

## Fall 2010

### Message from the Chapter President

Greetings, Phi Beta Kappa members! I hope everyone had a productive summer, and anticipates a successful fall semester. This issue of the newsletter highlights important topics, all of which we will discuss at the fall Business Meeting on Monday, October 18 at 4 PM in the Saxon Room of Jacobson Hall.

To comply with National Phi Beta Kappa rules, this year we will not induct any Alumni or Honorary members. The reasons are given in the extract from the Phi Beta Kappa Officers Manual, the text of which is provided at the top of page three of this newsletter. Our chapter has inducted at least one Alumni and Honorary member every year for several years. As is made clear in the rules, the majority of chapters no longer elect honorary members, and alumni elections are limited to a maximum of two to three every three years. We will cover this issue at the fall business meeting, and welcome your thoughtful reading of the manual and your input on October 18. At the meeting, we will also clarify why we moved our major checking account to the OU Foundation. Finally, we will reveal the identity of our Founder's Day Guest Lecturer.

Please make every effort to join us at the fall meeting on October 18!

Dr. Penny M. Hopkins, Chapter President

### Alpha of Oklahoma Chapter

### Calendar of Upcoming Activities

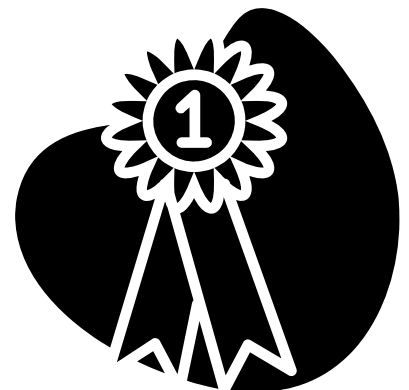
October 18, 2010	4:00 PM	Fall Business Meeting - Jacobson Hall
December 3, 2010	3:30 PM	Founders' Day Event OMU Scholars Room
April 2011	Time and Date TBD	Spring Business Meeting
May 13, 2011	Friday 3:00 PM	Initiation Ceremony Oklahoma Memorial Union Meacham Auditorium
	Immediately Following	Reception for New Initiates Oklahoma Memorial Union Beaird Lounge

### Scholarship Winner Updates: Where are they now?

Leigh Anne Carson, Norman

Nicholas Moellman, a Spring 2010 graduate in Economics and Letters from Broken Arrow, is now at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, pursuing a doctoral degree in Economics. He plans on specializing in either Labor or Public Economics, and quips "I am faring well, considering the mountainous pile of problem sets."

Anna Rice, Edmond  
Jamie Quitoriano, Kingfisher



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## I. Rules on Honorary and Alumni Members; II. Procedure for Election Honorary and Alumni Members

**I.** The early Society made no distinction between members elected as undergraduates, those elected as alumni, and those who had never been enrolled as students of the sheltering institution. Today the attitude toward alumni and honorary elections is conservative; most chapters no longer elect honorary members, and alumni elections are usually limited to a maximum of two or three in each triennium. If alumni and honorary candidates are considered, they should be men and women who have distinguished themselves in letters or science. Eligibility requirements for election to honorary and alumni membership are defined in Article III, Sections 8 and 9. If a candidate for honorary membership received his or her undergraduate degree at an institution that has a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the consent of that chapter must be obtained before the candidate is considered for honorary election. Notice of this clearance should be sent to the Secretary of the Society when the election is reported. The citation prepared by the Committee on Alumni and Honorary Members for candidates who are subsequently elected to membership should be included in the chapter minutes, and a copy of the citation for each honorary member should be sent to the Secretary of the Society, as provided in Article III, Section 10, of the Model Chapter Constitution. **II.** Nominations for election to alumni membership shall be referred to the Committee on Alumni and Honorary Members. No nomination for alumni membership shall be brought before the chapter for action unless favorably reported by the committee. The committee shall be guided by criteria defined in Article III, Section 5 and 6, of the chapter constitution, and committee recommendations shall include a written statement of the qualifications of each nominee. Election shall be by secret ballot; two negative votes shall serve to reject. No more than two alumni members may be elected in any year, nor more than four in any triennium. Procedures for the nomination and election of honorary members shall be the same as for alumni members, except that one negative vote shall serve to reject. A statement of the qualifications of each candidate elected to honorary membership shall be sent to the Secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, as provided in Article III, Section 10, of the chapter constitution. No graduate of another institution having a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa shall be recommended for election unless the parent chapter has been notified and has raised no objection within a two-month period. A substantial explanation should accompany any negative response from the parent chapter. No more than two honorary members may be elected in any triennium.

## 2010 PBK Scholarship Winner Report

### Endowed Scholarship Recipients

The Alpha of Oklahoma Chapter competitively awards a number of endowed scholarships each year to winning applicants.

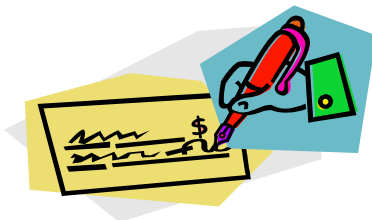
The Mary Esther Selby Saxon Award is presented to graduating Phi Beta Kappa seniors who plan to do graduate work in any field of the humanities or the social sciences. The committee named two recipients for 2010 who received \$500 each, Leigh Anne Carson, a Letters graduate from Norman, and Andeneshea Kemp, Psychology graduate.

