

Scholarships, Awards and Honors Bestowed

Neal Kazuhiro Akatsuka, Beta of Hawaii chapter at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, received the XXXV National Lambda Alpha Senior Scholarship Award honored by a check for \$5000, a Charles R. Jenkins Certificate of Distinguished Achievement Award and a plaque. His faculty sponsor is Dr. Geoffrey White.

Lambda Alpha Graduate Overseas Research Grants for 2009-10 went to:

Joshua Marshack
Washington University in St. Louis - Beta of Missouri
\$3000

Affiliative and agonistic social behavior in Pan troglodytes verus.

Joseph Orkin Washington University in St. Louis - Beta of Missouri \$3000

Evaluate the effects of environmental degradation on the pattern of genetic variation in two primate species in Yunnan Province, China.

Anna Weyher Washington University in St. Louis - Beta of Missouri \$3000

Behavior, ecology and friendship in the little-known Kinda baboon in Zambia.

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Recognize student achievement

As an honor society, Lambda Alpha acknowledges superiority and provides incentives for exceptional performance by granting certificates of accomplishment for all lifetime members, as well as a Charles R. Jenkins Certificate of Distinguished Achievement for applicants of the senior scholarship and graduate overseas research grants. Only applicants from chartered chapters qualify for the senior scholarship award of \$5000, and the graduate overseas research grants

which vary in amount awarded. Individual chapters are free to organize their own programs, providing an opportunity for faculty and students to work together on mutually advantageous projects. The editorial policy of the Lambda Alpha Journal provides for fifty percent of its space to be reserved for student publication. This offers students a unique opportunity to publish while still in school and to see their work in print in a respected national journal.

Recipients of the Charles R. Jenkins Certificate of Distinguished Achievement Award for 2009-10

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Northeastern Illinois University

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Illinois State University

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Ithaca College

Pi of New York

Wagner College

Our History

Lambda Alpha National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology was founded on March 15, 1968 at Wichita State University by student Darrell Casteel. Dr. Lowell D. Holmes became the first faculty sponsor for Alpha of Kansas.

Initially, Lambda Alpha was run by Wichita State students and problems ensued. Dr. Charles Jenkins, faculty sponsor for Alpha of Pennsylvania established in 1969 at Alliance College (closed in 1988), proposed that the position of National Executive Secretary be initiated. Wichita State agreed and chose Jenkins to assume the post on November 5, 1973. The present National Executive Secretary, Dr. B. K. Swartz, Jr., assumed the post on November 19, 1985 after Jenkins' death. Swartz established Alpha of Indiana at Ball State University in June, 1968, and remained faculty sponsor until his retirement in 2001.

The first issue of the *Journal of Man* was in January, 1969. Due to complaints of feminists, the publication was renamed *Lambda Alpha Journal* in 1991.

In 1975 Swartz proposed to Jenkins that Lambda Alpha offer a national scholarship award for seniors, presently in the sum of \$5000. Swartz has administered the scholarship from 1975 to the present. The publishers of *The National Dean's List* offered to Lambda Alpha an annual sum of \$1,000 for a scholarship for juniors in 1993. Due to the backing of the society in 2002, we introduced the Lambda Alpha Graduate Overseas Grants to help support thesis and dissertation research overseas. Chapters are notified annually in early January for application of these awards.

Feature Article

Lambda Alpha would like to encourage indepth information on various chapter programs to be highlighted in our Annual Newsletter. If you have interesting material accompanied by color photos, please submit it to us for consideration by early September. We would like to have a feature article for each future newsletter in addition to edited annual reports for our "News from the Chapters" section.

Lowell D. Holmes, Ph.D.

Lowell D. Holmes, Ph.D., professor emeritus at Wichita State University, passed away on August 31, 2010 at the age of 85 following an extended period of illness. Dr. Holmes, a distinguished sociocultural anthropologist, founded the Lambda Alpha National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology in 1968, and established the Lambda Alpha Journal. He pioneered research in anthropological gerontology and he carried out more than 40 years of ethnographic study of aging and culture change. He earned his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in the mid-1950s where he had become interested in culture change and its impact on the aged in the Polynesia. His dissertation was described as "one of the finest studies we have on the South Pacific", he became and remained a renowned authority of South Pacific ethnography. Later in his career, 1978-79, he undertook studies of aging jazz musicians in New York City and Los Angeles. As a result of his research, he produced ten books, including an introductory anthropology text, numerous articles, and presentations. He was also a film maker, producing several films with his last film finalized only shortly before his death. Beginning his academic career as an assistant professor at Missouri Valley College in 1956, Dr. Holmes came to Wichita State in 1959. He joined a combined sociology/anthropology department, where he eventually in 1966 founded an independent department of anthropology. During his 31 years with the department he served for several years as chair and in 1978 he was appointed to the faculty of the University Gerontology Center. He established the Anthropology Museum in 1963, which was renamed the Lowell D. Holmes Museum of Anthropology in his honor at his retirement in 1990. He established the *Lambda Alpha Journal of* Man, later renamed the Lambda Alpha Journal, and served as editor from 1968 to 1990. He served as president of the Central States Anthropological Society from 1972 to 1973. Dr. Holmes was recognized for his teaching when he received the Distinguished Teaching Award from Wichita State University in 1966, and the Kansas

