tree
DIY Excellence
Most Retro Revival
Most Captivating Crime Scene
Most Grinch-tastic Tree

The event organizers are grateful to everyone who contributed entries this season. A total of \$559 in donations was collected to purchase toys and clothing this holiday season for underprivileged children in Wayne County.



Photo courtesy of Randy Bertolas, faculty advisor for the Nebraska Delta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Wayne State College.

PI GAMMA MU MEDALLIONS NOW AVAILABLE!



In celebration of our upcoming 100th Anniversary in 2024, we are offering, for the first time ever, the **Pi Gamma Mu Medallion**! This timeless medallion features the Pi Gamma Mu keypin insignia in gold-tone metal and blue paint standing out against a white background encircled by three-dimensional gold-tone lettering against a blue background reading "Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences" and "Founded 1924". This stand-out medallion is elegantly hung on a 1.5 inch wide 32 inch long two-toned ribbon in Pi Gamma Mu's colors, blue and white, for truth and light. It serves as a lasting reminder of your achievement, designed to be cherished for years to come.

Visit our [online store](#) today to order your Pi Gamma Mu Medallion for just **\$21**.

Buy a graduation regalia bundle and save \$7! The Pi Gamma Mu graduation regalia bundle is a symbol of your major milestone achievement and your membership in "The Social Science Honor Society", Pi Gamma Mu! Order today and show off your achievement with these keepsakes that represent your dedication and accomplishment. Buy a medallion, stole, and honor cords bundle and save \$7 as compared to purchasing these items separately!

Only members of Pi Gamma Mu may wear this regalia.

Visit the **Pi Gamma Mu Store**



VOLUME 99, ISSUE 3 (2023) OF THE *INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW* IS NOW LIVE!

Volume 99, Number 3 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 or membership in Pi Gamma Mu, so please feel free to share it with your colleagues, students, and friends. You can find it here:

[International Social Science Review \(ung.edu\)](https://ung.edu)

This dynamic issue includes the following articles:

Lost Opportunities: The Perplexing Persistence of Enterprise Zones

Lawrence J. McAndrews

U.S. Homeland Defense Strategic Public Health: An Underutilized but Desperately Needed Concept

José de Arimatéia da Cruz, Hannah Kohler da Cruz

Tracing Colonial Spanish Florida through Bioarchaeology

Sarah Goodman

Peter Rovnianek: Financier, Nationalist... Grifter?

Benjamin Sorensen

The issue also contains 10 reviews of new and important books related to the social sciences and the following extended commentary:

Extended Commentary: Samuel Rawson Gardiner, a Victorian Historian whose Father Was an Angel

David M. Fahey

Visit this link to view the [International Social Science Review Submission and Publication Guide](#).

Enjoy!



INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL MEETING



Pictured left to right, standing: Suzanne Rupp (Executive Director), Jeffrey Chin (Regional Chancellor), Candice Quinn (Journal Editor), Mari Plikuhn (Treasurer), Charles Hartwig (Regional Chancellor), Allison Knox (Regional Chancellor), Jennifer McNabb (Regional Chancellor), Melissa Riggs (Student Representative), and Michele Price (Legal Counsel); and left to right, seated: Gordon Mercer (Past President), Larry Heck (Past President), Susan Kinsella (President), Katherine Im (First Vice President), and Clara Small (Second Vice President). Not pictured: Elliana Varruciu (Student Representative).

The Pi Gamma Mu International Board of Trustees held its annual meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 19-21, 2023. The Trustees worked on important Society issues including strategic planning for the future, updating the Society's history, financial planning, increasing the benefits of membership for all members, and planning for the 2024 Triennial International Convention which will coincide with Pi Gamma Mu's 100th Anniversary Celebration.

While in Philadelphia, the Convention Committee visited venues that will be used during the 2024 Convention including the University of the Arts, the Constitution Center, and the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Center City Philadelphia. The convention will be held in Philadelphia, PA on Friday, November 1 – Sunday, November 2, 2024. Plan to join us in the *City of Brotherly Love* for Pi Gamma Mu's Centennial Celebration!

The 2021-2024 Pi Gamma Mu International Board of Trustees:

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Online System and mail-in members accepted at any time!

2023-2024 is off to a great start at Pi Gamma Mu and we wish to thank our Chapter Faculty Sponsors for their volunteerism and support. It is the lifetime membership fees collected by Chapter Faculty Sponsors that allows Pi Gamma Mu to provide services to its members such as scholarships, a professional journal, conventions, our online speaker series, 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!

Pi Gamma Mu continues to accept online payments from students for memberships and memberships through the mail. Your students are now able to pay their \$50 lifetime membership fee online, directly to our office, using any credit card accepted by PayPal. If you prefer to collect and mail in the payments and registration forms, we will happily continue to accept memberships through the mail.

We hope that you will strive to make both your chapter and Pi Gamma Mu as a whole 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 students with social science credit hours from 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 online students, 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!

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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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