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Elaine C. Kamarck Receives Capital Area's Pi Sigma Alpha Award

Elaine C. Kamarck, Senior Policy Advisor to the Vice President of the United States and a political scientist with a distinguished record as a scholar, teacher, and Democratic Party activist, has been selected to receive the National Capital Area Political Science Association 1996 Pi Sigma Alpha Award. The award, recognizing the contributions of a political scientist to public service, was presented on March 9, 1996, at a ceremony held at Mount Vernon College in Washington, D.C., where the NCAPSA was holding its annual meeting. The award was presented by Candice J. Nelson, President of the Association and Professor of Political Science at American University.

In her position as Senior Policy Advisor to Vice President Gore, Kamarck has had responsibility for creation and management of the Clinton Administration's National Performance Review (the "rein-venting government" project). She also serves as the Vice President's primary advisor on the Community Empowerment Board and on the Clinton Administration's Welfare Reform Task Force.

Kamarck is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College and holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California Berkeley.

Previous NCAPSA Pi Sigma Alpha award winners are: Ernest S. Griffith, Francis O. Wilcox, Alan K. (Scotty) Campbell, Donna E. Shalala, Evron M. Kirkpatrick, Charles L. Clapp, Elmer B. Staats, Austin Ranney, Parris N. Glendening, Mark W. Cannon, Richard M. Scammon, Howard R. Penniman, Max M. Kampelman, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, James L. Sundquist, David Price, Vincent J. Browne, William A. Galston, and Stephen Horn.

Deadline Looms for 1996 Student Paper Awards

Pi Sigma Alpha invites chapter advisors to nominate outstanding papers for the ΠΣΑ student paper awards. The papers must be written by students currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate political science programs in schools with ΠΣΑ chapters, and must be submitted to the National Office by their chapter advisors no later than June 15th. Winners will receive cash awards and recognition in the Pi Sigma Alpha Newsletter, and their papers will be considered for publication in the Newsletter.

Graduate Student Paper Award-\$250

The author must be a graduate student in political science, and the nominated paper must have been presented at a state, regional, or national political science association meeting during the current academic year. One nomination will be accepted per chapter. Three copies of the paper, with a letter of nomination from the chapter advisor on department letterhead, should be submitted to the National Office by June 15, 1996. Chapter Advisors should be sure to include the author's home address. The winning paper will be announced by September 1, 1996.

Undergraduate Paper Award-\$250;

Runners-up-\$100 each

The author must be a member of Pi Sigma Alpha currently enrolled in an undergraduate political science program. The paper must be an existing paper written for a class or for a related activity such as a panel or forum, not written just for this competition. Three copies of each nominated paper, with a letter of nomination from the chapter advisor on department letterhead, should be submitted to the National Office by June 15, 1996. Chapter Advisors should be sure to include the author's home address. The winning paper and runners-up will be announced by September 1, 1996.

ΠΣΑ Paper Awards Announced

Various regional political science associations have announced their **Pi Sigma Alpha Awards** for best papers at their 1995 meetings. The winners are:

Midwest Political Science Association

Recipients: Scott Ainsworth, University of Georgia; Patrick Fett, University of Memphis; Itai Sened, Tel Aviv University

Paper: "Implications of Turnover and Term Limits on Institutional Stability"

Southern Political Science Association

Recipients: James Lingle, Diana Owen, and Molly Sonner, all of Georgetown University.

Paper: "Divisive Presidential Primaries: The Impact of Electoral and Partisan Contextual Factors on Democratic Party Electoral Prospects"

Western Political Science Association

Recipients: Jack Citrin, UC-Berkeley; Donald Green, Yale University; Christopher Muste, UC-Berkeley; Cara Wong, UC-Berkeley

Paper: "The Economy, the Personal Economy, and Public Opinion Toward Immigration"

and

Recipient: Timothy V. Kaufman-Osborn, Whitman College

Paper: "From the Linguistic to the Corporeal Turn: Does the Body of Judith Butler Really Matter?"

Note from the Editor

More chapters have been sending in information about their activities, and I'm grateful for all the news. We still need to hear from more chapters. What are you up to? What has your chapter been doing this year? We'd like to report on it, so have someone-chapter advisor or student officer-take a few minutes to send a brief report to the National Office. Photos are welcome as long as they're clear and the images are large enough to be reproduced faithfully. Please provide captions with names, as appropriate.

