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CHAPTER NEWS



Georgia Mu Chapter at Emmanuel College



Mr. Shavoyae Brown speaks to attendees at a "Cultural Awareness Program" event hosted by the Georgia Mu Chapter at Emmanuel College.

The Georgia Mu Chapter at Emmanuel College hosted a "Cultural Awareness Program" (CAP) event on February 23, 2022. The theme of the evening was "Making Community Connections across Cultures".

The event received support from Pi Gamma Mu via a Lectureship Grant in the amount of \$100 which helped bring dynamic speaker, Mr. Shavoyae Brown, to campus for the event. Brown is a graduate of Emmanuel College and is an educator and literacy advocate. The topic of his presentation was "Our Broken World Craves Healing".

Dr. Robert j. Fulton, Jr. is the Faculty Advisor of the Georgie Mu Chapter and helped organize the event.

Nebraska Delta Chapter at Wayne State College

The Nebraska Delta chapter sponsored the annual Wayne State (Nebr.) College Student Senate Issues Forum on Tuesday, February 15 in the Kanter Student Center. The event featured candidates for 2022-23 Student Senate president and vice president. Candidates standing for office had the opportunity to present their campaign platforms and to answer questions from the audience (see photo).

The forum was free and open to the campus and community. It was also livestreamed on the Wayne State College Student Senate Facebook page. For over twenty years, the Student Senate Issues Forum has been coordinated and moderated on campus by the local Pi Gamma Mu chapter. Student Senate elections are held online the week following our Issues Forum. The Nebraska Delta chapter is sponsored by Dr. Randy Bertolas and Dr. Jean Karlen.



CALL FOR FACULTY SPEAKERS

Pi Gamma Mu will be offering a new program to spotlight the research interests and expertise of Pi Gamma Mu's Chapter Sponsors! The program will offer lectures from our Chapter Sponsors on topics of their choice to all Pi Gamma Mu members. Similar to the virtual conference, speaker series lectures will be offered via the zoom online platform.

We are currently accepting proposals for the 2022-2023 academic year. The deadline for proposal submissions for the 2022-2023 academic year is July 1, 2022. Lecture topics could include (but are not limited to) leadership, social equity, history, public policy, gerontology, anthropology - or any other social science topic.

If you are interested in speaking, please write a brief proposal of what you would like to speak about and send your proposal to Allison G. S. Knox, Chancellor of the Southeast Region: Allison_G.S._Knox@hotmail.com.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVE –

A message from Student Representative on the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees, Eliana Varrucciu

It is a great honor and opportunity for me to have been selected with Melissa Riggs as Student Representatives of Pi Gamma Mu Social International Honor Society of Social Sciences.

As an international student from Sardinia, Italy, being compensated for my academic effort in social sciences with the Pi Gamma Mu membership, in 2021, was a big achievement for me. Currently, I am part of the Nebraska Delta Chapter at Wayne State College (WSC), and with the help of Dr. Randy Bertolas and Dr. Jean Karlen, the chapter co-advisors, I was able to gain more knowledge about this honor society and was impressed.

I decided to become a candidate for the Student Representative position to contribute to the Leadership Development and Triennial International Convention programs, and to be able to share my experiences with other students as a student from outside of the United States.

I am currently in my senior year at WSC, majoring in Criminal Justice, Spanish, and Pre-law. Eventually, I would like to pursue my post-graduate studies in family law or European law.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me!

Eliana Varrucciu

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ABOUT THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees includes two student representatives who are elected during the Triennial Convention and serve on the Board for the following three-year term. Student Representatives, at the time of their election, shall be enrolled as undergraduate students in an academic institution with an active chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, in which the student is a Member at the time of election. Undergraduate Student Members interested in running for the two Student Representative positions may be nominated by their chapters before the Triennial Convention or be nominated (including self-nomination) during a student caucus at the International Triennial Convention.

The two elected Student Trustees must represent two different chapters; thus, if the two top candidates are from the same chapter, the one with the most votes will be elected to the Board of Trustees; the other Student Representative will be the candidate with the next highest number of votes from a different chapter.

In addition to service on committees, Student Representatives shall serve as key liaisons with student members.

