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2017 POST-CONFERENCE WRITE-UP

Phi Beta Delta held the 31st annual international conference at California State University, Long Beach. The theme of this year's conference is Building Partnerships for Global Learning. The conference was hosted by the Alpha Chapter of California State University, Long Beach.

Below you will find pictorial highlights of the conference.

Board of Directors 2017-18

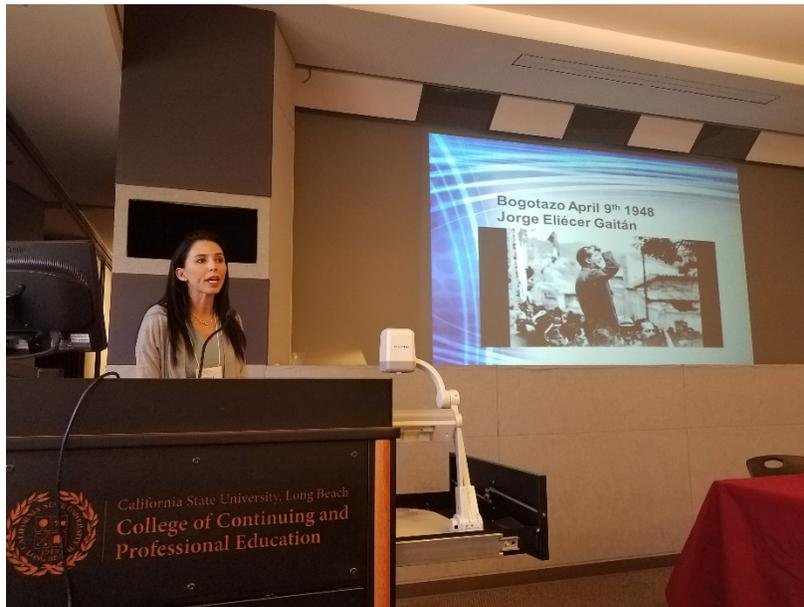


Back (Left to right): Anita Gaines (VP Southwest Region), India D'Avignon (Historian/Archivist), Dr. Michael Smithee (Director of Publications), Dr. Salaam Yousif (retiring Executive Director & CEO). Front (Left to right): Dr. Rajrani Kalra (Past-President), Dr. Christina Sanchez (President), Dr. Amy Leh (incoming Executive Director & CEO).

2017 Phi Beta Delta Conference Presenters



Bibiana Diaz presents, "The Colombian Peace Process and the Role of the Theater Arts."



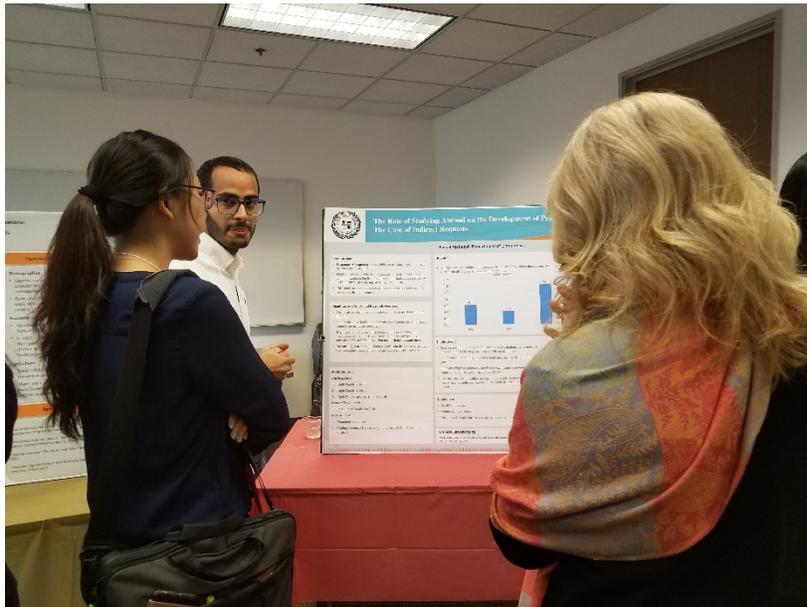
Jun Li, Francisco Garcia, Tara Murphy, and Sultan Khateeb present, "Developing Curriculum for a Developing Nation Empowering Marginalized Vietnamese ELLs."