The Newsletter is published three times a year. The deadlines for submission of material are: September 10th for the **October** newsletter; December 31st for the **February** newsletter; and March 1st for the **April** newsletter.

A NOTE ON SUBMISSIONS: In addition to submitting a paper copy of your submitted material, please provide an electronic copy on disk as well. Alternatively, you may e-mail the submission-either directly to the editor (tierney@bc.edu) or to the National Office (pisigmaa@erols.com).

Georgetown's Delta Eta Chapter Reports on a Busy Spring

Washington, DC: This spring Georgetown University's Delta Eta Chapter has been busy organizing several campus-wide events to promote the study of government and political science. With funds from a chapter grant award from the National Office, we are offering two panel presentations about career options in the fields of law, politics and policy making. We developed these programs in an attempt to give undergraduates a taste of the many career opportunities for post-bachelor degree studies.

Our first panel focuses on pursuing a career in law. We begin our panel with a presentation from a current law student (and Pi Sigma Alpha member) who will speak about the challenges and rewards of life as a law student. This should give students a flavor for both the day-to-day challenges and the plethora of activities that law school comprises. Next, a law school admissions officer will provide students with guidance on how to prepare for and select a law school program. We will then turn to two practitioners, a career prosecutor and a human rights lawyer, who will speak about what drew them to this occupation, the ways in which they have found it challenging, and the wide range of policy-oriented activities in which they have participated. In this way, the students will see the many possibilities that such a career holds.

Our second panel introduces students to an alternative to law school-graduate work in political science and related fields. Three of our panelists have masters degrees (in public policy, international affairs, and political science, respectively) and are fully enmeshed in the policymaking world. In the domestic arena, we have a public policy consultant who has considerable experience in urban financing and the impact of federal programs on state populations. In the international domain, we have a panelist who has worked for both the state department and private think tanks. In addition, one of the panelists is a journalist from the "Newshour with Jim Lehrer" and will speak about the advantages that a substantive degree holds for a career in media. Lastly, we will have a tenured professor from Georgetown who will share views on the advantages of life as an academic and the relationship between the academy and the "real world" of politics. We hope that the panel will provide students with a sense of the numerous options-and advantages-of graduate work in political science.

Finally, our chapter is eagerly looking forward to our spring induction ceremony, scheduled for early May. The Honorable Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services, has agreed to be our keynote speaker. Secretary Shalala's outstanding career in academia and her energetic devotion to public service embody the basic principles of Pi Sigma Alpha and serve as an example for political science students not just at Georgetown, but across the country. Her presence at the ceremony promises to make the induction a memorable occasion for all of us.

Notes from the National Office

Chapter Advisors, remember to submit your nominations for the best graduate and undergraduate student papers by June 15. Also, watch your mail in June for the official announcement of the 1996 Pi Sigma Alpha Business Meeting to be held on Friday, August 30 in San Francisco, at which you will vote for the ΠΣΑ President-elect and six new Executive Council members. As in the past, the National Office will offer a stipend to Chapter Advisors who attend the Business Meeting, and the June mailing to you will include a mailback form for those who plan to attend.

The National Office has written to all Department Chairs inviting them to nominate long-serving Chapter Advisors for our Best Advisor Awards. The nominations are due by June 15th, and the winner or winners will be announced by September 1. The award consists of a cash prize of \$1,000 and recognition in this *Newsletter* and in *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

We have had many phone inquiries lately about current fees and prices. The national ΠΣΑ initiation fee is \$25 per student, and the fees for an initiation group must be sent to the national office in the form of a single check or money order for the whole list. A replacement certificate is \$5.00.

This is the fee for replacing a lost certificate or reprinting one for which the name was given incorrectly on the original request form. Graduation [medallions](#) are \$10 each, and may be ordered with an [order form](#) or by letter.

We have the medallions in the office and ship them as soon as we receive your orders. Prices for [jewelry](#) (keys, pins, tie tacks, etc.) have not changed since 1994. If your price list says 1994 or 1995, you may be sure the prices are good until at least July 1996 when our contract with the jeweler is renewed.

Please notice that submissions to the *Newsletter* should be made both in hardcopy form and in electronic form (on disk or by e-mail to the Editor). Please don't hesitate to use Pi Sigma Alpha's e-mail for short communications. Our e-mail address is pisigmaa@erols.com.