The next Triennial International Convention and student caucus will be in 2024.

PI GAMMA MU HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS PRESENT POSTERS

After postponing the Pi Gamma Mu 2020 convention, the 2021 Virtual Triennial International Convention, which was held November 3-6, 2021, proved to be a great success. Although virtual conferences have become common over the past couple of years, the 2021 Pi Gamma Mu Virtual Triennial International Convention lived up to its billing both virtually and internationally. Attendees experienced keynote addresses, paper presentations, the opportunity to participate in the popular Leadership Development Program, and a variety of poster presentations.

While a selection committee evaluated student paper submissions, any Pi Gamma Mu member, whether a current student or any life-long member, could present a poster. According to Brad Tennant, who chaired the poster sessions, "The presentations featured a variety of social science disciplines with several international presenters coming from chapters thus reflecting that Pi Gamma Mu is truly the preeminent international honor society in the social sciences." Furthermore, recorded presentations accommodated presenters who came from various time zones and allowed others to listen during the assigned sessions or at a later time. In addition to the research posters, posters that reflected various chapter activities, history, service projects, or programs were also presented. All poster presentations were limited to no more than ten minutes.

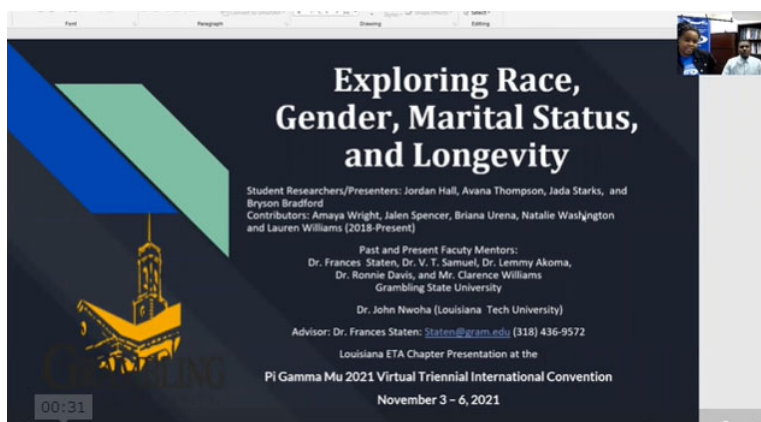
The following are the topics, presenters, and their Pi Gamma Mu university chapter.

Research Poster Presentations

- "Worldwide Perspectives of the Death Penalty" by Eliana Varrucci, Wayne State College (Nebraska Delta Chapter)
- "Covid-19 Effects on Perceptions of Student Safety, Anxiety, and Recovery" by Caitlin McGettrick, Manchester University (Indiana Theta Chapter)
- "Beyond the Transmission View of Disinformation: Exploring the Intersection of Algorithms and Rhetoric in Marcos Historical-Revisionist Propaganda" by Juven Nino A. Villacastin, University of the Philippines - Diliman (Philippine Alpha Chapter)
- "Income & Happiness of Marriage" by Olivia Swarts, American Public University System (West Virginia Iota Chapter)
- "James Earle Fraser's Images of the American West" by Brad Tennant, Presentation College (South Dakota Zeta Chapter)
- "Paradoxes of Civility and Incivility: How Civil or Uncivil Online Discussions of Support or Dissent Influence Online Opinion Articulation or Concealment" by Ma. Rosel S. San Pascual, University of the Philippines - Diliman (Philippine Alpha Chapter)
- "Spirals of Civility and Incivility" by Ma. Rosel S. San Pascual, University of the Philippines - Diliman (Philippine Alpha Chapter)
- "Translating History to Film" by Shelby Hagerdon, Wayne State College (Nebraska Delta Chapter)
- "Exploring Race, Gender, Marital Status, and Longevity" by Jordan Hall, Avana Thompson, Jada Starks, Bryson Bradford, Grambling State University (Louisiana Eta Chapter)

