



NEWSLETTER

Pi Gamma Mu

International Honor Society in Social Sciences

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.

Number 210

November 2016

In This Issue:

2016 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR 2017 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS IS FEBRUARY 15

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH AlcoRehab.org

FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

EARN FUNDS TO BRING STUDENTS TO THE 2017 TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

2015-16 CHAPTER HONOR ROLLS ANNOUNCED

2015-16 DONORS

MARYLAND ETA CHAPTER CELEBRATES NEW INITIATES!

SAVE THE DATE! TRIENNIAL CONVENTION November 2-4, 2017

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN AIMED AT CHAPTER GROWTH IS SUCCESSFUL

HELP PI GAMMA MU GROW BY SHARING THIS LINK

NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

2015-16 GUEST LECTURESHIP GRANTS

SHOW YOUR PI GAMMA MU PRIDE

CONNECT WITH IIGM ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER, AND LINKEDIN

ACHS MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS THE LEGITIMACY OF HONOR SOCIETIES

MISSION, IDEALS, and SYMBOLS OF PI GAMMA MU

NEWSLETTER EMAIL LISTSERV SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members who receive the *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter* by email are subscribed to the Pi Gamma Mu Mailing List.

[Click here](#) to subscribe or unsubscribe to the Pi Gamma Mu listserv, and follow the instructions to leave or join the list.

2016 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

After much deliberation on the part of the Pi Gamma Mu Awards Committee, the committee's chairperson, Dr. Clara Small, recommended 10 scholarship winners to the Board of Trustees. The Board awarded scholarships to the following lifetime members of Pi Gamma Mu:

The **\$2000 Carroll Parish Scholarship** was awarded to **Samantha Sabin**. Sabin earned a B.S. degree in Psychology from Reinhardt University where she joined the Georgia Rho chapter in 2013. She is currently enrolled in graduate school at Georgia State University in Atlanta and is seeking a Ph.D. in Psychology, with a concentration in Community Psychology. After completing her bachelor's degree, she worked for Child Protective Services as a family preservation specialist case manager. Her experience as a case manager led her to search for a way to continue her work and elicit real change. Continuing her education in Psychology provided this opportunity. Her long term goal is to develop community based interventions targeting families in need. Dr. M. Katrina Smith is the chapter faculty sponsor of the Georgia Rho chapter.



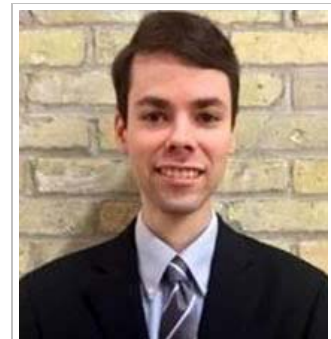
Samantha Sabin



Elliott Mamet

Elliott Mamet is the recipient of the **\$2000 Marvel Stockwell Scholarship**. He is a member of the Colorado Epsilon chapter at Colorado College. He graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2015 with a major in Political Science and minor in Social and Political Philosophy. As an undergraduate, Mamet interned for the American Civil Liberties Union, defending civil and constitutional rights for those without another advocate. He also interned in Congress and has held a position at the American Political Science Association. Mamet studied at the London School of Economics and Political Science during his junior year as an undergraduate student. With the support of Pi Gamma Mu, Mamet is pursuing Ph.D. in Political Science at Duke University. Dr. Dana Wittmer is the faculty chapter sponsor of the Colorado Epsilon chapter.

The **\$2000 Effie B. Urquhart Scholarship** was awarded to **Thomas Gregg, Jr.** Gregg joined Pi Gamma Mu through the Wisconsin Alpha chapter at Marquette University. He graduated in 2011, Summa Cum Laude, with a B.S. degree with majors in Economics, Accounting, and International Business, and a minor in Spanish. During his undergraduate career, he spent a semester abroad at City University London including a study tour of Shanghai and Beijing, China. After graduation he worked in the financial industry before returning to Marquette in 2015 to pursue a Master's degree in Applied Economics where he intends to specialize in the areas of international and financial economics. Dr. Richard S. Jones is the chapter faculty sponsor of the Wisconsin Alpha chapter.



