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BOARD OF TRUSTEES' STATEMENT AGAINST RACIAL INJUSTICE AND ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION

As social scientists, we are deeply saddened by the horrific and blatant injustices many Americans have been experiencing, especially the unacceptable incidents of police brutality against Black people. While our words cannot take away the pain, we want our members to know that we stand unified and condemn all forms of discrimination prohibited by law including but not limited to age, disability, national origin, race/color religion and sex.

We especially stand behind our friends in the Black community in these paramount endeavors for social change and public safety measures that would require all people to be treated with dignity and respect.

Diversity is an integral part of Pi Gamma Mu's fabric and is the essence of our Society. As an interdisciplinary honor society, we value and appreciate different social science disciplines and celebrate their individual contributions to academia and the greater community.

We hope that all of our members will become part of the dialogue looking to find new ways to mend these serious and devastating societal inequalities and injustices - so that we may emerge stronger and change society for the better.

SAVE THE DATE

2020 Triennial International Convention Rescheduled for 2021

The 2020 Triennial International Convention has been postponed and rescheduled for 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Convention will be held on **November 4-6, 2021, in Washington, DC.**

Student research papers will still be accepted this year. Consider submitting your research paper NOW!

Despite the fact that Pi Gamma Mu has been forced to postpone its 2020 Triennial International Convention for one year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, student members are still encouraged to submit completed social science research papers for the 2020 Convention. Even though there will be no convention in November of this year, accepted papers can be listed in resumes as "Accepted but not presented, since the 2020 Convention was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

The submission deadline for student papers is now November 20, 2020. Submitters will be advised within two weeks whether or not their paper had been accepted. All accepted papers will then be ranked by the Committee of Readers. Up to the top ten rated papers will receive consideration for publication in the *International Social Science Review* (ISSR), and if published, will be accepted for oral presentation at the 2021 International Convention in Washington, DC. Early submissions are strongly encouraged.

[Read more about student paper submissions here.](#)

We will share more information about the 2021 Convention as it becomes available. The health and welfare of Pi Gamma Mu members continue to be our primary concerns.



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All submissions must include a completed cover page (see example below), including the title of the paper, the author's name, institutional affiliation, e-mail address, telephone number, **AND** the e-mail 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 e-mail 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.

Papers need to be submitted via e-mail to Dr. Charles W. Hartwig, Chair of the Committee of Readers, at hartwig@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 e-mail cover letter as a Microsoft Word document. Other word-processing software is unacceptable. The **deadline** for submitting papers is Friday, November 20, 2020; earlier submissions are highly encouraged.

Submissions will be acknowledged by e-mail 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 e-mail 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 hartwig@suddenlink.net, or **870-935-9454**.

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Sample Title Page

The Social Impact of the Union Pacific Railroad on Fairbanks, Alaska

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ALUMNI CORNER

Our world has been dramatically altered by COVID-19, followed by civil unrest in many states, and we are now living a "new normal." Higher Education is also in crisis as campuses continue to adjust to the threat of COVID-19. The Pi Gamma Mu Alumni Council wishes for all members to know that, together, we can get through this difficult time.

One of Pi Gamma Mu's ideals is to make a difference, and the Pi Gamma Mu Alumni Corner was created so that Alumni could stay in touch with their updates, career activities, and key events in their lives. **We are interested in knowing how Pi Gamma Mu Alumni are coping and how this period has affected your career and activities.** Here are some activities we are hearing about:

- Participation in demonstrations to gain police reform,
- Helping with food drives for the unemployed,
- Keeping journals on the threats and difficulties during COVID-19,
- Discussions of job changes due to COVID-19 and brainstorming ways of coping with the new normal, and
- Exercise and eating right!

The Alumni Corner would love to hear about your thoughts and experiences during this challenging time. Please e-mail a summary of your thoughts/experiences to executivedirector@pigammamu.org. Please limit your summary to a few sentences and list "Alumni Corner" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Thank you,
Nilda Pyronneau, Pi Gamma Mu Alumni Council

CHAPTER NEWS

This issue contains updates from the Florida Lambda Chapter at Saint Leo University and the Nebraska Delta Chapter at Wayne State College.