Sara Haghighi, California State University, Fullerton, presents her poster, "Using Songs as a Learning Tool in ESOL Classrooms."



Faisal Alshetwi, California State University, Long Beach, presents his poster, "The Role of Studying Abroad on the Development of Pragmatic Competence."



Conference Keynote Presentations

Dr. Jeet Joshee



Associate Vice President for International Education
Dean, International, Continuing and Professional Education
California State University, Long Beach

Dr. Loren J. Blanchard



Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
California State University

CONFERENCE FEEDBACK

Phi Beta Delta received many compliments and “Thank You” notes from the 2017 Conference attendees. We are sharing some of comments with you. Thank you to all who attended the conference. We hope to see you all next year!

The attendees cited several reasons for participating in the conference: 73% indicated that presenting their paper was the key reason for attending, this was followed by networking with colleagues, and supporting Phi Beta Delta.

Among some of the written comments were:

Comments on what you value the most about the PBD conference

I most enjoy meeting and getting to know colleagues from around the world and hearing about the wonderful things they are doing. This conference always shares hope for this world. It is so important for those in the university communities to hear from people who are having a positive impact on humanity. I enjoy the variety in the presentations. Each project or research presentation will lay the foundation for more good works.

It was a short but well-planned, and time well-spent.

What suggestions do you have for next year’s conference?

Get the conference information, e.g., date, location, call or proposal..., out as soon as possible so that we will attract more participants.

Use the same model/approach as this year. It worked great!

Globalization and Internationalization/Challenges. Field trip/Major city/a formal reception where all participants can interact more. The Award ceremony was great!

CONFERENCE SPONSORS - APPRECIATION

We are very grateful to acknowledge sponsorship of the Conference by the following Society Chapters and individuals:

Alpha (California State University, Long Beach)

Eta Epsilon (Western Illinois University)

Delta Iota (University of Houston)

Gamma Lambda (California State University, San Bernardino)

Mu (UNC Charlotte)

Dr. Jeet Joshee, Associate Vice President for International Education, and Dean, College of Continuing and Professional Education, California State University, Long Beach

Dr. Tomas D. Morales, President, (California State University, San Bernardino)

Dr. Paul Rich, Past President, Phi Beta Delta

Dr. Guillermo de Los Reyes, Director of Awards, Phi Beta Delta

Dr. Joy Stevenson, Past President, Phi Beta Delta

Dr. Jenny Zorn, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, California State University, Bakersfield

Dr. Rong Chen, Interim Associate Vice President for Academic and International Programs, California State University, San Bernardino

Dr. Jay Fiene, Dean, College of Education, California State University, San Bernardino

Dr. Terry Ballman, Dean, College of Arts and Letters, California State University, San Bernardino

AWARDS

Yvonne Captain Faculty Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education

Dr. Ismael Montana, Northern Illinois University, Zeta Gamma Chapter. Dr. Montana was unable to attend the conference. Here is a photo of him receiving his award at NIU.



Associate Professor of History, at Northern Illinois University, Zeta Gamma Chapter. Dr. Montana teaches courses in World history, African history, and Islamic history. He founded and directs a summer program in Ghana, where he also leads a multi-year project to preserve endangered archives that are crucial to understanding the history of Ghana, slavery, and British colonialism.

Dr. Ismael is an internationally renowned scholar of African, Ottoman, and Mediterranean history, with numerous publications, including his 2013 book The Abolition of Slavery in Ottoman Tunisia. He has been recognized with awards by the Institute for Advanced Study in Berlin and the British Library. His diverse language skills include Hausa, Arabic, and French. And he has received invitations to speak in Mexico, Germany, Italy, Nigeria, Canada, the Niger, France, Morocco, and Brazil. Dr. Montana is on the editorial board of the *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* and the *Maghreb Review*.