Thomas Gregg, Jr.



Morgan Hess

The **Daniel E. Quigley Scholarship of \$1000** was awarded to **Morgan Hess**. Hess earned her B.A. degree from Marquette University where she joined the Wisconsin Alpha chapter of Pi Gamma Mu. She majored in Criminology and Law Studies and minored in Writing Intensive English and Sociology. Hess has been interested in the law since she was a child and became a Youth Commissioner on her community's Village Board of Trustees at a young age. She continued to volunteer and work in the field of law as she worked on her bachelor's degree. She is currently enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she is working on a J.D. degree with a goal of becoming a practicing attorney. Dr. Richard S. Jones is the chapter faculty sponsor of the Wisconsin Alpha chapter.

Jennifer Dickey was the recipient of the **Gordon E. Mercer Scholarship of \$1000**. Dickey joined Pi Gamma Mu through the Pennsylvania Mu chapter at Franklin & Marshall College. She earned a B. A. degree in Sociology and Public Policy, minoring in Hispanic Cultures. As an AmeriCorps member, Dickey served refugees and immigrants and acted as an advocate for her clients. Her experiences inspired her to pursue a graduate degree. She is currently seeking a dual graduate degree in social work and public health at the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in Saint Louis, MO. Her goals include creating social change by developing and implementing programs and policies that improve the health and social and economic wellbeing of communities. Alan S. Glazer, CPA, is the faculty chapter sponsor of the Pennsylvania Mu chapter.

(Right: Jennifer Dickey)



The following were awarded \$1000 Pi Gamma Mu scholarships:



Alexa Curtis

Alexa Curtis was initiated into Pi Gamma Mu at the Massachusetts Delta chapter at Wheelock College. Curtis earned a B.S. in Psychology and Human Development with a minor in Child Health in May of 2016. She is currently working on an M.S. in Child Life and Family Health at Wheelock. She first became interested in working with children as a teenager when she took on a series of jobs involving working with youth. Drawing on her own experiences and the knowledge she gained through her studies, she looks forward to continuing to learn about psychological principles and practices aimed at helping children and their families. Dr. Marcia Folsom in the faculty chapter sponsor of the Massachusetts Delta chapter.

Melanie English is a member of the New York Beta chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Elmira College where she earned a B.A. degree in Psychology in 2015. She has been active in clinical work, student leadership, and clinical research projects throughout her academic career. She is currently working on a Psy.D. degree in psychology at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, PA and has plans to become a practicing licensed clinical psychologist. She hopes to help fill the gaps within the current mental healthcare system by supporting community mental health in its accessibility and level of competent care.

Dr. Jim Twombly is the faculty chapter sponsor of the New York Beta chapter.



Melanie English

Andrea Martires Abelenda was initiated into Pi Gamma Mu at the Kansas Theta chapter at Newman University where she earned a B.S. degree in Sociology and Psychology with a concentration in Criminal Justice and a minor in International Studies. She is currently enrolled in graduate school at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver where she is working on a Master's degree in International Studies. Abelenda was born and raised in a developing country, has traveled extensively, and is skilled in five languages. As an undergraduate, she interned with the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and at a United Nations agency in Geneva, among a multitude of other experiences. Her long-term goals include working for an international organization or non-profit where she can be involved in projects and work on policies that solve problems in developing nations in different regions of the world. Dr. Laurence C. (Larry) Heck, is the chapter faculty sponsor of the Kansas Theta chapter.



Andrea Martires Abelenda

Susan Barczak was initiated into Pi Gamma Mu at the Delaware Beta chapter at Wilmington University in 2016. She majored in Behavioral Science at Wilmington where she further developed her lifelong interest in working with children and appeared on the Dean's list every semester. She has plans to continue her education at the graduate level in Social Work. Barczak's personal mission statement is, "It is better to build children, than to mend adults." Dr. Johanna Bishop is the faculty chapter sponsor of the Delaware Beta chapter. Barczak was selected by the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees to receive a \$1000 scholarship, but regrettably declined the scholarship due to an unexpected circumstance. Another applicant was selected to receive the scholarship.