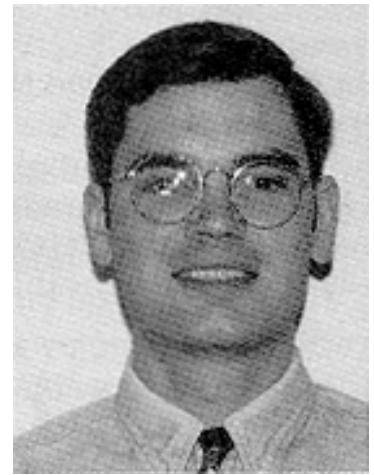
Pi Sigma Alpha Graduate Scholarships Awarded

The National Office of Pi Sigma Alpha is pleased to announce the three winners of the ΠΣΑ/Penniman Graduate Scholarships for 1996. The three scholarships of \$1500 each are awarded annually by a national selection committee to Pi Sigma Alpha members entering graduate programs in political science. The scholarships, funded under a new award program started only two years ago, recently were named Penniman Scholarships in honor of Howard Penniman, a former president and executive director of Pi Sigma Alpha, who died in the spring of 1995. The members of the national selection committee this year were Dr. Gale Mattox (chair), professor of political science at the United States Naval Academy; Dr. Maurice Woodard, professor of political science at Howard University; and James I. Lingle, professor of government at Georgetown University.

Joseph Quin Monson

Brigham Young University

When Quin Monson starts work toward his Ph.D. in political science this fall, he will be pursuing his fondest dream. "I love political science and want to spend my life doing it," he explained in his statement to the Pi Sigma Alpha scholarship committee. "Elections, Congress, public opinion and the policy process all fascinate me, and I intend to specialize in these areas as I pursue a Ph.D.," he noted. Quin already has a good feel for what he will encounter in graduate school, having had some "hands-on experience with polling research" in a public opinion and voting behavior class at Brigham Young University, where he earned his undergraduate degree as well as a masters degree in public policy.



During the past academic year, Quin served as president of Brigham Young's Pi Sigma Alpha chapter and was instrumental in raising the visibility of the honor society on campus. Professor J. Scott Dunaway, advisor to the Beta Mu Chapter, noted about Quin: "He has proven to be one of the best chapter presidents we have had in the 10 years I have been the advisor. This year he has overseen a variety of activities and has been committed to increasing student interest and participation in our discipline." Before taking on the position of chapter president, Quin had served as chapter secretary and was responsible for promoting and editing the student journal in Brigham Young's political science department, *The Pi Sigma Alpha Review*.

Quin's interests extend beyond political science and Pi Sigma Alpha. In recent months he has served as a merit badge counselor for a local Boy Scout troop in his neighborhood. And as a student at BYU, he participated in several music performing groups including a jazz ensemble and an a Capella choir.

Marie A. Witting

Purdue University Calumet

Marie Witting is a non-traditional student, having started college five years after completion of high school. When she started her college studies, she never expected to enjoy the academic life as much as she has. Now, having been on the Dean's List every semester and leaving college with nearly a 4.0 grade point average, Marie looks back on her collegiate life and says that the academic environment proved to be quite a good fit with her personality and her interests. She now plans to pursue graduate study, focusing on public administration and political behavior, with the aim of eventually entering politics at the state and local level.



Marie was one of the founders of the Tau Psi chapter and served as its president

for two years. During her two-term tenure, she wrote two successful grant proposals for chapter activity awards from the national office of Pi Sigma Alpha. In fact, during her two years, the Tau Psi chapter went from being brand new to being one of the most active chapters nationally.

Marie also has been a member of the American Society for Public Administration. And she spent the summer of 1995 in Washington, D.C., where she held an internship in the press department of the U.S. State Department, what she calls "one of my most rewarding experiences."

Erin B. Kaheny

New Mexico State University

This fall Erin Kaheny starts "what I hope will be a lifelong journey of scholarship" by attending graduate school to study political science. "Ultimately, I want to share the knowledge I will gain with others in an academic career involving research, writing, and teaching." American government is Erin's primary field of interest, and she hopes to develop specialized expertise in American constitutional law and American judicial institutions and policymaking. Erin put some of these intellectual interests to practical effect this past year when she served as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the student government at New Mexico State University. In that capacity, she also organized a mock Supreme Court and discussion forum about hate speech on college campuses.