Dr. Montana has made major contributions to international education and is a great example of an international educator.

Marian Beane/Charles Gliozzo Domestic Student Award for International Achievement

Lexie Williams, Northern Illinois University, Zeta Gamma Chapter



Lexie is majoring in Public Health and is graduating with University Honors. She is a McKearn Fellow and an Honors Ambassador. Lexie took a course in Genocide Studies, which qualified her to participate in the study abroad program in The Hague: Peace, Justice, and the International Court. The program focuses on post-genocide justice and the effort to provide some recourse and healing to the victims and their societies. The program director praises Lexie for being “the consummate representative” during such activities like examining the Holocaust in Amsterdam, witnessing the trials in various courts in The Hague, and visits to diplomatic agencies and NGOs and meeting with lawyers, judges and victims to examine the scope and sequence of the pursuit of justice. Lexie currently actively promotes the program, sharing her views on the value of international experiences. Thus she has gone on to be a promoter of globalism, not just a consumer. We agree with Dr. J. D. Bowers, Director of the Honors College, that Lexie Williams is one of the strongest promoters of global studies and of international engagement.

Congratulations, Lexie!

David Merchant International Student Awards for Achievement

This year the competition was tough and the two finalists were so close that the Awards Committee decided to award them both. Awards Committee member and Phi Beta Delta Director of Membership, Joy Stevenson, graciously funded the additional award.

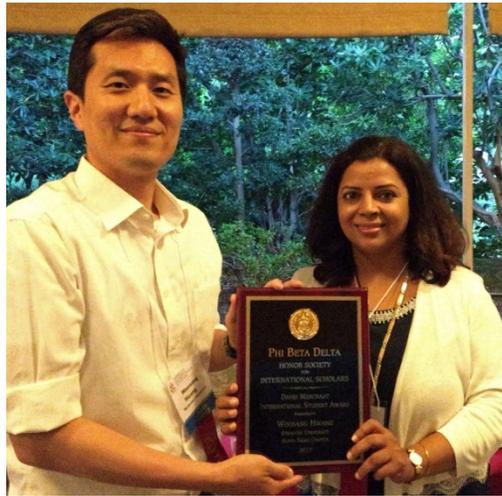
Yashwant Prakash Vayas, Texas A&M University, Alpha Eta Chapter (Unable to attend)



Yashwant served on many leadership roles at Texas A&M. He is the primary advisor to the Golden Key International Honor Society, the facilitator for the 2017 Texas A&M Student Conference on Latino Affairs, and the founder and president of the Brazos Valley Worldfest Ambassador Program, which is designed to promote cultural diversity and global citizenship to create a more internationalized atmosphere on his campus. It was through his tireless efforts that the Alpha Eta chapter of Phi Beta Delta at Texas A&M University was reactivated after six years of inactivity.

Yashwant has a 4.0 gpa as a graduate student at the Bush School of Government and Public Service. He has garnered several grants and awards, too numerous to list. Yashwant served as the Vice President of Programming for the international Student Association at Texas A&M. He directed the Student Research Week at his university, and he presented his World Culture Workshop to many organizations on his campus and elsewhere. Yashwant promotes diversity, inclusivity, and global citizenship not just at Texas A&M but everywhere he goes.

Woosang Hwang, Syracuse University, Alpha Sigma Chapter



Woosang Hwang is an exemplary candidate for the award for the following reasons: He sits on the International Student Advisory Board of the Center for International Services; he serves as the President of the Korean Student Association, providing a wider understanding of Korean and Korean-American culture; and he is also the recipient of several awards, including the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, and the Alice Sterling Honig Award. The David Merchant award is for achievement, and Woosang's scholastic achievement is stellar. His CV and the letters of recommendation are impressive. Woosang is doing doctoral work in Child and Family Study. As his faculty advisor states, Woosang represents the very best qualities of international graduate students, who, during nearly five years at Syracuse University, has produced a body of work that is unparalleled by his peers. In fact, Woosang's output is on par with highly productive assistant professors on campus. To date, he has published four papers in prestigious peer-reviewed journals. Wow! Congratulations, Woosang!