Susan Barczak



Shobi Zetina

Shobi Zetina joined Pi Gamma Mu through the South Dakota Zeta chapter at Presentation College where she earned a B.A. degree in Social Work in 2015. Zetina grew up on the Lake Traverse Reservation, the home to a branch of the Santee Dakota group of Native Americans. She aims to help the Dakota people regain the language and culture that were lost long ago when many were forcibly sent to boarding schools. She hopes to work within a non-profit setting to create relationships between elders and the younger generations to help revive the Dakota way of life, with a focus on families struggling with alcohol and substance abuse, domestic violence, and troubled youth. Zetina is currently enrolled at the University of South Dakota where she is working on a Master's of Social Work degree. Dr. Brad Tennant is the faculty chapter sponsor of the South Dakota Zeta chapter.

Kaitlin Boger was initiated into Pi Gamma Mu at the Illinois Rho chapter at Eureka College. She earned a B.S. in Sociology and Psychology in 2016. She is currently working on a Master's in Social Work at St. Louis University in



Kaitlin Boger

Missouri. Boger first became interested in the field of social work while working at a daycare where she witnessed the positive impact social workers had on at-risk children. She further developed her interest and skills by participating in several mission trips and continuing her work with children. She looks forward to pursuing a career in social work after completing her MSW degree. Dr. Junius Rodriguez is the faculty chapter sponsor of the Illinois Rho chapter.

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR 2017 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS IS FEBRUARY 15

Each year, Pi Gamma Mu awards 10 scholarships to outstanding members. Three scholarships are worth \$2000 each, and the other seven are worth \$1000 each. 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 right away. Applications must be fully completed and received at the Pi Gamma Mu office in Winfield, Kans., with a postmark on or before February 15. Winners will be notified in April, with the grants awarded in October. Please check the Pi Gamma Mu website for information and the application form <http://www.pigammamu.org/scholarships.html>



SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH AlcoRehab.org

AlcoRehab.org is a group of professionals who are passionate about helping those struggling with alcoholism. They are devoted to providing free support and resources for people who are fighting an alcohol addiction and their loved ones. AlcoRehab.org is proud to award \$6,000 in scholarships each year to three students, who share their vision on the dangers of alcohol abuse and addiction and is seeking Pi Gamma Mu members to apply.



There is no fee to apply and the application period is open from October 10, 2016 through February 1, 2017. Visit <https://alcorehab.org/scholarship/> for details.

FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The International Board of Trustees wishes to thank the chapter faculty sponsors for their dedicated service to Pi Gamma Mu! It is the chapter sponsors who provide the lifeblood of the Society. In order to maintain fiscal stability and prepare for a strong future we must continue to grow by providing an invitation to membership to more outstanding students who deserve to be honored. Receiving an invitation to join Pi Gamma Mu is an honor both students and parents value a great deal. We want more top students to have this opportunity and we are asking chapter sponsors to help us achieve this mission.



We offer the following suggestions for increasing your chapter's membership this year:

- Invite **ALL eligible students** to join (eligibility requirements are available on our [website](#)),
 - Disciplines include history, political science, sociology, anthropology, economics, international relations, criminal justice, social work, psychology, social philosophy, history of education, human/cultural geography and other social science interdisciplinary areas such as women's studies, international regional studies, communication and media studies, minority studies, business programs involving economics, education programs involving psychology, and more.
- Ask the Registrar's Office to provide you with a list of students who qualify,
- Remember that **graduate students** are eligible to join,
- Remember that **online students** are eligible to join,
- Invite **faculty** members to join (increase Pi Gamma Mu awareness on your campus while honoring your colleagues and increasing membership),
- Make use of Pi Gamma Mu's **interdisciplinary** nature and invite students to join from other departments,
- Expand your chapter to include **satellite campuses**,
- Promote the **benefits of membership** in your invitation:
 - Recognition for your high scholastic achievement,
 - Lifetime membership,
 - A handsome certificate worthy of framing,
 - A membership card,
 - A gold-plated keypin,
 - Access to the society's online newsletter and peer-reviewed professional journal,
 - Possible advancement in Civil Service Rating,
 - The opportunity to apply for Pi Gamma Mu scholarships,
 - The opportunity to wear Pi Gamma Mu honor cords at graduation,
 - The opportunity to present research at Pi Gamma Mu conventions, and more!

