Matthew T. Kerr, Eta of North Carolina chapter at The University of North Carolina, Wilmington, received the XXXVII 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 Nora Reber, Ph.D.

The Anthropology department at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington is proud to announce that Matthew T. Kerr has received the XXXVII National Lambda Alpha scholarship, as well as the Charles R. Jenkins Award for undergraduate research. This award is for the best submitted Undergraduate Research in the United States, and comes with a $5000 scholarship. His research focuses on absorbed pottery residue analysis, and Matthew received the award for his UNCW Honors thesis, which discusses the persistence of Black Drink residues in experimentally produced pottery shards. This research is in press for the Journal of Archaeological Sciences, an international scientific journal.

Black Drink is a tea made of the leaves of Yaupon holly, an abundant local native plant. It is the only native source of caffeine in North America, and Matt’s research is an important first step in being able to detect it in archaeological pottery residues. This is important because once the tea is detected in residues, we could begin to look at trade and use patterns of the beverage. Naturally, the plant was traded all over North America, and we could then map trade patterns using the detection of Black Drink residues. Matthew has been accepted into the Geography graduate program at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he will continue his research in lipid residues. In addition to his Black Drink work, Matthew recently presented his analysis of absorbed residues from the Brunswick Town site at the Society for American Archaeology meeting in Memphis, Tennessee.

Prior to entering UNCW, Matthew was in the army from 2001-2006, and was stationed in Iraq with the 101st Airborne from 2004-2006.

Lambda Alpha Graduate Overseas Research Grants for 2011-12 went to:

Monica McDonald
Washington University in St. Louis - Beta of Missouri
$5910
Proposal: How do the largest and smallest baboon species compete for reproductive success in a natural hybrid zone?
To better communicate among chapters, the National Office would like all to join the LISTSERV by going to lambda_alpha@listserv.bsu.edu and click join or leave list, enabling you to send a message to those chapters that are subscribed. You may also want to link your web page to ours at: http://cms.bsu.edu/Academics/CollegesandDepartments/Anthropology/LambdaAlpha.aspx
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The executive council also includes the current national chapter student officers.

A Thank You to Dr. B. K. Swartz, Jr.

In 1968 Dr. B. K. Swartz, Jr. established Alpha of Indiana at Ball State University. In 1975 he helped create the national scholarship for seniors. Since 1985 Dr. B. K. Swartz, Jr. served as the National Executive Secretary for Lambda Alpha. In 2012 Dr. Swartz resigned from this position. Dr. Swartz still remains active in Lambda Alpha and is a member of the executive council. Dr. Mark D. Groover, Associate Professor at Ball State University, assumed the post of National Executive Secretary in 2012. Dr. Groover and Mrs. Barbara Di Fabio, Lambda Alpha National Office Administrative Coordinator, along with the executive council members, thank Dr. Swartz for his previous 44 years of service to the organization. The society also looks forward to his continuing participation in the organization.

During this period of administrative transition the basic operation of the organization will continue without any major changes. Several minor changes in the operation of the organization will be implemented in the near future. To minimize operating costs and increase efficiency, a smaller number of printed newsletters will be distributed annually to the national chapters. Copies of the newsletter will be available in pdf format on the Lambda Alpha web page at BSU. To minimize operating and photocopying costs, 6 copies of the applications for the national scholarship and graduate student grant will be requested from applicants beginning this year.

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 grant 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. Contact Editor-in-Chief, Peer Moore-Jansen, Ph.D. for details at pmojan@wichita.edu.
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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.

Dr. Charles Jenkins, faculty sponsor for Alpha of Pennsylvania, established in 1969 at Alliance College, proposed that the position of National Executive Secretary be created by the organization. Wichita State agreed and chose Jenkins to assume the post on November 5, 1973. Dr. B. K. Swartz, Jr., assumed the post of National Executive Secretary from November 19, 1985, after Jenkins’ death, to 2012, when he joined the National Executive Council. Swartz established Alpha of Indiana at Ball State University in June, 1968, and remained faculty sponsor until his retirement in 2001, passing his responsibilities to Dr. Mark D. Groover. Groover joined the National Executive Council in November, 2010, and was appointed National Executive Secretary by the Council in early 2012.