Congratulations to the Following Chapter receiving the Eileen Evans Overall Outstanding Chapter Award

Western Illinois University, Eta Epsilon Chapter

The recipient of the 2017 Eileen Evans Outstanding Chapter Award is the Eta Epsilon chapter at Western Illinois University (Midwest Region). The Eta Epsilon chapter held their annual induction on April 10, 2017, during which they welcomed 8 new members. Their chapter consists of 49 active members (11 international students, 6 U.S. students, 10 staff members, 13 faculty members, and 10 community member). The Eta Epsilon chapter officers meet once a month and organize 8 events annually, including invited talks, collaborative events with other international organizations, as well as service and volunteering events. The chapter is very active in fundraising. This academic year, Eta Epsilon held a scholarship dinner and participated in an international bazaar. The "Taste of India Scholarship Dinner" took place on November 12, 2016 right before the start of International Education Week. The event featured authentic Indian cuisine cooked by Indian students and Phi Beta Delta members. The event included a presentation about India, showcasing different dances, as well as a silent auction. Over \$1,000 was raised, half of which supports an international student scholarship, the other half a study

abroad student scholarship. Additional funds for these two scholarships were raised during the 44th International Bazaar, held on March 4, 2017. In addition to promoting Phi Beta Delta, Eta Epsilon members made and sold out of Brazilian chocolate balls as well as authentic international items. Events like these help highlight the importance of global education and understanding, showcase Phi Beta Delta to the larger (campus) community, and serve as a great idea for other chapters to support their student members. The Eta Epsilon chapter embodies the goals of our Phi Beta delta organization and is very deserving of this honor.

2017 Conference

Best Presentation and Best Poster Awards

Best *Student* Paper Presentation

“R.A.P –Home for International Student-Athletes”

Luiza Martins, California State University, Bakersfield

Best *Faculty* Paper Presentation:

“R.A.P –Home for International Student-Athletes”

Rosemary Stribling, California State University, Bakersfield

Best *Staff* Paper Presentation:

“Academic and Social Integration of Chinese Students Enrolled
in an International Joint Degree Program”

Arakssi Arshakian, Oklahoma State University

Best *Student* Poster Presentation:

“Using Songs as a Learning Tool in ESOL Classrooms”

Sara Haghghi, California State University, Fullerton

Best *Faculty* Poster Presentation:

“Engaging Accounting Students in International Business Education”

Di Wu, California State University, Bakersfield

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

We bid a fond farewell to Board members who are retiring, or whose terms have expired. They will be missed.

Dr. Joy Stevenson

(Director of Membership)

Dr. Rowena Santiago

(Director of Development and Conference Coordinator)

Mr. Paul Amaya
(Vice President, West Region)

We also bid a fond farewell to Dr. Salaam Yousif (Interim Executive Director and CEO) from 2015-2017. Dr. Yousif has been instrumental in guiding the Society these last two years. His attention to detail, affable nature, and overall guidance leaves the society in good stead. Below, in keeping with his penchant for minimal attention, he is presented with a framed group of photos from his Phi Beta Delta tenure. However, the Board insisted he also be awarded a Phi Beta Delta Honor Stole. Presenting were Dr. Rajrani Kalra, president, and Dr. Michael Smithee, director of publications.



Outgoing and Incoming Executive Directors
Dr. Salaam Yousif and Dr. Amy Leh

NEW LEADERS

A big welcome is given to the following new leaders

Dr. Christina Sanchez is the President for 2017-2018



Dr. Christina Sanchez is Associate Director for the Office of International Programs at University of North Carolina at Charlotte. There her focus is on strengthening and expanding the internationalization of campus. Dr. Sanchez received her PhD in Intercultural Communication at the University of New Mexico. She has taught courses in communication, sociology, business, and education. Previously. She is widely traveled and has received Fulbright grants for study and research in Germany (2006) and India (2014). She has served in advisory roles and leadership positions in a variety of international organizations, including NAFSA. She is a proud member of the UNC Charlotte Mu Chapter, which celebrates its 30 year anniversary in 2017.