Wayne State
College

On Saturday, May 2, the **Florida Lambda Chapter at Saint Leo University** (Virginia Center) held its 6th Annual Pi Gamma Mu induction ceremony via Zoom. The chapter inducted 11 new members at the Virginia campus.

Dr. Michelle Boone-Thornton and Dr. Cheri Chambers served as the leads in organizing this event with collaboration from Dr. Amina Abdullah. In addition, Dr. Tamika Lett and Dr. Charlene Cofield participated in co-hosting the ceremony. Information was shared about the programs to an audience of 30+ inductees, guests and alumni. There were students in attendance from the education centers in Chesapeake and Newport News VA, as well as Madison, FL.

The students and alumni provided meaningful testimonials about their experience at Saint Leo University.

Dr. Susan Kinsella is the Faculty Sponsor of the Chapter. She is assisted in leading the chapter by faculty members located at Saint Leo University campuses in several states.

Below are screenshots of the ceremony and candle lighting:





Members of the **Nebraska Delta Chapter** at **Wayne State College** purchased materials and crafted homemade 'tie blankets' for donation. Several blankets were given to the Multicultural Center on campus and subsequently presented to international students. Other blankets were given to the Wayne Food Pantry, who are distributing winter wear to tribal members on the nearby Omaha Indian Reservation in northeast Nebraska. Dr. Randy Bertolas is the sponsor of the chapter.



Members of the Nebraska Delta chapter and and Chapter Co-Sponsor, Dr. Lisa Nelson (far right), work on a tie blanket for donation.



Dr. Lisa Nelson and Dr. Randy Bertolas of the Nebraska Delta Chapter deliver blankets.



Members of Nebraska Delta holding a tied blanket (left to right): Courtney Kamler, Megan Tofflemire, Michelle Hallstrom, and Madison Craig.

THE *INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW*

Vol. 96, Issue 2 of Pi Gamma Mu's keystone journal, the *International Social Science Review (ISSR)*, is now live! The *ISSR* is presented in an open-access digital format and does not require a subscription, so feel free to share it with your classmates and colleagues. You can find the *ISSR* here at:

<http://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr/>

This dynamic issue includes the following articles:

[Assimilation and Educational Achievement: The Case of Coptic Orthodox Egyptian Immigrants in Texas](#)

Neveen Shafeek Amin

[Cyber Mercenaries: A New Threat to National Security](#)

José de Arimatéia da Cruz and Stephanie Pedron

[Political Polarization in the United States: The Influences of Exceptionalism and Religion](#)

Nelson Liu

[The Jeremiad, Exceptionalism, and Terrorism in America](#)

Sofia Kuusisto

The issue also includes book reviews, editorials, and Pi Gamma Mu news. Be sure to check it out!



SUMMER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE—ONLINE MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

Here, at Pi Gamma Mu, we understand that this has been a challenging year for students and faculty alike who have had to make sudden adjustments when campuses around the globe shut down due to the coronavirus pandemic. We hope that you are safe and well during this very difficult time.

We want to count all chapters as "active" in 2019-2020, and it's not too late to induct members this fiscal year. In fact, **summer is a great time to complete a membership drive**. Our fiscal year ends on August 31, so chapters still have time to be counted on this year's rolls by inducting new members. Right now, many students are back at home with their families who are typically very supportive of accredited honor society invitations. And, now, with **online memberships available**, Pi Gamma Mu has made it easier than ever for you to induct new members from the comfort of your home office!

Our **new online system** will allow chapter sponsors to access their unique chapter code, which they can e-mail with a web link to students. The students can go to the student link and enter the chapter code to register online and pay the \$50 lifetime membership fee online. Once you complete your drive, log back into the adviser portal and mark the paid members as complete and e-mail your list of paid members to bethbiddle@pigammamu.org. Beth will ship you the certificates to distribute to your members. To use the new online membership system, visit <http://pigammamu.org/adviser-portal.html>. Contact suzannerupp@pigammamu.org with questions. Many chapters are holding online initiation ceremonies using ZOOM while campuses are shut down.