The first issue of the *Journal of Man* was in January, 1969. The journal was later 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 administered the scholarship from 1975 to his retirement in 2010. In 2002, Lambda Alpha introduced the Lambda Alpha Graduate Overseas Grants to help support thesis and dissertation research overseas. Chapters are notified annually in January for application of these awards.
Lambda Alpha would like to encourage in-depth 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.

By H. Lyn Miles, Ph.D.

Gamma of Tennessee Chapter was founded in 2010 at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Charter members were inducted in Spring 2011: H. Lyn Miles, Ph.D. (faculty & sponsor); Alice Tym, M.S. (faculty); Adam Cochran, Candice Chambers, Jeremy Beavers, Dane Hughes, Jacob King, and William Andrews. The new members received gold membership ID cards and certificates from the National Office and had the option to purchase stoles and other honorary material. Chapter membership is now 18, and with 6 graduated, there are 12 active members.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Gamma of Tennessee was aware of the lack of understanding about the scientific method by both students and the general public. When the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga called for events to commemorate the 9/11 tragedy, Gamma TN proposed a symposium of speakers who would examine the forensic use of the scientific method in a public crisis. The proposal was funded for $1,500 by the Office of Equity and Diversity.

Four national speakers were invited to a symposium to discuss the need for the application of the scientific method to understanding the nature and causes of the “9/11 Event”, the four coordinated suicide attacks in the U.S. on September 11, 2001 striking the World Trade towers in New York City, and also Washington, D.C. The symposium was held on November 15, 2011.

The panelists included:

Mr. Jim Hall, civil catastrophe expert and former US Transportation Safety Board Director
Mr. Tom Junod, Esquire magazine writer about “falling man” photo from 9/11
Dr. David Johnson, urban planner and professor emeritus, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Dr. Erwin Foster, forensic engineer and professor, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga
Mr. Richard Winham, WUTC commentator, moderator

The event was held in the UC Auditorium and attracted over 300 students, faculty and community members, some coming from as far as Atlanta, Nashville, and Louisiana. Discussion and questioning quickly focused on the Science of 9/11 edited video presented and the puzzle of how Building 7 collapsed although it was not directly hit.

The event was filmed by University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Media Resources with a grant from Dr. Matthew Hine, and the educational video will be released in Fall 2012. This was one of the largest audiences at the University for the year. The event was co-sponsored by the civil engineering society, Department of Sociology Anthropology and Geography, Alpha Kappa Delta, the Sociology Honorary Society, and UTC Office of Equity and Diversity.
2  Alex and Me Presentation by Dr. Irene Pepperberg, March 29, 2012

Lambda Alpha sponsored international scientist Dr. Irene Pepperberg to present a colloquium, “Alex and Me: Can African Grey Parrots Understand What They Say?” on March 29, 2012. Over 150 students, faculty, and bird-loving members of the general public attended the event.

Dr. Pepperberg concentrated on how she taught her parrot Alex to count and how he developed concepts of “none” and “six” on his own. She also described the over one hundred words he understood and how he would tell her to “calm down” and “want to back cage now” when his lesson were over. Alex also appeared to defiantly name every object that was NOT on his tray when he was bored, showing some complex cognitive skills.

The event was co-sponsored and funded by the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Geography, Department of Psychology, Student Government Association, Department of Biology, and Tennessee Ornithological Society for $1,600. Support for the Alex Foundation goes to the newer birds that she is now working with to replicate her studies with Alex.

3  Civil War Trust’s Annual Park Day, March 31, 2011

“Park Day” is an annual event sponsored by History™ and the U.S. Department of Internal Affairs to preserve battlefields and historic sites nationwide through maintenance projects. This year, Lambda Alpha joined the local efforts of historians and archaeologists to clear invasive plant species and undergrowth at the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Chattanooga, Tennessee on March 31.