Please remember that we are here to help you. If there is anything we can do to assist you with your chapter's membership drive or any other matter, do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!

WELCOME, NEW CHAPTERS!

We would like to welcome several new and reactivated chapters into the Pi Gamma Mu family! During the 2015-16 academic year, we have added several new chapters and reactivations to our rolls.

The following chapters were chartered in 2015-16:

Arizona Gamma – University of Phoenix
Illinois Sigma – Knox College
Connecticut Delta – University of New Haven
Oregon Delta – Northwest Christian University
Kentucky Delta – University of Kentucky
Tennessee Xi – University of Memphis

The following schools have applied for a charter and are currently undergoing site review:

Midland University - Nebraska
Hodges University - Florida
St. Joseph's College - Indiana

The following chapters, which had been inactive for some time, reactivated by sending in new initiates during the 2015-16 year:

Alabama Delta - Troy University
Pennsylvania Pi - Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Florida Eta – University of South Florida

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.

EARN FUNDS TO BRING STUDENTS TO THE 2017 TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Each chapter is building a reserve of convention funding at Pi Gamma Mu headquarters. It grows every time you send applications for membership and initiation fees. The Convention Reserve Fund was established by action of the international Board of Trustees to encourage more chapters to participate in convention activities. Each chapter who sends a delegation to the convention will receive funding.

\$2 from each \$50 initiation fee sent into our office goes into a fund to be used at the time of the next convention by the chapter who sent in that member. The funds accumulate over the three year period leading up to the convention. Suppose your chapter initiated 50 members during the three years leading up to the convention - then your convention fund would equal \$100. This amount will be mailed to the chapter sponsor prior to the convention after a delegate from the chapter has registered for the convention.

The next Triennial International Convention will be held in **Kansas City, MO, November 2-4, 2017**. Learn about the convention by visiting <http://pigammamu.org/convention-2017.html> Earn more funding for your chapter by initiating more members this year. The more members you send in, the more funding you will earn!

Convention Reserve Fund payouts are capped at \$500 per chapter. If your chapter does not attend the convention, this amount will be expended for general convention costs.

We hope to see you in Kansas City in 2017!

2015-16 DONORS

Pi Gamma Mu gratefully acknowledges those who donated during the 2015-2016 fiscal year, which concluded on August 31, 2016.

Illinois Pi Chapter at McKendree University, Chapter Sponsor, J. L. Kemp

Margarita Custodio-Garcia, Vineland, NJ

Larry and Robbie Heck, Wichita, KS

Colleen Huseby, Massachusetts Epsilon Chapter at Springfield College

Gordon and Marcia Mercer, Franklin, NC

Luis Rodriguez, Missouri Mu Chapter at Park University

Carol Rupp, Winfield, KS

Suzanne Rupp, Winfield, KS

While Pi Gamma Mu is not the largest or wealthiest of the 65 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. No effort is spared to make our members' experiences as fulfilling as possible. Providing a variety of valuable services and opportunities to the members of Pi Gamma Mu such as scholarships, lectureship grants, conventions, publications, and more reflects the tenacity of the officers, the executive director, and staff, who have become experts at taking modest amounts of resources and extracting the maximum amount of benefit from them.

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, you can [donate now](#) online using a credit card or PayPal account. If you prefer to mail a check print this [donation coupon](#) and mail it to our office.

Thank you!

