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MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

Emma Grace Thompson

Student Representative on the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees 2017-2020

At each Triennial International Convention, the student members elect two students to serve on the international Board of Trustees for the upcoming three-year period. Both student trustees then attend the annual board meetings during that triennium and participate actively in governing Pi Gamma Mu. Board membership is a sign of respect and accomplishment, particularly if it happens when one is still a student. But it is certainly a significant career milestone at any age. Board membership can open up a whole new world of wonderful people, experiences, and causes. Enjoy this greeting from Student Representative on the Board of Trustees, Emma Grace Thompson:

I feel so honored to have been selected as a Student Representative on the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees. This honor society has been valuable in my personal life as a student and young professional, and I believe it offers a lot of value for others, as well. My goal as a Student Representative is to be able to reach out on an interpersonal level. Please feel free to contact me through email or social media if you have any questions about this organization and its benefits, or if you'd like to chat about growing your home chapter.

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SHADOW PRESIDENT UPDATE

The Pi Gamma Mu Shadow President was conceptualized for the 2008 Triennial International Convention--aptly named "A Political Party." Elected by the student delegates, the assignment for the Shadow President was to propose policy ideas and evaluate the initiatives of the current President of the United States in an occasional Newsletter column. **In this issue: Public Lands, By Aaron Miller.**

Public Lands

By Aaron Miller
Pi Gamma Mu Co-Shadow President

It is hard to tell where the current administration positions itself when it comes to protecting the land that each of us own equally, Public Lands. The message being sent is less government and more ownership, but is this really the best course of action when it comes to managing public land?

Under the current system, these lands are protected and managed by [five federal agencies](#) ensuring conservation and access. Under individual state management the same public land freedoms which American citizens enjoy today are not as safe. The ability to [live off it](#), own it, hunt on it, and survive off it is not guaranteed. The premise in which the current administration is selling the idea of rolling back public lands and returning them to states is misleading and not all facts are presented. The President and the Secretary of the Interior, [Secretary Ryan Zinke](#), invoke [bureaucrats in Washington DC](#) for depriving states of their natural resources and committing government overreach. However, in the context of public lands this sentiment is misleading.

Under the management of the federal government more than [640,000,000 acres](#) of land remain open for public use. As long as this property remains in public hands it is protected. Public lands activist and outdoor writer [Randy Newberg](#) sums it up best saying, "The thing is, the states don't have the funding, and they're...not going to raise taxes. So, in order to pay for management, some lands will either be sold or developed to maximize revenue." If a state transfer were to occur states would have a hard time managing the cost of this endeavor. In turn, a state would be forced to sell off or lease the land closing it to public access. For example, Idaho has approximately [32,623,376 acres](#) of public land and a population of [1,716,943](#). This is a guaranteed deficit. The only way to manage this would be a sale or lease.

In [Wyoming](#) the state receives only 48% of mineral revenue generated on public land. The federal government received the remaining 52%. "Giving Wyoming more control over public land is unlikely to result in a financial windfall because state regulators would still have to adhere to federal laws over the terrain." If this land were to be returned to the state for Wyoming to manage, the profit distribution would not change. Wyoming would then be responsible for managing land they lose money on and would still be required to comply with federal regulations.

Oregon's Elliott State Forest is a good example of what happens if a state transfer occurs. The value of Oregon's timber has left Elliott State Forest some of the last [public lands](#) in Coos County. Lawsuits and restrictions recently placed on the logging industry in Oregon put a damper on the education funding received from the timber harvest. It forced the state to look elsewhere for funds. The decision Oregon made was to sell the [84,000 acres](#) until the Oregon Land Board was able to keep the land in public hands.



Is there a fiscal advantage to keeping public lands public? The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) released [GDP outputs](#) from the outdoor recreation industry. The report estimates that "outdoor recreation contributed over \$373 billion toward U.S. GDP or over \$673 billion toward total U.S. gross output..." Additionally, the report highlights that consumers spend \$887 billion annually on outdoor recreation. A separate [study](#) shows that "economists have found that western national parks, monuments, and other protected federal public lands support faster rates of job growth and are correlated with higher levels of per capita income." In [Alaska](#), the public lands generate a billion-dollar industry centered around tourism. Annually, tens of thousands of visitors come to the small town of Whittier, [population of 200](#). The town hosts four water taxis, four kayak rental and tour companies, 26 guide outfitters, five daily boat tours, and hundreds of boats are permanently docked there. All revolve around the public lands.

Who should benefit from these public lands that each of us own? Should the small business owners and the rural communities that have vested interest in protecting their back yard? Or should international corporations control our land via decisions that are intentionally forced upon us by the current administration?

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CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS ARE IMPORTANT

Chapter annual report forms will be mailed to Chapter Sponsors in April. It is very important that all sponsors fill out and return this form to the international office by **August 15**. The [form is available on our Website](#) for those who would prefer to send it back electronically. 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 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.