Local historian and National Park Service employee, Jim Ogden, describes a Civil War Earthwork at the Moccasin Bend extension of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

While few Civil War artifacts are left at the Moccasin Bend site, human-constructed Earthworks have remained and must frequently be cleared. Lambda Alpha members completed this project with Alpha Kappa Delta, the Sociology Honorary Society, members. These activities helped to preserve the cultural heritage of the Chattanooga area.
4 Facebook

In October 2011, Lambda Alpha students created a Facebook group, “UTC Lambda Alpha,” for the purpose of social networking and group communication. The Gamma of Tennessee Chapter site has gained over 20 members and created over 40 posts related to upcoming meetings, sponsored events, and community service projects. Through the site, members have also been able to maintain a variety of contacts, including liaison with Chris Casanova for the St. Andrews Cathedral community “Garden of Eatin’” in Chattanooga, and Antoine Fletcher, Lambda Alpha member and National Park Service employee at Russell Cave, Alabama.

During Spring 2012, Lambda Alpha officers also organized monthly meetings on the first Monday of every month. The meetings provided a casual forum to discuss future sponsored programs and community service projects, as well as student-oriented platforms, like an upcoming student symposium and department journal.

Lambda Alpha and Alpha Kappa Delta Park Day participants at Park Day. From left: Brandon Mayes (AKD), Tanya Dickinson (LA), Alaina Winters (LA), Samantha Elliott (LA), Brittany Perez (LA), Caroline Maxie (LA), Clifton Burriss (AKD) and Charlotte Baltz (AKD).

Gamma Chapter of Lambda Alpha worked hard to clear forest undergrowth at Moccasin Bend Earthworks. From Left: Lambda Alpha officers Caroline Maxie (Secretary), Samantha Elliott (President), Brittany Perez (Vice President), and Alpha Kappa Delta member Clifton Burriss.
Delta of California
California State University, Los Angeles

During the academic year 2011-2012, the Delta California chapter was quite active. Our first event was on October 13th, 2011, when students from Cogswell Elementary came to one of our main archaeology labs for an interactive experience in the four sub-fields of anthropology. We had two areas (prehistoric and modern) that the children were able to excavate, screen, and identify human remains. In our socio-cultural area, children made baskets and pinch pots, ground their own pigment using mortars and pestles, and painted their completed pots. For linguistics, we taught the children to write their name in ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. We had a student flintknapper who did a workshop on stone tool technologies, and children were able to take home freshly manufactured arrowheads as a souvenir. We also had a hands-on lecture on paleoanthropology, geology, stratigraphy, and human evolution.

Our second main event was the first of a four-part lecture series entitled “Sustainability in Anthropology: Protecting our Past to Protect the Future”, which outlines different ways we as anthropologists can apply our knowledge to tackle contemporary issues. During the fall quarter, eminent archaeologist Brain Fagan lectured on “Ancient Societies and Water”. The event was quite successful; we had over 175 students from over 5 universities attend!

Our upcoming activities include a trip to the LA Zoo for a guided tour of the primate sanctuary, with specific attention to primate habitat preservation; a lecture on preserving indigenous cultures in the face of globalization; and a lecture on preserving dying languages across the globe.

In addition to these functions, our members were busy winning awards and scholarships, presenting at conferences, and excelling at their studies. We have admitted several very
promising students, both undergraduate and graduate, to our chapter, and we are very confident knowing that we are a respected and well-known organization not just in our department, but campus-wide.

**Epsilon of Iowa**
Cornell College

Our chapter had a higher visibility on campus this year than they have in the past few years. They began by co-sponsoring a well-attended panel discussion to raise awareness of the presence of anthropology on campus. Then they sponsored a lecture by Professor Anton Daughters on the Hopi, and co-sponsored a speaker on North Korean refugees. They ended the year with a drive for school supplies for the San Salvador Primary School in the Bahamas. Since Cornell students study on San Salvador each year, Epsilon of Iowa would like to hold an annual collection of books and supplies for the school.