Dr. Norma George is the President-elect for 2017-2018



Dr. Norma George, Professor and Chair of Cheyney University's English, Languages and Communication Arts Department and Director of International Programs. Dr. George, who teaches French and Spanish at Cheyney, came to the University in 1986 as an international student from Grenada. In addition, Dr. George serves as the University's Fulbright Program Adviser, and is the campus representative for the Gilman and Boren international scholarship programs. She also advises the Students of All Nations organization at Cheyney, the United Nations Association. In 2010, she was awarded the Edward Blankenship Outstanding Staff Award by Phi Beta Delta for her work in advancing International Education at the University.

Dr. Amy Leh, is the incoming Executive Director and CEO



Dr. Amy Leh is a tenured full professor at California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB). She has been involved in all areas of university academic life: teaching, research, and service. Among the leadership positions Dr. Leh has held include: program coordinator of the Instructional Technology (IT) program at CSUSB; *Interim Director of the Office of Distance Learning* and later the *Interim Director of Academic Technologies and Innovation*; and, principal investigator and project director of the "Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology" (PT3) grant, a one-million-dollar grant project from the US Department of Education, just to name a few of her accomplishments. Dr. Leh's expertise will greatly help the Society.

CHAPTER NEWS

Alpha Eta Chapter, Texas A&M University



PHI BETA DELTA HONOR SOCIETY
FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

Alpha Eta Chapter at
Texas A&M University

www.phibetadelta.org

Spring 2017 Induction Ceremony

3 May 2017 4:00 – 5:00 pm
2406 A Memorial Student Center (MSC)
Texas A&M University

Call to Order & Opening Remarks

Mr. Yashwant Prakash Vyas
Chartering President

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Jorge Bermudez

Inducting Chartering Officers

Dr. Krista May
Chapter Coordinator and Advisor
&
Mr. Yashwant Prakash Vyas
Chartering President

Inducting New & Honorary Members

Mr. Yashwant Prakash Vyas
Chartering President

Group Photos

Honorary Members

Dr. Karen Butler-Purry
Associate Provost
Graduate and Professional Studies

Dr. Krista L. May
Associate Editor
World Shakespeare Bibliography
Department of English

Chartering Officers

Mr. Yashwant Prakash Vyas
President

Mr. Mohammad Sadegh Modarresi
Treasurer

Mr. Rajarshi Bhattacharyya
Vice President

Dr. Krista May
Chapter Coordinator & Advisor

New Members

Mr. Lars Erik Andreas Ehnbohm

Ms. Manayer Qaisar Al-Mujalhem

Ms. Brinda Krishnaswamy

Mr. Biran

Ms. Yumei Li

Ms. Julianne S. Henry

Ms. Zhen Zhang

Mr. Nikhil Yuvaraj Patil

Mr. Mauricio Carvajal Diaz

Ms. Deyanira Garcia Zea

Mr. Rahamthulla Shaik

Mr. Kunal Rajeshwar Khanade

Ms. Ashley Ann Robbins

Mr. Ali Abdulameer Albadran

Alpha Sigma Chapter, Syracuse University



Syracuse University inducted 56 new members and two honorary members into the Alpha Sigma chapter of the Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society during the spring semester.

The induction ceremony took place in Hendricks Chapel, during which the new members were awarded a medallion and certificate of membership. The keynote address was delivered by Herman Frasier, the University's senior deputy director of athletics and former vice president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, gold medalist at the 1976 Summer Olympic Games in Montreal, and chef de mission for the U.S. delegation at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens.

Frazier and Ida Tili-Trebicka, professor of practice in the Setnor School of Music in the College of Visual and Performing Arts and a world-renowned musician, were awarded honorary memberships.

