



PHI BETA KAPPA

NEWS

Fall 2017

“Love of wisdom, the guide of life”

Meet the PBK Officers

Susannah Livingood, Incoming President, 2017-2018: Susannah was originally initiated into the Alpha of North Carolina Chapter, with a degree in Anthropology from UNC-Chapel Hill. She came to Oklahoma in 2006 and OU in 2010, and she is Associate Provost & Director of Institutional Research & Reporting (IRR). IRR is a team of data scientists, analysts, and programmers who provide official reporting data and administrative decision support. Her husband, Patrick, is an Associate Professor of Anthropology here at OU, and she has two children. Her hobbies include reading and needle arts of all kinds.

Marcia Haag, President Elect, 2017-2018: Marcia Haag was elected to Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Arizona. She earned a PhD in Linguistics at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She is presently a Professor of Linguistics. Her research centers on Native American languages. She has served on the Phi Beta Kappa Executive Committee as past Vice President and President, is currently serving a second term as Vice President, and will become President Elect in August 2017.

Ronald Halterman, Incoming Vice President, 2017-2018: Ron was initiated into the Epsilon of California Chapter at the University of California, Riverside. Students with his major in Chemistry were seldom elected, but apparently his dedication to a Liberal Arts Education was demonstrated through a year-long German language study abroad experience in Göttingen, Germany. He completed doctoral and postdoctoral studies at UC Berkeley and MIT, respectively. With a specialization in organic chemistry, he joined the faculty at the University of Oklahoma in 1991. He spent a year as a faculty research fellow at the Technical University of Berlin and soon thereafter returned to TU-Berlin as a visiting professor for three semesters where enough of his German was resurrected to teach organic chemistry in that language. Serving as Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry since 2014, Ron supports broad undergraduate experiences, undergraduate research programs and has led study abroad programs in Arezzo, Italy for the past six years. His major hobby is designing and hand weaving textiles on a floor loom—those projects are completed a lot faster than any chemistry research project!

Craig Hayes, Secretary for life: Craig was initiated by the Alpha of Oklahoma Chapter in 1995, the same year he earned his Political Science degree. He worked in the Office of the President immediately following graduation and now has been in Admissions & Recruitment at OU for over 20 years. Craig currently is the Director of International Admissions & Recruitment and the United World College Scholars Program. In 2003 Craig began his Alpha of Oklahoma chapter service and was Chapter President in 2004-2005. He has served as Secretary of the chapter since 2006. He and his wife Emily and three children live in Norman.

Amy Davenport, Ph.D, Treasurer for life: Amy holds a bachelor of science in chemistry, for which she was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa through the Alpha of Oklahoma Chapter. In addition, she holds a master of education and a doctorate in education. She has been employed at the University of Oklahoma for over 21 years and serves as the Director for Fitness and Recreation and as the Director for Assessment of Student Affairs. Amy lives in Norman with her husband, Lee, and daughter, Zoey. Her hobbies include paddle boarding and camping. Amy has served as the Treasurer of the chapter since 2008.

2017-2018 Phi Beta Kappa Events

Phi Beta Kappa Fall Business Meeting

Phi Beta Kappa Fall Business meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 3:30 pm in 221B Kaufman Hall. The fall agenda includes this year's scholarly events and Alumnus/Alumna and Honorary members.

The chapter meets twice annually – once in the fall (usually October) and once in the spring (usually early April). We hope to see you at a future meeting. Join our listserv to get notifications of meeting details (info in "Alpha of Oklahoma Chapter Updates").

Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar

This year's Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar will be Dr. David Haberman, Professor of Religious Studies, Indiana University. Dr. Haberman is the recipient of the Trustees' Teaching Award. He specializes in Hinduism and has spent many years conducting ethnographic and textual research in India. Much of his work, supported by Guggenheim, Fulbright, and ACLS fellowships, is centered on the culture of Braj, an active pilgrimage site in northern India long associated with Krishna.

Dr. Haberman will present a public lecture titled, "A Little of that Human Touch: Why Anthropomorphize?" on Thursday, November 9th. Location to be announced.

2017 Phi Beta Kappa Founders' Day Lecture

In honor of the founding of Phi Beta Kappa on December 5, 1776, our chapter's Founders' Day event will be held on Thursday, December 7th, at 3:00 p.m. in Beard Lounge in the Oklahoma Memorial Union.

Rilla Askew will present a lecture titled: "Through the Lens of History: Bearing Witness in a Fractured World."

Rilla Askew, a native of the southeastern part of Oklahoma, is an accomplished author of non-fiction and fiction books, short fiction and essays. More information on her and her work is available at rillaaskew.com. This Phi Beta Kappa lecture will explore how Oklahoma's complex past and complicated present are extreme manifestations of the American Narrative.