Chapter Showcase Posters

- "Sociability, Social Service, and Sacrifice – Pi Gamma Mu Membership in the Florida Lambda Chapter " by Shelby Hearn-Belluso, Saint Leo University (Florida Lambda Chapter)
- "Community Service Experience" by Clementine Johnson, Saint Leo University (Florida Lambda Chapter)
- "Almost 50 Years: Kansas Chapter Theta of Pi Gamma Mu Newman University, Wichita, Kansas" by Kelly Mai and Brendan Schwartz, Newman University (Kansas Theta Chapter)
- "Chapter Theme for a Year" by Olivia Camarena and Larry Heck, Newman University (Kansas Theta Chapter)
- "The History and Benefits of Pi Gamma Mu" by Suzanne Rupp, Executive Director, Pi Gamma Mu
- "Social Science Essay Contest – Fostering Scholarship at an Online University" by Katherine Im, University of Maryland Global Campus (Maryland Theta Chapter)



Bryson Bradford and Avana Thompson present their research poster, "Exploring Race, Gender, Marital Status, and Longevity" at the 2021 Pi Gamma Mu Virtual Triennial International Convention. Their co-authors were Jordan Hall and Jada Starks. The authors are members of the Louisiana Eta Chapter at Grambling State



Eliana Varrucci presents her poster, "Worldwide Perspectives of the Death Penalty" during the 2021 Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention. Varrucci is an international student from Italy attending Wayne State College (Nebraska Delta Chapter).

CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS DUE AUGUST 15



Attention, Chapter Sponsors,

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

The annual report form not only makes your chapter eligible for chapter awards, but also helps your chapter to remain in compliance with Internal Revenue Service regulations. The international office will file your chapter's Form 990-N tax return on your chapter's behalf based on your answers to the two financial questions on the annual report form. Please help us to keep your chapter in compliance with the IRS regulations so that our Society and your chapter will maintain our tax-exempt status.

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

THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW

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

The current issue, Volume 97, Issue 4 (2021) includes book reviews, Pi Gamma Mu News, an [Extended Commentary: Meritocracy and Its Discontents: Inequality in Higher Education](#) by Ronald J. Berger, and the following articles:

[U.S. Immigration and Human Trafficking Overlap](#)

Stephanie Pedron and José de Arimatéia da Cruz

[Parenting and the Development of Social Competence in Early Childhood](#)

Meredith Karam and Kathryn A. Degnan

[Women in Literature: The Impact of Feminism on Fantasy Literature, 1950–1990](#)

Jessica Dassler

[Glorious to Gruesome: Callot, Goya, and Picasso, and the Art of War](#)

Mary-James Capers

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

Enjoy!



NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

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

Chapters are working together to support veterans, the homeless, and animals in animal shelters. Chapters may choose to do one, two, or all three components of the service project. This year's National Service Project will end on *June 30, 2022*.

Chapters are encouraged to email photos and descriptions of their participation in the National Service Project to suzannerupp@pigammamu.org for inclusion in a future issue of the Pi Gamma Mu *Newsletter*.

Descriptions of the national service project are listed below. If you have any questions, please contact Allison G. S. Knox, Chancellor of the Southeast Region and point of contact for the Pi Gamma Mu Service Project initiative. allison_g.s._knox@hotmail.com.

Homeless Box Drive - chapters contact an organization in support of the homeless and put together a donation box full of supplies the organization can use. The supplies are donated to an organization in support of the homeless.

Veterans - chapters contact a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital and collect toiletries and soft cover books in support of the veterans. Supplies are donated to a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital.

Animals - chapters will contact an animal shelter in their area and will put together a donation box full of supplies the organization can use. The supplies are donated to an animal shelter.



One of the service projects the Nebraska Delta Chapter at Wayne State College completes annually is the creation of 'tie blankets' which are donated through the local "Gifts for Kids" program in Wayne, Nebraska. The blankets go to local families in need. Dr. Randy Bertolas, Dr. Lisa Nelson (pictured, far left), and Dr. Jean Karlen are the Chapter Faculty Sponsors of the Nebraska Delta Chapter.

SHOW OFF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH A STOLE AND HONOR CORDS



The international office is selling Pi Gamma Mu honor cords, stoles, coffee mugs, bumper stickers and more.