MARYLAND ETA CHAPTER CELEBRATES NEW INITIATES

The Maryland Eta chapter at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) initiated 13 new members at a ceremony on November 16, 2016 on the University's Hazel Hall in Princess Anne, Maryland. Dr. Clara Small, Interim Chair of the Department of Social Sciences, performed the candle-lit initiation ceremony and spoke about the history of Pi Gamma Mu. Small is the Second Vice President on the International Board of Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu and was a long-time chapter sponsor of the Maryland Gamma chapter at Salisbury University where she is a Professor Emeritus.



FRONT ROW: Dr. Ray Davis, Dean of the School of Education, Social Sciences, and the Arts; Kyle Williams, student; Chantel R. Thompson, student; Annika Nichols, student; Jocelyn Harmon, student; Marketa B. Stanfield, student; Dr. Kimberly Whitehead, Interim Provost; Eyerusalem A. Fitta, graduate student.

BACK ROW: Michael A. Robinson II, student; Kevin D. Jackson, student; Eric Jodlbauer, graduate student; Janay A. Lanzo, student; Jeremy E. Jones, graduate student; Dr. Clara Small, Interim Chair, Department of Social Sciences.



Ms. Gayla DeShields, Administrative Assistant of the Department of Social Sciences, and Dr. Kimberly Whitehead, Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, also participated in the event which featured a lovely reception and a cake decorated in Pi Gamma Mu's colors of blue and white (representing truth and light). Dr. Junior R. Hopwood of the Department of Social Sciences is the faculty chapter sponsor.

SAVE THE DATE! November 2-4, 2017

Attend the 2017 Triennial International Convention in Kansas City, MO

Mark your calendars! Plans are coming together for our next Triennial International Convention. Join us in Kansas City, Missouri on November 2-4, 2017! Our hotel, the Marriott Kansas City – Country Club Plaza puts you in the heart of Kansas City's world famous Country Club Plaza, the Midwest's premier shopping, dining, and entertainment district. Situated between two distinguished art museums, The Nelson Art Gallery and the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, the Marriott is an ideal location to get together to celebrate Pi Gamma Mu's rich history. Let the hotel's complimentary shuttle pick you up after a great meal or a shopping trip at the Plaza or travel just a little further to visit Kansas City's Crown Center entertainment district, Union Station and Science City, the historic City Market, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, Westport, the Power and Light district, and much more. Selected student presenters will receive funding from Pi Gamma Mu to help cover the costs of attending the convention. Many colleges and universities provide additional funding for students and faculty members to attend professional conferences. Why not take advantage of this great opportunity to participate in the 2017 Triennial Convention? Now is the time to start planning your trip to Kansas City!



Student Paper Presentations - Pi Gamma Mu student members may propose to present their research papers at the convention. Selected student presenters will receive financial support from Pi Gamma Mu to attend the convention. Proposals must be submitted in the form of a completed research paper. Complete instructions for paper proposals will be available on the website soon. Think about it... presenting at an international convention looks great on a resume and can provide a boost to your career!

Leadership Program – We will be launching the new Pi Gamma Mu Student Leadership Program at the 2017 convention. If you are interested in learning more about Pi Gamma Mu student leadership roles or leadership in general this program is for you! Pi Gamma Mu leadership positions include two student representatives on the International Board of Trustees (a three year term on the board) and a variety of student officer positions at the chapter level. Several students who write winning entry essays will receive financial support to attend the convention. Complete instructions to apply for this program will be available soon.

Chapter Development Showcase – Share your chapter's story at this unique event. Chapters can display their histories, service projects, and other accomplishments in this poster session. Help other Pi Gamma Mu chapters learn from you by submitting a poster for presentation at the convention!

Convention Launch Party/Convention Opening – This Thursday evening event will kick off the convention and will feature a Pi Gamma Mu trivia competition, door prizes, and the opportunity to meet and greet Pi Gamma Mu board members, chapter sponsors, and members from around the globe. The event will be immediately followed by the Plenary Session including the Roll Call of Chapters, the President's Triennial Report, and the Service Project Presentation.