Roland Lehr and His Prize: An Appeal

Dr. Roland Lehr was a longtime member and executive secretary of the Alpha of Oklahoma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and a respected and beloved figure on the OU campus. He joined the University of Oklahoma's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in 1968, eventually becoming a David Ross Boyd Professor and a Regents Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Ripples from Roland Lehr's valuable contributions to his department continue to be felt to this day. A highly regarded organic chemistry researcher with applications in the area of cancer studies, he kept the focus of his efforts on impacting the lives of students. As a faculty researcher and in his higher administration duties he recognized the importance of and promoted the active participation of undergraduates in research efforts. He was also far ahead of the movement towards active small group learning in undergraduate courses. In his Organic Chemistry courses, he initiated and maintained a peer learning method where juniors and seniors were hired to assist students in problem-based learning. Lecturing was minimized and guided inquiry by the

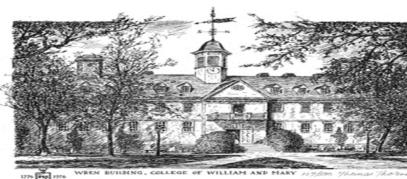
students was supported. Even as his health problems limited his activities, he was able to maintain this peer-led learning environment to benefit additional generations of students. Many of Roland's students continued in research activities and moved on to graduate or medical training after completing their degrees. To this day, the lessons learned through this early active learning experience aid current chemistry instructors as they continue to evolve active learning at the University of Oklahoma.

In addition to his pioneering work as a teacher and a researcher, Roland Lehr was a model citizen of the University. He served as chair of his department and was twice chosen as the interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. His devoted work as the Chapter's executive secretary was invaluable. He had been a member of Phi Beta Kappa since his days at Princeton in the mid-1960s.

When Roland died, in July 2003, the Chapter determined to establish a prize in his honor. The Roland Lehr Memorial Prize is available each year to

seniors who graduate Phi Beta Kappa and who plan to pursue graduate work in the natural or physical sciences or in medicine. The competition is judged by our Scholarship Committee and is decided on the basis of an essay and letters from professors on behalf of the candidate.

The Chapter must now regrettably report that the popularity of the Lehr Prize and the prestige it has come to carry, draws more worthy applications than the present size of the endowment can afford to fund appropriately. The Chapter therefore earnestly urges that those who knew and admired Roland Lehr and those who wish to keep his memory alive in our university, as well as those who believe in furthering the work that the Prize is designed to accomplish, consider making a contribution to the Lehr Prize endowment. Gifts can be made online to the Roland Lehr Memorial Scholarship



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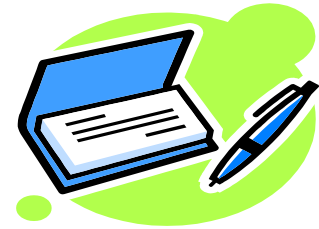
An annual contribution of \$50, \$75 or \$100 is suggested; however, any support is gratefully accepted.

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Donations using giving.oufoundation.org, will allow you to either donate by credit card (Visa, MC, Discover, and American Express), PayPal, or check (will prepare a cover sheet to mail a contribution.) To direct your donation through the OU Foundation to the Alpha of Oklahoma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, choose the link in My Gift to write your gift designation and type "Phi Beta Kappa #0032000" in the "Search for a fund" field. You may also direct your gift to the Roland Lehr Memorial Fund #0042002.

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Contributions Matter

The mission of the Alpha of Oklahoma chapter of Phi Beta Kappa is to promote education in the liberal arts and sciences. Through the national Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholars program, we invite distinguished scholars from all over the world to share their work with us. We annually celebrate our Founders' Day with public lectures and discussions on a variety of timely and important topics. Perhaps most importantly, we recognize academic excellence in undergraduate students through our scholarships and annual initiation of new members.

The Alpha of Oklahoma cannot provide these events and activities without your support. Please contribute to the continued support

Calendar of Upcoming Activities - www.ou.edu/pbk/calendar.htm

October 18, 2017	3:30pm	Fall Business Meeting, Room 221B Kaufman Hall
November 9, 2017	7:00pm	Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Lecture Sam Noble Museum of Natural History
December 7, 2017	3-4:30pm	Founders' Day Event Oklahoma Memorial Union Beaird Lounge
April 2018	TBA	Spring Business Meeting, Location TBA
May 11, 2018	Friday 3:00pm	Initiation Ceremony Oklahoma Memorial Union Meacham Auditorium
	Immediately Following	Reception for New Initiates, OMU Beaird Lounge

Alpha of Oklahoma Chapter 2016-2017 Updates

Undergraduate Research Day

News from the Spring 2017 Chapter Business Meeting

On Wednesday April 12, thirteen chapter members were present for the spring business meeting of the Alpha of Oklahoma. Some of the business items included the following:

Consideration of Members in Course.

