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WELCOME



Greetings Phi Beta Delta Members and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we welcome you to this edition of the *Medallion*. A very special thank you to Dr. Michael Smithee and Sarah Lindell for editing this update from our Society!

As the 2023-2024 International President of Phi Beta Delta, I wish to express my gratitude for your membership and work at sustaining our organization! It is a privilege to serve as the organization's President this year and an honor to work with those who are committed to fostering positive change in our world. Now more than ever, our work in the international sphere is absolutely critical to the future of communities across the world.

It was rewarding to see so many of you at our 37th Annual Conference this past May. Attendance was strong, and the presentations were outstanding! It is always rewarding to learn more about the exciting work of our members and especially some of the inspirational student work presented this year! Like many organizations, the events of the COVID-19 pandemic had serious ramifications for the health of our society and the well-being of our chapters. Participation in Phi Beta Delta is voluntary. Because of that, our active

members are highly committed to the Society's purpose and goals. A special thank you to Dr. HK Oh, Executive Director and CEO, Ms. [Itzel Olguin](#), Administrative Support Coordinator, and our entire Board of Directors for the countless hours spent as volunteers leading this organization during such times of uncertainty and change.

We value our members and the critical global perspectives you bring to your campuses, chapters, and our organization. Please consider engaging with your chapter and the national organization. Many chapters held vibrant induction ceremonies this year, but others are working hard to regain their footing after the pandemic. Consider joining one of our committees (Membership, Diversity, Publications, and Development), and remember the *International Research and Review*, our Phi Beta Delta refereed journal, is currently accepting submissions for publication. Information is on the Phi Beta Delta [website](#) [[us18.mailchimp.com](#)].

Your Regional Vice Presidents and all of us on the board are here to help your Chapter grow, and our members gain the most from their membership. Please [reach out](#) [[us18.mailchimp.com](#)] if we can help in any way!

Again, I thank you for your participation and service to PBD, and have a wonderful Autumn!

Regards,

Jeffrey Simpson, Ph.D.

2023-2024 International President



President Jeff Simpson, Executive Director Hyunkyung Oh, and Director of Publications Michael Smith met at the annual NAFSA conference in Washington, DC.

CHAPTER NEWS



Delta
San Diego State University



Delta Chapter at San Diego State University celebrates their induction.

Mu Chapter
University of North Carolina, Charlotte

***The necessity of travel for understanding: An educator's
Fulbright journey of discovery***

Dr. Michael Putman Chair and Professor
Department of Reading and Elementary Education



S. Michael Putman is a professor and the department chair in the Department of Reading and Elementary Education at UNC Charlotte. His research interests are focused on the development of teacher self-efficacy and intercultural competencies through field experiences and the relationship of affective variables on literacy outcomes, including those associated with online inquiry. He has published his work in various journals, including *The Reading Teacher*, *Action in Teacher Education*, and *Urban Education*.

Dr. Putman teaches courses in action research, classroom management, and curriculum and instruction. He has supervised over 200 action research studies and more than 100 behavioral intervention studies. Dr. Putman is also passionate about providing teacher education candidates with opportunities to develop global and intercultural competencies. He has directed study abroad programs to South Africa and Spain and guided the creation of the Applied Understandings in Global Education minor.

He completed Fulbright assignments in Jyväskylä, Finland; Stellenbosch, South Africa; and Ludwigsburg, Germany. Dr. Putman's Fulbright project focused on three primary objectives: 1) to learn about the development and delivery of clinical experiences in international settings; 2) to determine how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted practices associated with the delivery of clinical experiences and preparation of teacher candidates; and 3) to create an international collaborative for continued learning and development of knowledge associated with clinical experiences.

Join us to gain Global Perspectives from Dr. Putman's experiences.

RSVP at phibetadelta@charlotte.edu by Monday, October 23, 2023.

The Office of International Programs proudly serves as host to the Mu Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars (PBD) since 1987. PBD recognizes and encourages internationally-focused interdisciplinary interchange and serves as a catalyst for developing a network among faculty, staff, and students regarding international education and scholarship. The Global Perspective Series showcases the scholarship and international education experiences of the UNC Charlotte community.