Board of Regents' Excellence in Teaching Award in 1968. Prior to his retirement in 1990, he received the National Distinguished Teaching Award from the National Association of Students of Anthropology. He served as faculty advisor for the student chapter of the NAACP in 1960, was a board member of the Urban League from 1966 to 1972, and served as research consultant to Urban League and Urban Renewal Agency projects on aged and minority housing in 1979. In his private life, Lowell Holmes was a devoted sailor and saxophone player. He built 3 sailboats of his own, in addition to the acquisition of the Taupou – his 27-foot dream boat. The younger Lowell Holmes played the saxophone professionally. He was regularly involved with the Wichita Jazz Festival, serving as a board member from 1980 to 1988 and as emcee for the Festival's annual college jazz band competition. On October 23, 2010 the Department of Anthropology joined with his wife Ellen Holmes and his extended family in a celebration of Lowell Holmes' life in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments. Approximately one-hundred students, faculty, friends, and family attended and paid their respect to this icon of an anthropologist.

Submitted by Peer Moore-Jansen, Ph.D., Editor of the *Lambda Alpha Journal*.

News from the chapters

AS A REMINDER – For an organization to develop and grow in our society it is important to have public relations activity. Publicity gives us visibility and our faculty sponsors are crucial in generating Lambda Alpha's publicity. It is important that others know that we give recognition to student achievement and support student anthropological research. The National Office and other chapters want to know what your chapter is doing. For these reasons it is necessary that an annual report

of your chapter activities be submitted to the National Office no later than April 1. Indeed our by-laws (Article VII: Section 9) specify that such a report be made. Useful items to include are accomplishments, recognitions, and ongoing efforts of individual members connected with your department; and cooperative projects conducted under the aegis of Lambda Alpha such as lecture series, dedications, etc. Annual reports are selected and edited for admission to the Annual Newsletter.

Gamma of Colorado

University of Denver

Our chapter started the year with a potluck to welcome the first year graduate students, as well as any undergrads who might be interested in joining the group. We also initiated our newest program: a series of brown-bag lunches with anthropologists from within the department, as well as a few from outside. We heard from our newest faculty member Dores Cruz and Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, Sarah Nelson, as well as Peter Van Arsdale, an anthropologist in the Korbell School of International Studies, an expert on human rights, refugees, and mental health. It is always interesting to hear about the variety of interests our professors have. The last brown-bag talk of this academic year will be with German anthropologist Ralph Becker, who will be presenting about Candomble in Brazil.

In addition to the brown-bag series, the members supported five of their fellow members by helping with their museum exhibits, and attending the opening receptions. The initiation ceremony also went well, with 8 new members in attendance. We ate pizza and played anthropology themed games such as Anthro-Jeopardy.

Several events were organized outside the university. The first had a historical anthropology theme. We took a trip to a gold mine in Idaho Springs, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the gold rush in Colorado. We got the "special" tour from the mine owner himself, and stopped for world famous pizza at BeauJos Pizza

on the way to Denver. Bad weather put a hold on many of our winter quarter events, but we managed to organize a Lambda Alpha trivia team. Each week we give ourselves a new anthropological name, and each reflected the three fields that we work in: sociocultural, archaeology, and museum studies. Our team consistently placed in the top three. For our end-of-the-year event we will attend a Rockies baseball game in Denver.

Alpha of Illinois

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

The members of Alpha of Illinois and the Anthropology Club are committed to fostering interest in anthropology in the university community and beyond with the co-sponsoring of a workshop on the African Diaspora with the Student Experimental Theater Organization. Also the organizing, presenting, and/or attending demonstrations in flint knapping, Irish dancing event, linguistic film series, ethnic dinner nights, zoo trips, and a Darwin scavenger hunt in honor of Darwin's 150th birthday

Delta of Virginia

Longwood University

Our chapter continued its informal dinner-discussion group, meeting approximately every two to four weeks to discuss articles chosen by members. Educational travel was hampered by severe weather, but a handful of members were able to attend a lecture at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville on ancient ball games.

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