Erin also devoted a lot of effort to NMSU's Eta Eta chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. Among other things, she took on the task of revising the chapter's outdated bylaws; she coordinated a reception for New Mexico high school students considering a political science major; she coordinated the chapter's high school student essay contest; and, as chapter secretary, she produced without fail a bi-weekly newsletter on chapter activities. Erin was voted "Outstanding Member" for the 1994-1995 year by the Eta Eta chapter on the strength of her contributions to multiple chapter activities. And promising to build upon those earlier accomplishments, she was elected the chapter's vice president for the 1995-1996 academic year.

Erin has been involved, on a voluntary basis, in mentoring a local high school team for the World Affairs Challenge competition held annually at the University of Denver. As part of that work, she has met weekly with students to lead discussions about international affairs and to assist them with research at the university library.

Tau Chapter Develops Web Page, Full Slate of Activities

After a year-long lull in activities and membership recruitment, the *Tau Chapter at the University of*

Nebraska-Lincoln revived itself with a fresh group of members, and new, bold agendas.

In March, 1996, the Tau Chapter went on-line with a new web page detailing the chapter's activities, meeting times, current membership, constitution, and links to other chapters and political science resources. The page also incorporates an on-line form for University of Nebraska students to apply for membership.

To view the Tau Chapter's web page, simply point your web browser to: <http://www.unl.edu/psa/PSA.HTML>. The chapter is also listed on better than a dozen Internet search resources, including Netscape's [Infoseek](#) and [Yahoo!](#)

Also in March, Tau chapter co-sponsored (with UNL's Golden Key National Honor Society and Mortar Board) a debate among the presidential candidates for UNL's student government. This high-profile event generated a tremendous amount of interest in academic-level politics and was broadcast live via UNL's radio station, KRNU.

Some of the other items Tau chapter is planning includes holding frequent informal roundtable discussions about contemporary political issues; sponsoring a writing scholarship contest for local college-bound high school youth; sponsoring practice GRE and LSAT examinations for members and other UNL students; and holding an end-of-semester awards banquet to honor those Tau chapter members who selflessly devoted their time and energy in the furtherance of the chapter and its reputation.

The Tau chapter is intent on making 1996 the most successful year since its founding at UNL in 1931.

The chapter officers for the 1995-1996 academic year include Thomas K. Eads, President; Doug Brauer, Vice-President; Matt Campbell, Treasurer; and Jeremy Jorgenson, Secretary. Professor Andrew Wedeman is Tau Chapter's Faculty Advisor.

Front Row: Jeremy Jorgenson, Treasurer; Andrew Wedeman, Advisor; Matt Campbell, Treasurer; Thomas Eads, President; Doug Brauer, Vice-President.



Back Row: Jane Schuerman, Vuthinanta Ruenprom, Christopher Heiser, Chad Pekron, James Gill, Mike Levesque, Chad Kniss.

Not Pictured: Brian Buescher, Rebecca Hannagan, Doug Kennedy, Lori Ma, and K.J. Weir.

Chapter Web Sites Proliferate

National Office Also Will Have One By Fall

Following the lead of the **Eta Eta Chapter at New Mexico State University**, which was profiled in the [last edition](#) of the newsletter, other Pi Sigma Alpha chapters are unveiling their own World Wide Web pages. As noted [elsewhere](#) on this page, the **Tau Chapter at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln** has a new web home page.

The Alpha Iota Chapter at Utah State University also has its own home page on the web. The USU web site was created by Greg Bair, the chapter vice president, and can be reached at: <http://www.usu.edu/~polisci/ps/psa/>

Other institutions whose chapters maintain their own web home pages include **Mississippi State**, **Sonoma State**, and the **University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth**.

The National Office of Pi Sigma Alpha is currently atwork on its own web home page, which should be available by the start of the next academic year. The web site for the national organization will include the chapter handbook, the society's constitution, information on grants and awards, chapter information, links to chapter web sites, and assorted other useful information

Pi Sigma Alpha to Host Events at Annual APSA Meeting

Pi Sigma Alpha will host a number of events at the upcoming annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, to be held in San Francisco from August 29th through September 1st. The Business Meeting, to which chapter advisors are invited and at which the election of new national Executive Council members will take place, will be Friday at 5:30 p.m. (Advisors will receive a mailing about this in June.) The annual Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture will be on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. The national officers are pursuing a high-profile speaker for this lecture, but no final commitments have been received. Finally, Pi Sigma Alpha is sponsoring a panel on undergraduate honors programs in political science. This panel, cosponsored with the APSA's Department Chairs Conference, will probably be on Thursday morning at 10:30, and will feature Keith Legg of the University of Florida, Darryl Roberts of Tuskegee University, Kay Schlozman of Boston College, and Marion Smiley of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The panel was organized by James Lenge, national Executive Director of Pi Sigma Alpha, and will be chaired by Mark Warren of Georgetown University.