SPRING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

At Pi Gamma Mu headquarters we are happily fulfilling orders for new membership credentials as the spring membership drive season continues. If you haven't started your chapter's spring membership drive, it's not too late! If you conducted a fall drive, would you consider conducting another drive this spring?

It is the lifetime membership fees that allow us to serve our members and chapters through member-exclusive scholarships, lectureship grants, conventions, our peer-reviewed professional journal, and more and it is the Chapter Faculty Sponsors who make it all possible by recognizing well-deserving students with an invitation to join. Thank you for your hard work and continued support!

Here are a few tips that you might find helpful as you conduct your membership drive:

- Invite all eligible students to join (see our constitution/bylaws posted on our website for membership requirements) pigammamu.org/bylaws.html,
- Ask the Registrar's Office to provide you with a list of students (undergraduate and graduate) that meet the requirements to join,
- Invite eligible online students,
- Invite eligible students who attend satellite campuses,
- Invite faculty members,
- Make use of Pi Gamma Mu's interdisciplinary nature and invite students from other departments,
- Include modest chapter dues in order to keep costs as low as possible for students
- Promote the benefits of membership in your invitation

If there is anything we can do to assist you with your chapter's membership drive or any other matter, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you!

CHAPTERS IN ACTION

On a blustery Friday, March 2, 2018, Pi Gamma Mu Delaware Beta at Wilmington University inducted 49 new members into the Chapter. The combined Honor Societies Induction ceremony from the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences was celebrated with a luncheon as members from five other honor societies were also inducted. The induction was the culmination of an academic year of hard work and great service! The faculty chapter sponsor of the Delaware Beta Chapter is Dr. Johanna Bishop, Director, Behavioral Science Programs.

During the 2017-18 academic year, the chapter held twelve meetings at five different campuses. Each month's meeting had a focus area. In November the focus was on orientation to Pi Gamma Mu, election of officers, and discussion about service projects. In December the chapter had a guest speaker who spoke about graduate school options and learning elevator speech. In January there was another guest speaker who presented about career options. In February the guest spoke about resume writing.







The Chapter Sponsor, Dr. Johanna Bishop, noted that conducting this many meetings at different campuses was only possible with the collaboration of Chair, Dr. Stephanie Berridge, and Adjunct Program Coordinators, Prof. Scott George and Dr. Shiloh Andrus.

On a 49 degree day with a blustery north wind, the chapter participated in an annual Polar Bear Plunge and raised \$3949.00. The team ranked #19 out of 267 teams! "Team Pi Gamma Mu at Wilmu" received a total of 119 donations. Students support the plunge in any one of the following ways: plunge with the team; cheer for the team from the beach; or make a donation to the plunge effort. The plunge represents just one of the many service projects the members of the chapter engaged in throughout the year. Projects included coaching youth sports, volunteering at a food pantry, a homeless shelter, a school, a YMCA, a Veteran's home, a soup kitchen, picking up trash in public parks, cooking thanksgiving dinner for the homeless, and more.

THE POLAR BEAR PLUNGE





Chapter members who graduated in January 2018 were happy to wear Pi Gamma Mu honor cords at commencement ceremonies.



Laurie Guinard, 2017 Pi Gamma Mu inductee, was the commencement speaker! Laurie is shown here with a member of the Board of Trustees of Wilmington University just before marching in.

PARTNER SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to the 10 exclusive scholarships Pi Gamma Mu awards to Pi Gamma Mu members each year, the Society's partnership with the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) translates into additional opportunities for members of Pi Gamma Mu. Opportunities include:

- [Washington Internship Institute](#) - all inducted student members of the ACHS societies will be awarded a \$500 merit-based scholarship for the ACHS/WII Washington Internship Program.
- [The Fund for American Studies](#) - one inducted student member of each of the ACHS societies will be awarded a merit-based \$1000 scholarship for a TFAS Summer Institute or Capital Semester.
- [The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars](#) – awards a \$1,000 housing scholarships to selected students who are members of ACHS honor societies.
- [The Osgood Center](#) - offers a \$500 scholarship to be applied to the cost of its internship program in Washington, D.C. This scholarship is automatically awarded to any student who is a member of an ACHS member society.
- [The PhD Project](#) – encourages ACHS member society students to participate in an expansive network of support that helps African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans and Native Americans attain their business Ph.D., become business school professors and serve as role models to attract the next generation of minority business leaders.
- [United Planet](#) – offers one merit based scholarship for an inducted student member of each chapter within every ACHS member society per calendar year in the amount of \$500 scholarship for any United Planet international program in one of over 35 countries. United Planet also awards five merit-based scholarships for alumni in every ACHS society per calendar year in the amount of \$500 for any United Planet international program in one of over 35 countries, and offers preferred program fees and support for chapter, society-wide, and alumni groups.

