

Pi Gamma Mu News

Online Membership Registration and Payment Options Now Available

In response to the increased need for online solutions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pi Gamma Mu is now accepting online payments for memberships. Invited students will now be able to complete their registrations and pay their \$50 lifetime membership fee online, directly to our office, using a credit card. <http://pigammamu.org/adviser-portal.html>

2020 Triennial International Convention Rescheduled for 2021

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the postponement of the 2020 Triennial International Convention due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Convention has been rescheduled for November 4-6, 2021 in Washington, DC. **Student research papers will still be accepted. Consider submitting your research paper NOW!**

Pi Gamma Mu has been forced to postpone its 2020 Triennial International Convention for one year by the global viral pandemic and actions taken to combat it. *However*, student members are still encouraged to submit completed social science research papers for presentation at the 2020 Convention. Even though there will be no convention in November of this year, accepted papers can be listed in resumes as "Accepted but not presented, since the 2020 Convention was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic."



The final submission deadline is now November 20, 2020. Submitters will be advised within two weeks whether or not their paper had been accepted. All accepted papers will then be ranked by the Committee of Readers. Up to the top ten rated papers will receive consideration for publication in the *International Social Science Review (ISSR)*, and if published will be accepted for oral presentation at the 2021 International Convention in Washington, DC. 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.

Papers need to be submitted via email to Dr. Charles W. Hartwig, Chair of the Committee of Readers, at ***hartwigc@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, November 20, 2020; 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 ***hartwigc@suddenlink.net***, or ***870-935-9454***.

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Sample Title Page

***The Social Impact of the Union Pacific Railroad on Fairbanks,
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Submitted for consideration at the 2020 Pi Gamma Mu Triennial Convention

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