Awards Banquet Gala – Join us for the 2017 Awards Banquet. The event will include a meal; recognition of top chapters, alumni, sponsors, and other contributors; and a keynote address. There is no additional cost to attend the banquet. Please join us!

Service Project – We will be continuing the Pi Gamma Mu tradition of engaging in an international service project at the convention. In recent years, delegates brought stuffed animals to the convention. The toys were donated to a local organization helping families and children in need. This program is a well-regarded Pi Gamma Mu tradition and we hope you will help us achieve this service goal. Previous recipients include the Partnership Against Domestic Violence in Atlanta, GA, the Artemis House in Fairfax County, VA, and My Sister's House, Inc. in N. Charleston, SC.

Invitation to Alumni – Pi Gamma Mu continues to encourage alumni to attend and participate in the triennial international convention. If you are able to attend, we would love to see you at the convention!

Registration – The convention registration fee is \$100. This includes continental breakfasts on Friday and Saturday and a dinner banquet on Friday evening. There will be an additional fee for an optional tour of the city (details to be determined). Convention registration will open at a later date. The advanced registration deadline is October 12, 2017. Registrations received after that date including on-site registrations will be \$125.

Hotel – We will be staying at the Marriott Kansas City – Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, MO. The room rate is \$139 per night (plus applicable taxes) for up to four people per room. The hotel is located at 4445 Main Street; phone 816-531-3000; [link to hotel website](#). Attendees can fly into Kansas City International Airport and take the SuperShuttle for \$19 one-way or \$33 round trip. Reservations are required – call SuperShuttle at 800-258-3826.

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN AIMED AT CHAPTER GROWTH IS SUCCESSFUL

A significant goal of Pi Gamma Mu is to bring the ideals of scholarship, collaboration, and service to colleges and universities around the world through reactivating and establishing new chapters of Pi Gamma Mu at these institutions. In addition, growth through the development of new chapters is essential to the future sustainability of Pi Gamma Mu. In order to grow and to achieve our mission Pi Gamma Mu staff continually reaches out to college faculty to solicit interest in providing recognition to top social science students through establishing a chapter of Pi Gamma Mu. In 2015, the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees expanded this growth initiative by dedicating funds to a new Facebook advertising campaign. The campaign's focus is to help increase awareness of the benefits of hosting a chapter. The campaign was made possible by donations from several of the society's top chapters and private supporters. To date, a total of \$1,250 in donations has been received. Since launching the ads last year, the Pi Gamma Mu website has received thousands of new visitors, hundreds of thousands of Facebook users have been reached, and the international office has received multiple inquiries about starting new chapters! **The society plans to continue this effective social media advertising program and asks for your financial support.** Pi Gamma Mu Chapters, chapter sponsors, new members, and alumni are asked to send in donations of any size to help support the society's efforts to continue to grow through this new promotion. A donation of \$50 is suggested but we will happily accept donations of any size. Upon request we will send you an invoice for the amount you wish to donate to provide documentation you might need to release chapter or university funds.

Donations can be mailed to Pi Gamma Mu, 1001 Millington St., Ste. B, Winfield, KS 67156. Thank you for your support!

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.

 [Print donation coupon](#)

Thank you for your generosity and support of Pi Gamma Mu.

HELP PI GAMMA MU GROW BY SHARING THIS LINK

Share [this link](#) with students and faculty at four-year colleges and universities who would benefit from housing a chapter of the society. In addition to providing well-deserved recognition to top social science students, benefits include Pi Gamma Mu scholarship eligibility, lectureship grants, publication opportunities, conference presentation opportunities, increase in civil service rating, and more! For a list of currently active chapters visit <http://pigammamu.org/chapters.asp>

More information: <http://pigammamu.org/start-chapter.asp>

Presentation: **Starting a Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu – Membership Benefits and Requirements** <https://prezi.com/th5ofvkb259n/pi-gamma-mu/>

NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

This year, chapters of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society will be collecting items for the homeless. To participate, please contact an organization in your area that supports the homeless. Ask them what they need in terms of supplies and donate a box of supplies on behalf of your chapter.