Wednesday, October 25th, 2023
12 p.m. to 1 p.m. | CHHS 207

The Mu Chapter held a "Global Perspective Series" presentation by Dr. Michael Putman, Chair and Professor of the Reading and Elementary Education department in the Cato College of Education. The presentation took place on October 25th with the title of "The necessity of travel for understanding: An educator's Fulbright journey of discovery."

The Phi Beta Delta MU chapter will hold its annual induction ceremony on Monday, Nov. 13th, during International Education Week.

Phi Beta Delta MU chapter will hold a "Meeting of the Members" dinner night at Optimist Hall on Dec. 6th. Optimist Hall is a popular food hall with many international cuisine offerings.

UNC Charlotte's Office of International Programs, including 3 PBD members, presented a session at the AAC&U Global Learning Conference entitled "A Faculty Development Institute on Internationalization and Global Learning, Preliminary Findings." The Institute is offered annually now at UNC Charlotte. We are encouraging all attendees to join the PBD MU chapter. The AAC&U Global Learning conference is mainly attended by faculty who discuss ways to integrate global learning into the curriculum, whether that be on campus, through study abroad, or through virtual exchange or COIL. There were many valuable sessions that hopefully will assist us in developing the many ways to achieve global learning at UNC Charlotte.

Gamma Lambda
California State University, San Bernardino

On May 3, 2023, the Gamma Lambda Chapter inducted twenty new members, including nine students and eleven faculty/staff. They also awarded eight

scholarships to deserving student members.



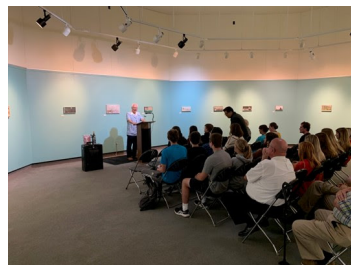
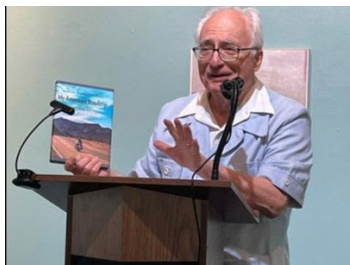




Gamma Lambda President and CSUSB Provost Mohamed speaks at the induction.

**Gamma Upsilon
Ohio Northern University**

We have had two sessions this semester. The first was a talk by Dr. Andrew Ludany - Emeritus Professor at Ohio Northern University. He discussed his memoir *My American Roadtrip*, which detailed his journey from a post WWII refugee camp (from Hungary) to the United States and to Ada as a Political Science professor. The second was by Dr. Kristin Ahlberg who spoke virtually about her career as a historian with the U.S. Department of State. She has published a monograph on food policy during the Johnson Administration and has worked on several volumes of the *Foreign Relations of the United States*. We will have one more this semester. An Irish exchange student will be talking about his experience coming to our small town from Ireland. Attached are photos. These are from Ludanyi's talk.



**Epsilon Upsilon
Oklahoma State University**



Eta Lambda
College of Staten Island/ The City University of New York



[Eta Lambda Chapter celebrated their induction in Spring 2023](#)
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Eta Mu
Northwestern State University of Louisiana

The Eta Mu Chapter at Northwestern State University of Louisiana has had a busy spring semester. The annual induction ceremony took place on April 16. Fifteen new student, faculty, and staff members were inducted. The featured speaker was Mr. Thamsanqa Jongile, Assistant Professor of Hospitality Management and Tourism. Dr. Carmella Parker, president of the Eta Mu chapter conducted the meeting and the induction. Pictured are the Eta Mu members who were present, including the chapter president for 2023-24, Dr. Weiwen Liao.



Our Spring installment of our Language and Culture Series was presented by NSU Faculty Member Ms. Sadeem Nahas. These mini-sessions give information about specific cultures of our world and are important fundraisers for our Eta Mu Student Scholarships. Ms. Nahas spoke about her home country

of Egypt. Our scholarship winners this year are Alessandra Coneo and Naiomy Perez Del Valle.