Craig Hayes, on behalf of Dr. Thompson, presented the slate of new members under consideration for initiation into PBK. The chapter approved the list of members in course as presented. The list consisted of 221 seniors and 16 juniors. The average GPA of the 2017 slate of members was a 3.87 with all Juniors having a perfect 4.0. Invitations to PBK membership are extended for life. Lists of former invitees can be found on the PBK website: <http://www.ou.edu/pbk/members.htm>

Election of New Officers for 2017-2018.

Officers for 2017-2018 academic year are as follows:

Susannah Livingood - President
Marcia Haag - President-Elect 2018
Ron Halterman - Vice President
Amy Davenport - Treasurer
Craig Hayes - Secretary

Call for Honorary Members. Alumnus/ Alumna and Honorary members are considered at the fall business meeting. Please contact Dr. Sherry Cox, scox@ou.edu for more information on nominations.

Thank you to all who attended and participated

Scholarly Events

Phi Beta Kappa 2016 Founders' Day

On December 1, 2016, the Chapter held its annual Founders' Day lecture. Cecil Lewis, Professor of Anthropology, presented a talk entitled 'Race, Genetics, and Health' to an audience of PBK members, students, and professors at the Oklahoma Memorial Union.

Focus on Translation Conference

On April 6, 2017, the Chapter co-sponsored, along with the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics and World Literature Today,

'Focus On Translation.' This three-part event featured two of our PBK alumni, Annie Fisher (1997, Russian) and David Shook (2007, Linguistics). Both are professional literary translators specializing in poetry: Dr. Fisher translates from Russian, and Mr. Shook translates from Spanish and Portuguese. All events were well attended by members, students, and professors.

All of our invited scholars — Prof. Lewis, Dr. Fisher, and Mr. Shook — were given honoraria and a special silver bookmark inscribed with the PBK insignia.

Phi Beta Kappa Spring Initiation Ceremony 2017

The Alpha of Oklahoma invited a total of 237 students to membership this year. The invitees included 221 seniors and 16 juniors. On May 12, 2017, at the 98th annual initiation ceremony of the Alpha of Oklahoma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa almost 100 of the invitees were present for initiation at the ceremony in Meacham Auditorium of the Oklahoma Memorial Union. One Alumnus and two Honorary Members we also initiated.

Jabar Shumate, Vice President for the University Community and former Oklahoma State Representative and Senator, was initiated as an Alumnus Membership.

Dr. Glenn Hansen, Director of the Office of

Business Analytics, Department of Communication, Affiliate Membership, was initiated for Honorary Membership.

Nicholas Hathaway, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Administration and Finance and Vice President for Strategic Planning, was also initiated for Honorary membership.

The current Phi Beta Kappa officers officiating at the ceremony included Susannah Livingood, President; Dr. Marcia Haag, Vice-President; Dr. Daniel Snell, Chapter Historian, Dr. Sherry Cox, Guide, Dr. Amy Davenport, Treasurer and Craig Hayes, Chapter Secretary served as marshals. Former Dean Kelly Damphousse of the College

Undergraduate Research Day was held on April 8th at the OCCE Thurman J. White Forum Building, 1704 Asp, University of Oklahoma. At the annual conference and celebration, the Honors College hosted students who were funded in their research or creative activities from the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program and students in general who wanted to show what they have discovered in their fields. This one-day conference hosted by the Honors College, showcased outstanding undergraduate research and creative activity for an audience of other students, faculty, and parents.

Fifteen undergraduate students and their faculty sponsors were honored with awards for their distinguished undergraduate research. Several of the award winning students were recognized at the Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Ceremony on Friday, May 12th, Oklahoma Memorial Union Meacham Auditorium.

The first Phi Beta Kappa Undergraduate Research Award for the best presentation recognized went to Ryan Frome (Wylie, Texas) and Brittany Bingham (Waukomis, Oklahoma) for their project "Carbon and Nitrogen Isotopic Analysis of Humans and Animals in the American Southwest." Their faculty sponsor was Dr. Brian Kemp, associate professor of anthropology.

The next Phi Beta Kappa Undergraduate Research Award was awarded to Catherine Wahpeconiah, a senior linguistics major from Norman, Oklahoma. Her project was titled, "Campfire Verses and Vampire Curses: Metathesis as a Phonological Device," Her faculty sponsor is Dr. Mark Norris, assistant professor of linguistics.

of Arts and Sciences and now Chancellor of Arkansas State University presented the scholarships, awards and research prizes on behalf of the chapter. Other distinguished guests included Dean Berrien Moore of the College of Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences, Dean Suzette Grillo of the College of International Studies, Dean Ed Kelley of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, and Dr. Julia Ehrhardt of the Honors College.

Following chapter tradition, an elegant wine bar reception was held immediately following the ceremony in Beard Lounge. Our best wishes go to all the newest members of the Phi Beta Kappa Alpha of Oklahoma chapter!



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