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INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Waleska, GA – Reinhardt University

October 16, 2015 - REGISTER TODAY!

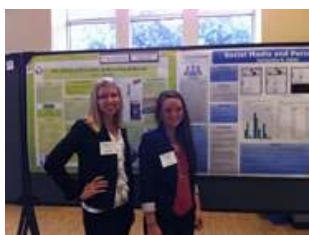
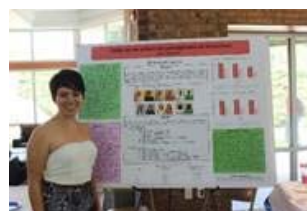
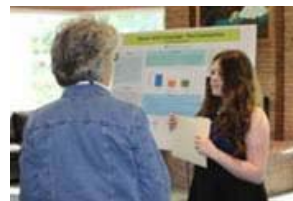
The Georgia Rho chapter of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences invites you to participate in the chapter's first annual Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference. The conference will be held on from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on October 16, 2015 on the Reinhardt University campus in Waleska, GA. **All social science students, including those from other colleges and universities, are encouraged to submit research for poster presentation.**



Presenting your research at a scientific conference is important for several reasons. It is not only a great resume builder, but also can help advance your career in other ways. Professional presentations provide networking opportunities. You can meet other researchers in your field and potential contacts for future positions. Because Pi Gamma Mu is interdisciplinary in nature, you can get to know other social science students with specialties outside of your field. Participation in research conferences allows you to not only learn about advances in your field, but you can also become a contributor to the scientific process and become an advocate for your specialized field of study. Conference participation also gives you the opportunity to practice your presentation skills can help you develop the expertise needed to discuss your research in a clear and meaningful way. When looking for a job or applying for graduate school, students are often in competition with other high-performing students for top positions. Participation in research conferences will help you stand out from the crowd by demonstrating that you are an active participant in the scientific community.

Registration to the conference is free. Research submissions will be accepted between September 1 and September 30, 2015. The conference will include a poster session, a keynote speaker, and roundtable discussions. A website will be available soon. For more information contact:

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SEEKING NEW CHAPTERS

Pi Gamma Mu is seeking to charter new chapters at colleges and universities around the globe and we need your help! Our mission is to encourage and promote excellence in the social sciences and to uphold the ideals of scholarship and service. All too often, honor students whose professors do not arrange for their initiation into an honor society receive no recognition at all for their achievement. Establishing new chapters of Pi Gamma Mu provides that well-deserved recognition. An important resource in the effort to charter and operate a Pi Gamma Mu chapter is *a faculty member willing to sponsor the chapter and participate in its essential functions*. You may know such a faculty member at a college or university that would benefit from hosting a chapter of Pi Gamma Mu. If you can help us connect with the faculty member, we can activate the process of chartering a chapter at the school.

Call 620-221-3128 or email ExecutiveDirector@PiGammaMu.org to learn more. There is no cost to the university to host a chapter of the society and there are many benefits of membership. Members are eligible to apply for one of eleven annual scholarships, present research papers at international and regional conventions, submit articles for publication in our peer-reviewed professional journal, and those interested in federal jobs have the possibility for advancement in government service rating. Pi Gamma Mu is interdisciplinary in nature, allowing chapter sponsors and members to expand their professional networks by working collaboratively with society members from various fields of study. Each chapter is eligible to apply for up to \$300 in lectureship grants annually. Each chapter must have one or more faculty sponsors at the university. Contact us to learn more today!

SPEND A SEMESTER IN WASHINGTON D.C. – APPLY FOR A WII INTERNSHIP

The Washington Internship Institute is now accepting applications for spring 2016. Pi Gamma Mu members are invited to apply to spend a semester in Washington, DC! This academic internship program is designed for college sophomores, juniors, seniors, recent college graduates, and graduate students. The application deadline is November 16, 2015 (International students: October 30, 2015). Visit www.wiidc.org for details.



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While Pi Gamma Mu is not the largest or wealthiest of the 67 national and international honor societies affiliated with the national [Association of College Honor Societies](#) (ACHS), arguably our international officers and trustees and our chapter sponsors are the hardest-working volunteers who can be found in any of the societies.

Please, would you consider being one of our tenacious partners? We gratefully accept donations of any size. Donations of \$25 or more are acknowledged both on our Web site and in the *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter*. If you are willing to help us maintain our array of outstanding programs, projects, and publications, send a check payable to "Pi Gamma Mu" along with a note identifying your name, your mailing address, and the name of the college or university whose chapter initiated you. This is our address:

Pi Gamma Mu
1001 Millington Street, Suite B
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For more information, visit the Web page at <http://www.pigammamu.org/donate.html>.

WELCOME NEW CHAPTERS!

We would like to welcome several new and reactivated chapters into the Pi Gamma Mu family! During the 2014-15 academic year, we have added one new chapter and seven reactivations to our rolls. Two universities were approved for charter and are currently conducting membership drives.