Members can order honor cords and stoles any time during the year. They can be worn at graduation, they can be draped around your Pi Gamma Mu membership certificate on the wall, or you can be creative--but be sure to order yours. There is an order form on the merchandise page at www.pigammamu.org/store.html.

Church Hill Classics offers beautiful Pi Gamma Mu frames that can turn your membership certificate into a spectacular work of art! Visit the Web page at www.pigammamu.org/church-hill-classics-store.html.



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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/>

 **Follow us on Twitter** - <https://twitter.com/PiGammaMu1>

 **Connect with us on LinkedIn** - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/pi-gamma-mu-international-honor-society-45733695/>

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HONOR SOCIETIES

Honor Societies have existed as a part of the higher education tradition since 1885. In 1925 the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) was established to help colleges and universities assess the value and credibility of these organizations. Pi Gamma Mu has been an accredited member of the ACHS since 1953. This link lists all member honor societies that are certified and meet the standards of the ACHS:

<https://www.achshonor.org/certified-societies-member-directory-#/>

Over the past few years there have been several groups that have emerged that are calling themselves honor societies but do not meet the standards to be certified by the Association of College Honor Societies. Based on the calls and questions that come to the ACHS office, these organizations are marketing themselves as honor societies and possibly creating confusion for students.

In order to help students and administrators make more informed decisions, the ACHS has asked us to share with you basic questions to ask or assess before determining any organization to be an honor society:

- Does the organization require minimum scholastic criteria?
- Does the organization provide transparent governance?
- Does the organization have campus chapters?
- Are they a recognized 501c3 non-profit organization?
- Does the organization have a website that includes: membership criteria; fees and benefits; Bylaws; headquarters staff with contact information; national elected officers?
- Are members of the organization involved in governing the organization?

You can find more information about how to judge the credibility of honor societies at <https://www.achshonor.org/judging-credibility>. Please help us share this with individuals on your campus who can help students make better informed decisions.

Thank you for making a difference with Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences.



CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Pi Gamma Mu communicates with its lifetime members via email. Anytime your email address changes, such as after graduation or when you change jobs, please notify the Pi Gamma Mu office immediately. This will prevent your emails from being interrupted or discontinued. Simply email your new email address to executivedirector@pigammamu.org or go to our Web site (www.pigammamu.org) to change your address information. We will need both your old email address and your new email address to update our records. Thank you very much for taking a few minutes to keep your information current.

MISSION OF PI GAMMA MU

The Mission of Pi Gamma Mu is to encourage and promote excellence in the social sciences and to uphold the ideals of scholarship and service.

IDEALS OF PI GAMMA MU

There are seven ideals of Pi Gamma Mu. Do you know them?

1. **Scholarship** – it is basic to all the rest. With knowledge, we can build society and better understand humanity and what has been thought and said and tried in all generations.
2. **Science** – we need and admire the spirit of science – the firm belief that the problems that confront humanity can be solved if we will search out the facts and think clearly on the basis of those facts.
3. **Social Science** – we shall never understand or solve the problems of human association until we examine the souls of people, the passions, prejudices, hopes and fears.
4. **Social Idealism** – we believe in a human society fit for human life that humans themselves can build. "Where there is no vision the people perish." We will not give up our vision.
5. **Sociability** – specialization makes us narrow. Our social problems are complex. They will never be solved without the cooperation of all the social sciences and of those who study them.
6. **Social Service** – the primary purpose of science is to know and to enable us to do. What we know we want to put to work for the benefit of humanity.
7. **Sacrifice** – we are engaged in the greatest and finest of all the arts, the building of human society. Without giving freely, fully, and sacrificially of means, time, talent, energy and passion, all our other ideals will fall short and the contributions we hope to bring will never come.

SYMBOLS OF PI GAMMA MU

The **motto** of the Society is the epigram of the Master Teacher, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The society's **key** has a wreath at the bottom to suggest that social science is the outgrowth and fulfillment of natural science. The running figure is reminiscent of the ancient Greek torch race and symbolizes humanity bringing knowledge to the solution of its own problems and passing on the light from generation to generation.

The **colors** are blue and white - for truth and light.

The official **flower** is the blue and white cineraria.