Tau Psi Congratulates Members

Hammond, Indiana: Tau Psi, the Purdue University Calumet chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, would like to congratulate a number of its members for pursuing, in accordance with its mission statement, worthwhile curricular and extra-curricular activities related to political science and for pursuing scholarship and intelligent interest in political science.

Two members of Tau Psi are currently seeking public office. They are Douglas Handley (Hammond School Board) and Steven Pynakker (County Commissioner).

Two members will study law this summer in Oxford. They are Rajeanne Korthals and Anthony Rickman.

One member will be studying international relations in Austria this summer. She is Catherine Nielsen, who is currently the Secretary for Tau Psi.

In addition, Tau Psi would like to congratulate two additional members for their achievements which reflect positively on the chapter: Melissa Yovich, currently vice president of the chapter, for winning 1996 Purdue University Calumet Homecoming Queen; and Marie Witting, currently president of the chapter, for being awarded "Outstanding Senior of the Year" from the Department of History and Political Science.

Chapters' Annual Reporting Requirements

All chapters are required to make an annual report to the National Office. The information will be used to update National Office files and to assist in the Best Chapter Award selection process, so make your report as complete as possible. To make it easier to include all the information you need to, we have discarded the old annual report form and now ask chapters to provide the information as a narrative report. Please make certain that, at the very least, your report includes the following information:

- Chapter name
- Department
- College or University
- Address
- Total student enrollment of institution
- Name of chapter advisor
- Daytime phone number of chapter advisor
- Names and titles of chapter officers
- Dates of initiations in 1995
- Number of initiates in 1995
- Annual budget for chapter
- Amount of cash on hand
- Number of faculty who are members of ΠΣΑ
- Number of students who are chapter members
- Number of regular chapter meetings per year
- Any national ΠΣΑ programs or services applied for in 1995 LPrograms sponsored (Note whether for members only, for department only, or for university community or public)
- Any other activities or services you think the National Office (or the *Newsletter*) should note

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Zeta Pi Chapter at University of South Florida Builds for the Community

In the best tradition of Pi Sigma Alpha members, students in the Zeta Pi Chapter at the University of South Florida (Tampa) volunteer their labor every year to Habitat for Humanity, helping to build housing for low income families. Pictured here, left to right, are: Donald Harrison, Helen Palladeno, Richard Jackson, and Carlos Velasquez.



New Pi Sigma Alpha Chapters, 1995-1996

Upsilon Iota	Mercer University-Macon, GA 1995
Upsilon Kappa	Widener University-Chester, PA 1995
Upsilon Lambda	St. Anselm College-Manchester, PA 1995
Upsilon Mu	Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham 1995
Upsilon Nu	University of Guam-Mangilao, Guam 1995
Upsilon Xi	Norfolk State Univ.-Norfolk, VA 1995
Upsilon Omicron	Fort Hays State Univ.-Hays, KS 1995
Upsilon Pi	Delaware State Univ.-Dover 1995
Upsilon Rho	Metropolitan State College-Denver CO 1995
Upsilon Sigma	Columbus College-Columbus, GA 1995
Upsilon Tau	St. Francis College-Loretto, PA 1995
Upsilon Upsilon	University of Texas at San Antonio 1995

Upsilon Phi	Calvin College-Grand Rapids, MI 1996
Upsilon Chi	St. Bonaventure-St. Bonaventure, NY 1996
Upsilon Psi	Wheaton College-Wheaton, IL 1996
Upsilon Omega	Hawaii Pacific Univ.-Honolulu 1996
Phi Alpha	Hillsdale College-Hillsdale, MI 1996
Phi Beta	St. John's University-Jamaica, NY 1996
Phi Gamma	Millersville University-Millersville PA 1996

PETITIONING CHAPTERS:

U.S. Air Force Academy-Colorado Springs, CO
Iona College-New Rochelle, NY