If every chapter works on this initiative, Pi Gamma Mu will be able to help the homeless population throughout the country! Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Allison G. S. Knox, Chancellor of the Southeast Region: Allison_G.S._Knox@hotmail.com. We hope you will participate in this endeavor! Don't forget to mention it in your Annual Report.



2015-16 GUEST LECTURESHIP GRANTS

The Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu have established the lectureship fund for the purpose of advancing the social sciences and to serve as a memorial to deceased officers of this honor society. The following chapters received a Pi Gamma Mu lectureship grant during the 2015-16 fiscal year:

Georgia Rho

The Georgia Rho chapter at Reinhardt University received a \$300 Pi Gamma Mu Guest Lectureship Grant to help bring Cheryl L. Brown to campus. Brown provided a lecture entitled, "I am not an Army of One: Creating an Interdisciplinary Team." The event was held at the Glass House on Reinhardt University's Waleska, Georgia campus. Brown is a Professor of Sociology at Greensboro College and is a co-founder of an international non-profit organization, *Vidas de Esperanza*, dedicated to improving the lives of Latino youth in North Carolina and in rural areas of Mexico through increased access to education, technology, and medical care. M. Katrina Smith is the sponsor of the Georgia Rho chapter.

New York Sigma

The New York Sigma chapter at Le Moyne College was awarded a \$300 lectureship grant to bring Melinda Messineo to a function jointly hosted by the New York Sigma chapter and LeMoyne's Council of Honor Societies. The event was held at the Genesee Grande Hotel located in the heart of Syracuse's historic University Hill neighborhood. Messineo is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Ball State University. The topic of her lecture was, "What Facebook Knows about You that You don't Know They Know". Messineo has numerous publications on the sociology of social media and is an award-winning teacher. Jeffrey Chin is the sponsor of the New York Sigma Chapter.

Mississippi Theta

The Mississippi Theta chapter at Blue Mountain College received a \$300 grant to bring Thomas E. Parson to campus. Parson is a park ranger at the Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center, a unit of Shiloh National Military Park. His research focuses on the military activities in North Mississippi during the Civil War. He is author of books concerning the Civil War and Mississippi including "Work for Giants: The Campaign and Battle of Tupelo/Harrisburg, Mississippi, June-July 1864 (Civil War Soldiers and Strategies)" and "Bear Flag and Bay State in the Civil War: The Californians of the Second Massachusetts Cavalry." He has also written several feature articles in Blue & Gray Magazine. Stewart Bennett is the faculty sponsor of the Mississippi Theta chapter.

Pennsylvania Alpha Omicron

The Pennsylvania Alpha Omicron chapter at Washington & Jefferson College applied for and received a Guest Lectureship Grant of \$300 to bring Dr. Roy Tamashiro to campus. Dr. Tamashiro gave a lecture entitled "Once Upon a Peace Pilgrimage: Reframing 'Who Am I' for Planetary Consciousness". In July 2015, Dr. Roy Tamashiro, a professor of Multidisciplinary Studies at Webster University (St. Louis, MO), answered a "calling" to embark on a Peace Pilgrimage. His "assignment" was to highlight the rise of "planetary-peace consciousness," while commemorating and reflecting on the 70th anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. His pilgrimage has included North America, the Pacific, Asia and Europe, where he has given commemorative/memorial services, and has led workshops, seminars, and student peace camps. In this interactive presentation, Dr. Tamashiro shared stories from his pilgrimage and exchanged his insights with students and faculty at Washington & Jefferson College. Zheyu Gai is the faculty chapter sponsor of the Pennsylvania Alpha Omicron chapter.

For more information on Pi Gamma Mu Guest Lectureship Grants and the application form please visit <http://pigammamu.org/lectureships.html>

CONNECT WITH PiGM ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER, AND LINKEDIN



Like us on Facebook



Follow us on Twitter



Connect with us on LinkedIn

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.

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.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.

Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter is available online at <http://www.PiGammaMu.org/newsletter.html>

©2016 Pi Gamma Mu®