**Alpha of Kansas**
Wichita State University

Our 13th Annual Lambda Alpha Symposium was a huge success with thirteen presentations eligible to compete for the “Best Student Paper Award” which was entitled *Sexual Dimorphism in the 12th Thoracic Vertebrate and Its Potential for Sex Estimation of Human Skeletal Remains*. Several of our members took a field trip to Lindsborg to explore the history of the area, as well as visiting several museums, toured Coronado Heights, explored the historical remains of an old dugout, and enjoyed a delicious meal at a Swedish restaurant in town. We had chapter officers on hand at a booth during the annual campus-wide Activities Fair to promote Lambda Alpha by handing out a brochure detailing our mission and eligibility requirements. With a shortage of storage space, we organized a book sale. Those books not sold were taken to a local used bookstore with the owner purchasing several. The remaining books were donated to a local store that recycles and donates the proceeds to local literacy programs. Our chapter made a monetary donation as a sponsor for Toy Run t-shirts to benefit the Toys for Tots organization. Another event was collecting for the winter clothes drive, Klothes Kloset, operated by the United Methodist Open Door Project. The “Night of the Living Zoo” event entailed our members volunteering to help with whatever the zoo needed. This event provides a safe and fun place for small children to participate in games and other Halloween activities without the risk of them being on the streets after dark. This is a major event in Wichita during the Halloween season.

**Beta of Kentucky**
Murray State University

Although our membership has dropped substantially in the past academic year, our members have been busy with a recruitment campaign. Murray State University has had several students declare an anthropology minor within the past several months, and we anticipate that many of them will be eligible for membership within the next academic year. Our chapter has continued to work with the Department of Geosciences’ GeoClub to encourage interest and participation in anthropological events and issues both on campus and in the broader community. The members of Beta of Kentucky chapter have also been working on designing an archaeological test facility for geophysical surveying equipment. We hope to have a plot of land on the Murray State campus secured for use by the start of the Fall 2012 semester and we plan to begin constructing some archaeological features at the site during the next academic year.
Gamma of Maryland
Washington College

Gamma MD chapter’s main event was the annual induction ceremony on March 7th. Professors Lampman, Markin, Seidel, Schindler, Sherbondy, and Wiest attended the ceremony, as did current members with the 13 new members. The event included two speakers. Patrick Walter, a Washington College alum, gave a talk titled, “Cultural Resource Management in the Mid-Atlantic Region.” He discussed his career path and his experiences as a project archaeologist for TRC Environmental, Inc. The other speaker, John J. Dobbins, Professor of Roman Art and Archaeology at the University of Virginia, gave a lecture titled, “Art, Archaeology, and Advanced Technology: The Case of the Alexander Mosaic at Pompeii.”

The event also included a catered dinner for all attendees. Lambda Alpha received a budget from the SGA, and had an account balance sufficient to cover the extra costs of the induction ceremony.

Gamma of Michigan
Eastern Michigan University

Our department moved back into the Pray-Harrold Hall, the largest classroom building on campus, refurbished over the previous year. As it may be expected, there was a long period of adjustment to classrooms, untested equipment, and offices. As a consequence of this event there was little opportunity to pursue Gamma MI activities and even our usual Fall Open House had to be postponed. By the end of the term the project some chapter members had started supporting in 2009 – the establishment of CMS, and Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in “Cultural Museum Studies” – finally came to fruition and is accepting students from Fall 2012. This program, coordinated by Dr. Cerroni-Long, is the only opportunity our anthropology majors have to gain some graduate-level training, and students welcomed the successful outcome of their efforts.

The fact that the CMS is interdisciplinary, albeit with a strong anthropological component, inspired some Gamma MI members to propose the expansion of the website we had originally contemplated for the exclusive use of Honors Society members – a project that had not made much headway over the spring and summer – in order to address not only anthropology majors but also minors, and/or “sympathizers” from any program. As a consequence, and through the excellent liaison work of a new Gamma MI member, Ryan Allaer, we were able to gather a team of computer science majors who built the basis of a sophisticated website we decided to name after one of our campus symbols, the emu, upgraded through an anthropological twist into a novel binomial nomenclature: the emu sapiens. After a tremendous collective effort, the site – www.emusapiens.us – is just about ready to go live and it will definitely be open by the beginning of the new fall term. Please come and visit us!

Beta of Missouri
Washington University in St. Louis

Beta Chapter added 76 new members, co-sponsored fieldtrips and department events, and initiated several projects during the 2011-2012 academic year. We are very proud of graduate student, Monica McDonald, who was awarded a Lambda Alpha Graduate Overseas Research Grant for her work on primate social behavior in Zambia.

Beta Chapter and the department of anthropology hosted the annual workshop on using anthropology after graduation. Each year, several anthropology graduates return to talk with current majors about how they found jobs and how they apply their anthropological training to their work. Hoping
to help anthropology graduates facing a difficult economy, Beta executive board members also researched and organized a database for students searching for internships and jobs. This resource can be found on the Washington University Anthropology website under post-graduation.