In addition to the endowed scholarships, two Undergraduate Research Awards were given in the name of Roland Lehr to students judged to have presented the best papers at Undergraduate Research Day. The winners were chosen by a system of ranking by faculty members in attendance. The first Roland Lehr Prize (\$300) went to Nicholas Moellman, a senior Letters/Economics major from Broken Arrow, for his paper "Indian Gaming in Oklahoma: Implications for Community Welfare." The second Roland Lehr Prize (\$200) was awarded to Anna Rice, an Anthropology major from Edmond, for her presentation titled "The

Potential for Tlaloc Images on Prehistoric Pottery and Rock Art in the Mimbres Region of the North American Southwest."

One Amy Taylor Sewell Memorial Scholarship of \$750 was awarded to Jamie Quitoriano, Pre-Med major from Kingfisher, OK.

We again congratulate these exceptional young scholars!



### Phi Beta Kappa Junior Scholarships

Phi Beta Kappa junior scholarships are open to all juniors with a 3.7 GPA or greater at OU. Early in the spring semester, an invitation to apply for the junior scholarships will be sent to all students via OU email. The scholarship committee will then review all applications and select the best ones for awards, regardless of the student's potential membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

## Visiting Scholar Report

Dr. Faye Ginsburg traveled to OU as a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar March 10-12, 2010. During her visit, co-sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and the Film and Video Studies program, she discussed her work and answered questions from students in Film and Video Studies, Human Geography, and Visual Anthropology. On March 11, Dr. Ginsberg gave a public lecture titled "Native Intelligence: A Short History of the Debates on Indigenous Media," attended by approximately 90 people - a particularly good turnout given timing adjacent to spring break. It was a very successful visit that elicited only positive comments from participants.

The Spring 2011 Visiting Scholar (April 6-8, 2011) will be Dr. Michael McCormick, Francis Goelet Professor of Medieval History at Harvard, and author of *Origins of the European Economy* and *Charlemagne's Survey of the Holy Land*. Currently working on natural scientific approaches to the past, including the history of human health and the environment, he co-directs the exploration of a Carolingian royal estate recently identified in Flanders, Belgium, and of the ongoing excavation of a fortified late Roman township in eastern France.

## PHI BETA KAPPA | 2010-2011 | Dues and Contributions

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Annual dues: \$25 (payable to Phi Beta Kappa) \$\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contributions\* \$\_\_\_\_\_

\*Specify "undergraduate research prize," "subsidies for low-income initiates," and/or "general fund." *Donations made in support of the Roland Lehr Fund should be made out with a separate check directly to the **University of Oklahoma Foundation**, indicating **Roland Lehr Fund #0042002** in the memo line.*

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## Roland Lehr Memorial Scholarship Fund Update

The Dr. Roland Lehr Memorial Scholarship fund account has reached our goal of \$10,000, providing means for the chapter to begin giving an annual scholarship from the fund! The scholarship will be given to a graduating initiate who plans to pursue work in the natural or physical sciences or in medicine. Roland Lehr was a distinguished and highly regarded professor of Chemistry, twice interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a loyal and active member of the Alpha of Oklahoma Chapter, serving for several years as its secretary. A scholarship will perpetuate his name for years to come and is a fitting tribute to a man universally admired and esteemed.

## Alpha of Oklahoma Chapter Updates

### Founders' Day Event 2010

Our annual Founders' Day event will be held on Friday, December 3 in the OMU Scholar's Room. The reception will begin at 3:30 PM, and program at 4:00 PM. The identity of the Founders' Day speaker will be revealed in our October 18 business meeting!

### PBK Listserv

The Alpha of Oklahoma chapter has an email listserv! If you would like to be added to the chapter's listserv to receive intermittent e-mail updates of chapter activities, send your request to [pbk-1@lists.ou.edu](mailto:pbk-1@lists.ou.edu).

Update your mailing address online at <http://www.pbk.org/members/info.htm>, or via email to Craig Hayes ([rchayes@ou.edu](mailto:rchayes@ou.edu)).



### 2010 Initiation Ceremony

The Alpha of Oklahoma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa voted to invite a total of 204 students to membership at the spring business meeting. On May 14, 2010, 113 of the invitees were initiated in the ceremony at Meacham Auditorium in the Oklahoma Memorial Union. The invitees to initiation included 169 seniors and 12 juniors. Following our chapter's august tradition, an elegant wine bar reception was held following the ceremony in Beaird Lounge.

The 12 junior initiates, recognized for outstanding scholarship prior to the final year of their undergraduate career, were Kelcie Burks (Spanish), Katelyn Carter (French/Art History), Aaron Conrado (Microbiology), Amy Everwine (French/Letters), Alex Kelly (Math/History), Nabeel Khan (Political Science), Caitlynn Lawson (English), Samuel Scharff (Zoology), Sarah Swenson (Zoology), Jessica Thomas (Spanish), Leah Weyand (Russian/Letters), and Alexandra Wilson (Zoology). The chapter also initiated Dr. Edith Marsh-Matthews as an honorary member, and Judge Timothy DeGiusti as an alumnus member.

Our congratulations go to all the newest members of the Phi Beta Kappa Alpha of Oklahoma chapter!