Other activities included a "Virtual Foreign Film Night" and our "No-Host Dinner." Eta Mu holds a "No-Host" dinner each semester at a local international restaurant. This allows our members to relax together, enjoy informal visiting, and support local establishments. We always enjoy getting together without an "agenda!"



Eta Mu Chapter will host Language and Culture Series on "Kenya" on November 8, 2023. Our chapter has hosted this series successfully since spring 2020 which is also the fundraising event for Phi Beta Delta Scholarship at Northwestern State University of Louisiana.

The event is posted in Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/4xuqZddAe> [us18.mailchimp.com] and this is the NSU news: <https://www.nsula.edu/phi-beta-delta-to-present-lecture-on-kenya-nov-8/> [us18.mailchimp.com]. Registration is open at: <http://nsu.la/PBDKenya> [us18.mailchimp.com].

PHI BETA DELTA – NSU ETA MU CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER



LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SERIES

KENYA

Wednesday, November 8 at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

David Morgan Auditorium (Room 107) of Russell Hall
This event will also be streamed via WebEx at the same time.
Video recording will be available for registered attendees.

Guest Lecturer: Dr. Njeri S. Ngacha, PhD, OFS

Dr. Njeri S. Ngacha was born in Kenya, the last born in a family of nine children. He attended the University of Nairobi for his Post graduate degree in Project Planning and Management and holds an undergraduate Degree in Business Information Technology from Kenya Methodist University in Nairobi Kenya. He also holds a Diploma in Website Design and a Postgraduate Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation; Dr. Njeri has seventeen publications with globally accredited scientific research journals. Dr. Njeri is also an IMLP (International Visitors Leaders Program) alumni of the 2011 US Department of State Scholarship program which is run by the US Government and Coordinated by the White House in Washington DC. IMLP is a global program that fetes outstanding young professionals in Research, Community, and Social welfare to the most deprived and vulnerable community members. Dr. Njeri moved from Kenya to Natchitoches for almost one year with his entire family to teach at NSU. Currently, he teaches Computer Information Systems and Project Management Courses at NSU in the College of Business and Technology. He enjoys conducting Research, Teaching, and Community service. Currently, he is also a sworn-in member of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for Natchitoches Parish.



Special Guest: Dr. Marcus Jones, President of Northwestern State University

Registration:

You are very welcome to register on-site in Room 107. Online registration is available from Monday, 10/16 to Wednesday, 11/8 until 5 p.m. via [Eventbrite.com: https://nsu.la/PBDKenya](https://nsu.la/PBDKenya)
If you register online, you will receive the meeting invitation/link via email after the registration.

Registration Fee:

\$7.00 for students
\$25.00 for all other participants

Contact for Information:

Dr. Weiwen Liao (liao@nsula.edu) or
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Scan to Register



Phi Beta Delta Language and Culture Series supports funding for Northwestern State University students participating in international studies and expand all participants' knowledge of diversified languages and cultures worldwide. The lecture will offer insights into the language and culture of Kenya. It is also part of a Phi Beta Delta-NSU Eta Mu Chapter Scholarship Fundraiser.

Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars has goals to increase the recognition, credibility, and importance of the international experience and create a catalyst for international academic-based programming on college campuses while providing support and recognition to those individuals on campuses involved in international education. The Northwestern State Chapter, Eta Mu, was established in 2010 and continues to sponsor campus-wide activities and scholarships on the NSU campus. The Chapter was awarded the 2020 Eileen Evans outstanding Chapter Award in May 2020 at the annual PBD conference.

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INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND REVIEW



Call for Journal Papers

Scholars and researchers from across disciplines are invited to address issues in international education and studies. Papers are welcome on topics that can include, but are not limited to, our understanding of international studies, education, internationalization, globalization, teaching and learning in the context of international educational exchange and, within the university classroom, issues regarding curricular development, and other related topics. We welcome critical, qualitative, quantitative, and social scientific perspectives. For more information and guidelines visit:

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