Phi Beta Delta is the first honor society dedicated to recognizing scholarly achievement in international education. The society also recognizes U.S. students who have studied abroad and faculty and staff who are involved in international activities.

Current executive board members of the Alpha Sigma chapter have nominated this year's inductees based on commitment to internationalization and academic performance. The cohort of new inductees includes outstanding American and international undergraduate and graduate students, SU faculty and staff members.

This year's inductees are: Hafsat Abdullahi, Nurganym Agzamova, Khadeer Ahmed, Mutasim Alfadhel, Neema Amadala, Nitinand Angubolkul, Danielle Benjamin, Louis Berends, Juan Blandino and Nathaniel Bosiak.

Also, Sarah Buell, Joshua Burton, Darlene Carelli, Tianhua Chen, Alekhya Chollangi, Meredith Coccoluto, Paige Dennis, Gianpietro Elias Revollo and Joan Farrenkopf.

Other inductees include Justin Freedman, Xinyu Gao, Ipshita Ghosh, Colleen Gibbons, Zhenhao Gong, Rahul Goyal, Mei Han, Woosang Hwang, Vishtasp Jokhi and Rosalina Jowers.

Also, Bindya Kannappa Setty, Sachin Kodihalli, Zijun Liu, Wanyi Lu, Heidi Ludwig, Michael Messina, Samuel Miller, James Murray, Aaron Mwewa, Tairan Niu.

Other inductees include Adam Palamar, Yangweiyu Pan, Yuri Pavlov, Tisya Roviliyani, Isabel Sanchez Chirinos, Nafiseh Shahbazi Majd, Daisy Spoer, Brandon Stevens and Jiashi Sun.

Also Hester Veitch, Blake Vierra, Maria Chiara Vinciguerra, Victoria Wambua, Heather Waymouth, Frehiwot Wuhib, Tonghui Xu and Minghe Yang.

This year's nominations and induction ceremony were led by Mary Idzior, associate director of the Sultzker Center for International Services and interim president of the Alpha Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Delta.



**PHI BETA DELTA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2017-2018**

Please welcome our new Board members. * indicates new to this position.

President (2017-2018)

Christina Sanchez, PhD, (University of North Carolina, Charlotte)

Past-President (2017-2018)

Rajrani Kalra, PhD, (California State University, San Bernardino)

***President-Elect (2017-2018)**

Norma George, PhD, (Cheyney University of Pennsylvania)

Sr International Vice President (2015-2018)

Angelika Kraemer, PhD, (Michigan State University, East Lansing)

Historian/Archivist (2016-2019)

India D'Avignon, Professor, (California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo)

Director of Publications (2015-2018)

Michael Smithee, EdD, (Syracuse University, Ret.)

***Director of Membership (2017-2018)**

Nyakundi Michieka, PhD, (California State University, Bakersfield)

Director of Development (2017-2018)

Astrid Sheil, PhD, (California State University, San Bernardino)

Director of Awards (2016-2019)

Guillermo de Los Reyes, PhD, (University of Houston)

Regional Vice President, Northeast Region (2017-2020)

(Vacant)

Regional Vice President, Southeast Region (2016-2019)

Ann Legreid, PhD, (Shepherd University)

Regional Vice President, Midwest Region (2016-2019)

Dana Vizdal, Ms. (Western Illinois University)

Regional Vice President, Southwest Region (2015-2018)

Anita Gaines, Ms. (University of Houston)

***Regional Vice President, West Region (2017-2020)**

Dipasri Ghosh, PhD, (California State University, Fullerton)

Ex Officio:

***Executive Director & CEO**

Amy Leh, PhD, (California State University, San Bernardino)

Regent

Yvonne Captain, PhD, (George Washington University)

Co-Regent

Rueyling Chuang, PhD, (California State University, San Bernardino)



The transition of presidents: Dr. Christina Sanchez receiving the President's Medallion from Dr. Rajrani Kalra.



A view of the conference audience.



Many thanks to our Director of Development / Conference Coordinator, Dr. Rowena Santiago.