Each year, the chapter organizes a field trip to Cahokia Mounds, a pre-historic urban site just across the river from St. Louis, and also sponsors a trip to the St. Louis Zoo, led by a primatology professor. The chapter co-sponsors the annual spring party for the anthropology community at which prehistoric games are played, including atlatl-throwing, with prizes to those who came closest to bringing home the bison.

Last year, Beta Chapter initiated Tea with a Professor, a popular new event designed to give students informal time with faculty. Each semester, a faculty member is invited to have tea and chat with majors about life as an anthropologist.

Our active Lambda Alpha group enriches the anthropology department and we have no doubt that the students will find new ways to provide useful resources for our majors.

**Omicron of New York**
Ithaca College

In addition to participating in the selection committees and attending the Spring induction ceremony, Omicron NY members also co-sponsored several events on campus in support of the establishment of an interdisciplinary Asian Studies minor at Ithaca College. Later this Spring, we have plans to collaborate with the Anthropology Club to host a documentary screening and discussion, as well as a farewell dinner for graduating seniors. Once the new members for Spring 2012 have been officially inducted, the departing members of the executive board will coordinate the elections for Fall 2012.

**Zeta of North Carolina**
University of North Carolina, Charlotte

The Zeta of North Carolina initiated more new members in May 2012 than ever before, including several students who are going on to graduate school. During the past academic year, the chapter worked together with the Anthropology Club at UNC Charlotte in many activities. These included visits to the High Museum in Atlanta, GA, the Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, SC, speakers on linguistic anthropology, a workshop and preparing to apply to graduate school, and revamping of a campus exhibit about anthropology. Two new members of the Zeta chapter participated in the Society for Applied Anthropology in Baltimore: Renee Zemlock presented a poster and Chris LeClere presented an original video production.

**Alpha of Oklahoma**
University of Tulsa

Our Alpha of Oklahoma chapter’s year started with a dinner and a lecture marking the initiation of new members. Dr. Victoria Book’s, the Gilcrease Museum’s Chief Conservator, lecture entitled “Conservation in a Nutshell” discussed doctoral programs in museum conservation, alternative pathways into that career, and some of the everyday problems that conservators face in their jobs. In particular, she focused on a recent Gilcrease Museum acquisition – a mid-19th century Cherokee beaded bag. Everyone feasted on Persian cuisine cooked by the aunt of Alpha OK student member Ponteha Nikjou. The chapter looks forward to our upcoming 2012 initiation dinner in May and a presentation about the university’s new doctoral program in archaeology.
**Beta of Oregon**  
Portland State University

The Beta OR chapter of Portland State University added 23 new members in our induction ceremony in Spring 2011 and eleven new members thus far in 2012.

We hosted seven events between Spring 2011 and Winter 2012. One of these was a student member presentation on the Underwater Archaeological Survey of Port Sanitja. Four events featured faculty presentations on topics such as the architectural tradition of the Lower Columbia River plankhouse, changing Sri Lankan perceptions of nursing homes, and cutting edge research in the field of Evolutionary Studies. We also had one workshop geared toward professional development on how to give engaging and effective presentations, as well as two social gatherings.

We have been moving forward on a number of projects. In November 2011 we worked with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to do a short presentation about Anthropology to local Kindergarten students. We are currently working on three projects with goals including service to the Refugee community, increasing interdisciplinary collaboration with our Applied Linguistics Department, and a focus on professional development working towards compiling a student Anthropological journal.

**Delta of Virginia**  
Longwood University

During this eighth year, we continued our informal dinner seminars with attendees delighted in the comradely and intellectual stimulation provided by the student-led discussions based upon articles they had selected. The officers organized one discussion on a theme in archaeology. Our sixteen new members were able to attend our Departmental Honors Awards Banquet in April, where they were applauded and presented their ID cards, certificates, and graduation stoles. The other two honor societies in our department, although they represent programs with more students than we have in the Anthropology Program, had fewer students to initiate into their honor societies, which speaks highly of the quality of the students in our program and made us stand out in a highly visible way.
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