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2021 Triennial International Convention to be held Virtually, November 3-6, 2021

Social Scientists: Leading the Way

Pi Gamma Mu is the oldest and preeminent interdisciplinary social science honor society. Its purpose is to award academic excellence and service. Started in 1924 by the Deans of Southwestern College and the College of William and Mary, its headquarters today are in Winfield, Kansas. Throughout its 97 years of existence, it has produced many well-known scholars, diplomats, political leaders, business leaders, and pioneering professionals.

Over the last several decades, members of the prestigious Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society have attended the Triennial Convention in various cities across the United States. Students in chapters of this organization have waited for this convention for the opportunity to present papers and posters, hear notable speakers, and meet other honor students from colleges and universities nationwide. This year will be no different but with the continuing issues with the COVID pandemic, and decreasing revenue available for student travel, this year's convention will be held virtually. Dr. Suzanne Rupp, executive director of the society is enthusiastic about the shift in offering the convention. "The board of trustees is excited to be offering the convention online this year so that more chapters can participate. Having a virtual convention is very affordable for the students and we expect that more Pi Gamma Mu members will be able to attend".

The virtual event will be offered from Wednesday, November 3rd through Saturday, November 6th. The keystone of the convention is student paper presentations in which selected students will present their research to convention attendees. Webinars and zoom sessions will highlight speakers in our Leadership Program and awards will honor students and chapters who have excelled in academics and service to their communities. We will also recognize historical and current Pi Gamma Mu members who have demonstrated excellence in their field. Dr. Clara Small, Professor Emerita Salisbury University, Pi Gamma Mu board member, and author of several African American history texts, presented at the 2017 convention. We are proud to bring such impressive speakers to our conventions for students and faculty. Pi Gamma Mu has an illustrious history of members who include such famous leaders as U.S. Admiral Richard E. Byrd and U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Another feature of the Convention is the popular Leadership Development Program, a series started at the last convention in Kansas City, MO. Under the direction of professor and board member, Allison G. S. Knox, the 7-hour event will feature segmented sessions on Leadership in Literature, featuring what has been written about leadership as a social science, Leadership in Special Circumstances, focusing on the skills needed by leaders in emergency or dangerous situations, and Leadership in Academia, addressing management issues in education as well as how to write effectively as a leader. Information on how to successfully publish your work will

be important for students who are in or are heading to, graduate school. Students will finish the Leadership Program with a presentation and virtual field trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Leadership speakers include a program administrator, an emergency manager, a college dean, a journal editor, and experts from the Marine Museum on leadership in military combat. Certificates of completion will be awarded to all students who attend and finish the assignments.

Dr. Susan Kinsella, convention committee chairperson indicates, "the convention is open to all Pi Gamma Mu members, undergraduate and graduate. It is chock-full of surprises with a social networking event and webinars and interactive sessions through Zoom, allowing students to socially network with other chapters in attendance and learn what service projects they are engaged in, especially during this time of COVID". Service is part of the mission of Pi Gamma Mu and projects during the convention allow students to participate in assisting non-profit organizations with needed supplies and resources. Over the years students have collected and donated stuffed animals to a children's residential home, sent books to military veterans, and provided toiletries to the homeless. This year an online project will allow students to participate in another service project.

If you have never presented a paper in your discipline, attended a leadership program, visited the National Museum of the Marine Corps, or listened to an address by a leading authority in the social sciences, then this is the year to advance in your discipline. You can begin to network with other professionals in your area and find out what careers await you with your degree. There are also opportunities to be a part of the student caucus if you want to run for a student seat on the board of trustees for Pi Gamma Mu. We encourage students to come meet other honor students from around the country, and for faculty to meet other chapter sponsors and share their ideas of the activities conducted on their campuses. The Pi Gamma Mu 2021 Convention promises to be a worthwhile scholarly event and we will look forward to meeting everyone there. Pi Gamma Mu conventions are open to all members of Pi Gamma Mu.

CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES (March 29, 2021)

Pi Gamma Mu was forced to postpone its 2020 Triennial International Convention for one year by the global viral pandemic. The 2021 Triennial convention will thus take place in early November of this year (November 3-6, 2021), **but** it will be a virtual convention. The convention will have most of the features of in-person triennial conventions, with some extra features, and will be much more affordable. Student members are encouraged to submit completed social science research papers for presentation consideration at the 2021 Convention.

The final paper submission deadline is Friday, October 8, 2021. Submitters will be advised within two weeks whether or not their paper have been accepted. All accepted papers will then be ranked by the Committee of Readers. The top fifteen papers will receive free conference registration. The top ten rated papers will receive publication consideration in the *International Social Science Review* (ISSR). Early submissions are strongly encouraged.

All submissions must include a completed cover page (see example below), including the title of the paper, the author's name, institutional affiliation, email address, telephone number, **AND** the email 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 email 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, prior to the submission deadline. Authors are reminded that their paper is being submitted for viewing by an audience of scholars in a number of social science disciplines, and that if their paper was originally written for a specialized class it should now have language and terminology which could be understood by non-specialists in their discipline.