THE FUND FOR AMERICAN STUDIES EXTENDS APPLICATION DEADLINE

LIVE. LEARN. INTERN. in Washington, DC
www.DCinternships.org
June 2 – July 27

Extended Deadline: April 4, 2018

****Scholarship Funding Available****

Are you still deciding what to do this summer? It's not too late to maximize your time by spending 8 weeks in Washington, DC completing an internship, earning credit, and expanding your professional network. The Fund for American Studies has extended its application deadline for summer programs until April 4, 2018. Students will receive an internship placement, earn between 3 and 9 academic credits, and live in furnished campus apartments. **One inducted student member of Pi Gamma Mu may be awarded a merit-based \$1000 scholarship for the program.**

This is an important time to be in the nation's capital as changes to laws, regulations and the government are being debated by both sides of the aisle.

PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS

- Public Policy + Economics
- International Affairs
- Journalism + Communications
- Community Leadership + Service
- Business + Government Affairs
- Leadership + the American Presidency

INTERNSHIPS

TFAS has been running academic internship programs for almost 50 years and through their comprehensive institutes all participants will be placed in an internship within one of the following areas:

- Federal agency
- Embassy or International Affairs Group

- Government affairs office
- Media outlet
- Public policy group
- Nonprofit organization

Staff works to place students with an organization that fits their skills and career goals. Students will gain real-world experience that will set them apart when it's time to find their first jobs after graduation.

HOUSING

Live in the heart of Washington, DC on George Washington University's campus, just steps from the Lincoln Memorial and Department of State. Roommate matching with other program participants is included. [Click here](#) to learn more about housing accommodations and the neighborhood.

COURSES FOR CREDIT

Maximize your summer by also taking courses for between 3 and 9 credits from George Mason University in economics and government. Students may choose from a variety of engaging electives.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

Over 70% of our students receive scholarship awards based on financial need and merit and funding is still available. Awards typically range from \$1,000 - \$4,500.

APPLICATION

Students are encouraged to visit www.DCinternships.org for more information and to begin an online application. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through the **April 4** extended deadline. Students will be notified of their admission decision within two weeks of completing an application. Questions may be directed to admissions@tfas.org or 202.986.0384.

SEE WHAT ALUMNI ARE SAYING

"This program gave me the opportunity to live, study, and work in the most important city in the U.S. for international relations and foreign policy issues. I got to learn first-hand what working in this field looks like through my internship, the site visits and guest lectures, and now I know that it's definitely the career path I want to pursue."

Sarah Markley, Grove City College
Intern, World Hope International

Visit www.DCinternships.org/Alumni to read more testimonials from past program participants.

THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW

Access the *International Social Science Review* by using this link:
<http://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr/>

Pi Gamma Mu's commitment to scholarship in the social sciences is manifested most tangibly through the publication of our peer-reviewed journal, the *International Social Science Review*. The journal publishes three times a year in the spring, fall, and winter. Each edition contains about four peer-reviewed articles. Each edition also contains about 15 book reviews, which are written by scholars and carefully polished for publication by the book-review editor and the editor-in-chief. The journal frequently includes extended commentaries, point-counterpoint pieces, and Pi Gamma Mu News.

Pi Gamma Mu has two compelling reasons to publish an outstanding journal.

- The flagship honor society of the social sciences ought to encourage outstanding scholarship, and showcase it as an example for others.
- Our honor society can encourage the production of excellent scholarship by our members--professors and students alike--by providing an outlet for their research products.

We encourage our members to expose their research to public view by presenting papers at our triennial international conventions and by submitting them to the *ISSR* for peer review. We hope that this activity might encourage our student members to write not just papers that will placate their professors but to write *inspired* papers that will enlighten others. We hope that this activity might encourage our members--professors and students alike--to undertake research that will result in manuscripts that the peer-review process will find to be acceptable for publication.



SUPPORT THE SOCIAL SCIENCES BY DONATING TO PI GAMMA MU

Pi Gamma Mu is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation and is able to accept tax-deductible donations. If you would like to make a donation to our organization in honor / memory of a professor, sponsor, loved one or friend, or to support our scholarship program, you are encouraged to do so. Pi Gamma Mu gives scholarships to students going into a graduate program in social science each year, and much more.

To make a donation, simply go to our [website](#) and click on the [Donate Now!](#) button from any page. This will take you to the Online Donation Form. Online payment is by major credit card or PayPal account. Transactions are handled securely at the payment processor site. Pi Gamma Mu does not receive your sensitive financial data.

If you prefer to mail your donation, please complete the donation coupon below and mail it with a check payable to Pi Gamma Mu, at the following address: Pi Gamma Mu, 1001 Millington St., Suite B, Winfield, KS 67156.

For more information, call the executive director at (620) 221-3128 or visit our donations Web page:
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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). Keep your eye out for updates about the Triennial International Convention coming up this October!

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.

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.