If you prefer to collect and mail in the payments and forms, we will continue to accept memberships through the mail.

We hope to hear from you soon. Please contact us if there is anything we can do to assist you with your summer membership drive or any other matter.

CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS DUE AUGUST 15

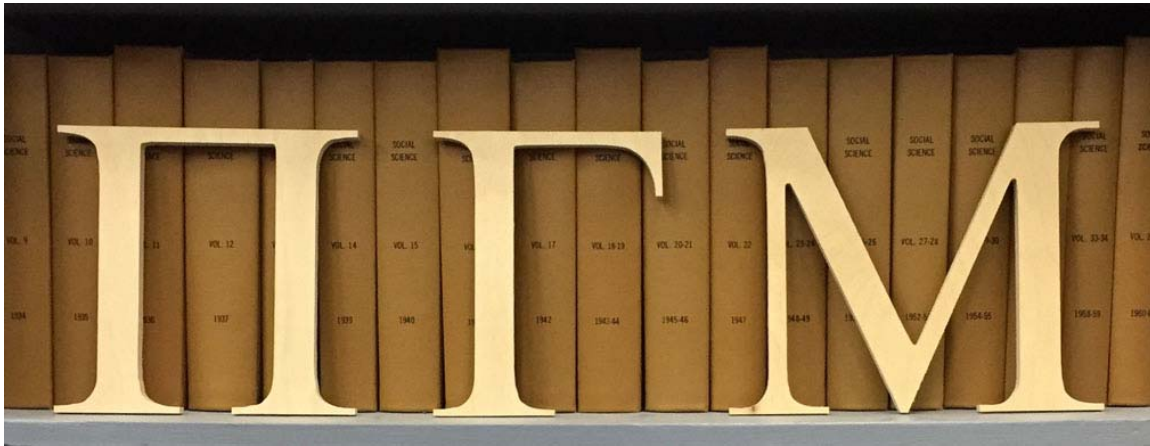


Chapter annual report forms are due on August 15. Many chapters have already sent in their forms and we thank you. If you have not sent in your chapter's form, it is not too late. The [form is available on our Website](#). We appreciate each Chapter Faculty Sponsor taking the few minutes to complete and return this report.

The annual report form helps your chapter to remain in compliance with Internal Revenue Service regulations pertaining to your chapter's obligation to submit information to headquarters. 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.

If you would like to see your chapter's activities mentioned in the *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter*, send in your annual report and tell us what your chapter has been doing this year. Even better, send us photographs to put in the newsletter to accompany the description of the activities that you sponsored. You can send the pictures attached to an e-mail message to headquarters. We encourage you to brag about your students and what they are doing. We don't know what happens on your campus unless you inform us, so please take a few minutes to fill out the annual report. The deadline to submit your chapter's report to our international office is August 15.

PI GAMMA MU MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE



Wooden Greek Letters - PGM

This set of three 8" tall wooden letters is made of 1/2" thick Baltic birch plywood. The set will arrive sanded and ready to paint or display as is. These letters are great to showcase along with a Pi Gamma Mu Banner during induction ceremonies and new initiates love posing for photos holding the letters. They also look great on display in a home or office.

Set of three **\$21**

Pi Gamma Mu stole and honor cords bundle.

Buy a stole and honor cords and save \$5! **\$36**.

Only members of Pi Gamma Mu may wear this graduation regalia.

Visit <https://pigammamu.org/store.html> to see all of our official Pi Gamma Mu merchandise including stoles, honor cords, t-shirts, tote bags, coffee mugs, 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/) - <https://www.facebook.com/PiGammaMuHonorSociety/>

 [Follow us on Twitter](https://twitter.com/PiGammaMu1) - <https://twitter.com/PiGammaMu1>

 [Connect with us on LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/in/pi-gamma-mu-international-honor-society-45733695/) - <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.achsnaatl.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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