The following chapter was chartered in 2014-15:

North Carolina Alpha Beta – Chowan University

The following chapters, which had been inactive for some time, reactivated by sending in new initiates during the 2014-15 year:

Illinois Eta – Wheaton College

New Jersey Delta – Rider University

New York Sigma – LeMoyne College

Pennsylvania Alpha Kappa – University of Pittsburgh – Greensburg

Philippines Beta – De La Salle University

Puerto Rico Alpha – Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico

South Dakota Beta – University of South Dakota

The following chapters were approved by the International Board of Trustees in 2014-15 and are currently conducting membership drives:

Texas Omega – East Texas Baptist University

Kansas Mu – University of Saint Mary

At Pi Gamma Mu, we are always seeking to establish new chapters and reactivate those that have become inactive. If you know a faculty member at a college or university that would benefit from hosting a chapter of Pi Gamma Mu please help us connect with that faculty member so that we can activate the process of chartering a chapter at the school.

CHAPTERS IN ACTION

The Texas Zeta Chapter at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor had an active year last year. The chapter is sponsored by Pi Gamma Mu International Board of Trustees Secretary-Treasurer, Janet Adamski. Adamski is also a Professor in the History and Political Science Department at the university.



The chapter held an election watching party on November 4, 2014 called the "Fantasy Draft Tailgate Party". Using the school's library's technology classroom, the chapter had multiple television stations and websites running simultaneously. This served as a drop-in location for students, faculty, and staff to come by to see and discuss what was happening with the national and state elections. More than 100 participants attended the event. This experience helped to raise political awareness and brought attention to the election. It also helped to highlight awareness of how electoral outcomes could change individual (typically student) lives. Past UMHB faculty sponsor and International Pi Gamma Mu Board President, Kay Anderson, gave the welcome talk, highlighting the role and history of the two honor societies. Then, the chapter inducted 27 new members. The ceremony was followed with a cake and punch reception for family and friends of inductees, and all UMHB faculty and administrators were invited to participate as well.



Election Watching Party

Finally, the chapter's incoming president Stephanie Keller, and outgoing president, Jonathan Morris, organized an informal, relaxing end-of-year "Celebrating Seniors Picnic". They invited all of the chapter's graduating seniors and current members to a picnic held in the main campus Quad. The weather cooperated wonderfully, and the chapter had a beautiful evening for celebrating its graduates and enjoying great company and good food. They had a chance to enjoy the event with family members, especially members' children, and a dog or two.

This promotion was supported by a general donation from the North Carolina Lambda Chapter at Western Carolina University.



2015 Induction Ceremonies



Dr. Kay Anderson, past president of the Pi Gamma Mu International Board of Trustees and previous chapter sponsor of the Texas Zeta Chapter.



On the right: Janet Adamski, secretary treasurer of the International Board of Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu and chapter sponsor of the Texas Zeta chapter at the 2015 induction ceremony.

MAKE YOUR CHAPTER A PI GAMMA MU STAR!

– Now there are two ways to become a Star Chapter!

1. Increase your chapter's number of new initiates by 20% or more as compared to the previous academic year.

Increasing your chapter's membership helps Pi Gamma Mu accomplish its mission to encourage and recognize superior scholarship by extending the benefits of membership to more students. Increasing membership will also benefit more of the high performing students at your school with opportunities for scholarships, publications, networking, and more.

2. Add a link to the Pi Gamma Mu "Start a Chapter" webpage to your chapter's website.

We request your help in raising awareness about Pi Gamma Mu by including a link to our "Start a Chapter" page. Has Pi Gamma Mu helped you by giving you the recognition that you have earned by facilitating your institution's process of recognizing honor students? If so, please help us to create new chapters so that faculty members and honor students at other college and universities can benefit too. The URL address is:

<http://www.pigammamu.org/start-chapter.html>

The following graphic and others are available at <http://pigammamu.org/graphics.html>

<http://pigammamu.org/images/PGM-welcome-banner.jpg>

After you have uploaded the graphic to your chapter's home page, alert the international office by emailing Suzanne Rupp at suzannerupp@pigammamu.org. Be sure to identify the URL address of your home page. We will send you a "Pi Gamma Mu Star" plaque, which will look great on your office wall on display in your department!

Thank you!



Earn a "Pi Gamma Mu Star" plaque for your chapter!



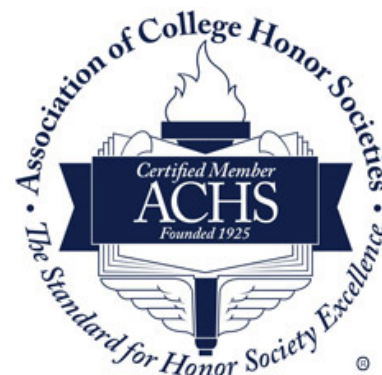
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You can also submit articles and book reviews to be considered for publication via the site or by simply emailing the article to the journal's editor, Candice Quinn, at quinn.issr@gmail.com. Virtually every issue of the journal contains at least one article by a student member and one by a faculty sponsor. Professional publications are a great addition to any curriculum vitae or resume. The editor of the journal also welcomes Pi Gamma Mu members to share important updates for possible inclusion in the Pi Gamma Mu News section of the journal (members having new publications, new faculty positions, chapter research conferences, etc.).

ACHS MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS THE LEGITIMACY OF HONOR SOCIETIES

Pi Gamma Mu is one of 66 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.



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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 (such as the scholarship application deadline).

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 shown here to ensure that you have connected with the official pages managed by the Pi Gamma Mu international office.

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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