Papers need to be submitted via email 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 email cover letter as a Microsoft Word document. Other word-processing software is unacceptable. The *deadline* for submitting papers is Friday, October 8, 2021; earlier submissions are highly encouraged.

Submissions will be acknowledged by email 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 email 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.

Call for Student and Chapter Posters – Submit Your Proposals

The 2021 Student and Chapter Poster Session will be held during the 2021 Virtual Triennial International Convention this November 3-6. Poster proposals are being accepted now.

Purpose: The Poster Session is designed to feature both student work in the Social Sciences or highlight the history/activities of a chapter. Posters are exhibits of materials that report academic work or chapter activities in visual and summary form. Pi Gamma Mu's bylaws define the social sciences to include those disciplines that emphasize the scientific study of human societies and social relationships including, but not limited to, such disciplines as anthropology, criminal justice, economics, geography - human, gerontology, history, history of education, human services, international relations, political science, psychology, social philosophy, sociology, social work, as well as related interdisciplinary programs anchored in the Social Sciences, particularly those that focus on age, environment, ethnicity, gender, race, and regional studies.

Student Posters: Students experience and study the Social Sciences in many ways. This session is designed to feature the variety of these experiences, disciplines, and studies. Posters may present completed original research and data collection, projects and papers which may be "in progress", theoretical works and applications, studies of public policy and summaries of applied experiences such as service-learning projects or internship experiences. In addition, posters provide a means for students to present group projects as well as those of individuals.

Chapter Posters: Pi Gamma Mu is also interested in posters from Pi Gamma Mu Chapters. Chapter posters can exemplify the diverse strengths of our chapters and share ideas regarding a wide range of chapter-related activities including an overview of a year's activities, a chapter's history, service projects, initiations, programming, or recruitment strategies.

Expectations of Poster Presenters:

Students must be members of Pi Gamma Mu and register for the convention in order to be included in the convention program.

Deadlines:

Poster Proposals - Poster proposals may be submitted any time; however, the deadline is Friday, October 8, 2021.

Virtual Poster: If a proposal is accepted, the deadline for submitting your poster presentation is Friday, October 22, 2021. Submission details will be forthcoming.

Submission Information:

Send poster proposal submissions directly to Dr. Brad Tennant (brad.tennant@presentation.edu). Contact Dr. Tennant with any questions you may have.

NOTE: Once reviewed and accepted, the presenters/chapters will be notified of their acceptance. This process may help the chapter in seeking institutional funding for the presenters. Thus, members are encouraged to develop their poster ideas now and submit poster proposals early.

Poster Proposal Submissions should include the following information:

POSTER TITLE:

PRESENTERS: Please provide names and email addresses for all student and faculty presenters, if possible. At a minimum, each poster submission must have the name and contact information of one individual who will serve as the key contact for the session.

CHAPTER and FACULTY SPONSOR: Provide the chapter name, institutional affiliation, address, name, and contact information (email and phone number) of a faculty sponsor.

ABSTRACT: A summary of the poster's content in 150 words or less including the social science discipline (e.g., psychology, sociology, criminal justice, history, etc.)

Format: Only the proposal needs to be submitted at this time. If a virtual poster proposal is accepted, the poster presentation should include slides **to help visually** explain the poster topic. The presentation should not exceed five (5) minutes **allowing for questions and comments afterward**. Posters will be available during the convention.

Send poster submissions directly to Dr. Brad Tennant (brad.tennant@presentation.edu).

2021 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Join us for the second Leadership Development Program during the 2021 Virtual Triennial International Convention! Program participants will learn about leadership in a variety of different contexts to include leadership in academia, stressful environments, non-profit organizations, public policy and in the United States Marine Corps. The virtual event will consist of webinars, lectures, and a unique online experience with the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia. While the program is tailored for undergraduate students, graduate students are welcome to attend. Students will earn a certificate of completion for their resume upon the conclusion of the program.

Participants must be Convention participants (convention registration is \$60.00) and Pi Gamma Mu members. Registration is \$40.00 and must be submitted by October 8, 2021.

Some funding is available for students to attend the program. Interested Pi Gamma Mu members must submit the Leadership Development Program Grant Application by **August 1, 2021** to be considered. Questions about the program should be directed to Allison G. S. Knox, Chair of the Leadership Development Program: Allison_G.S._Knox@hotmail.com.

STUDENT MEMBERS CAN RUN FOR OFFICE!

Pi Gamma Mu invites student members to run for office! At each triennial international convention, the student members elect two students to serve on the international Board of Trustees for the new triennial (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. Serving on a board will allow one to develop skills that he or she may not have had the opportunity to develop before. One can build his or her professional network and develop a deeper understanding of what it takes to run a successful organization. Consider running today!

The two elected students are voting members and possess all of the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities as a trustee. The student trustees shall serve a term of three years and at the time of their election must be currently enrolled in an academic institution containing an active chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, in which the student is a member in good standing at the time of election.

The nomination, campaigning, and election for student trustees occur during the triennial international convention. Student caucuses are also held during the convention for the purpose of electing the student trustees. The 2021 Triennial International Convention will be held online, November 3-6, 2021.

Please contact the international office with questions.