

Alpha Sigma Nu

THE HONOR SOCIETY OF JESUIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HONOR SOCIETIES

WINTER 2009

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY WELCOMES THE AΣN TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE



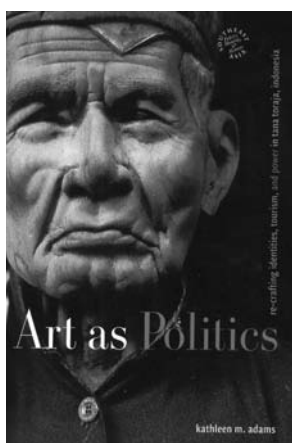
2009 AΣN BOOK AWARD WINNERS

IN THE DISCIPLINE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Art as Politics: Re-crafting Identities, Tourism and Power in Tana Toraja, Indonesia.

(University of Hawai'i Press, 2006)

By Kathleen M. Adams, Professor of Anthropology, Loyola University Chicago



Combining a sophisticated interdisciplinary analysis, extensive first-hand field research, and a compelling narrative, Professor Kathleen M. Adams' *Art as Politics*, explores the intersection of art, identity politics, and tourism in Sulawesi, Indonesia. Based on a 20-year ethnographic study, she offers a nuanced portrayal of the Sa'dan Toraja, a predominantly Christian minority group in the world's most populous Muslim country. Long before Toraja art and architecture received world attention as a UNESCO World Heritage site, Adams identified complex political and cultural contradictions as Indonesia attempted to capitalize on its ethnic diversity as a means of luring tourist income while at the same time, trying to consolidate its national identity in an authoritarian political system. The Toraja have entered an era of accelerated engagement with the global economy. She considers how outsiders, be they tourists, art collectors, members of rival ethnic groups, or government

officials, have appropriated and reframed Toraja art objects for their own purposes. Adams' understanding of the complex effects of global tourism on indigenous cultures is amplified by her reflections on how anthropology itself is far from a neutral actor in this process.

About the author: Kathleen Adams received her PhD from the University of Washington in 1988. Dr. Adams' research addresses issues pertaining to inter-ethnic relations, nationalism, conceptions of heritage, tourism, and the arts. She has received grants from the Fulbright Foundation, the American Philosophical Society, and the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Studies Program. Professor Adams was awarded Loyola University Chicago's Sujack Award for Teaching Excellence in 2007.



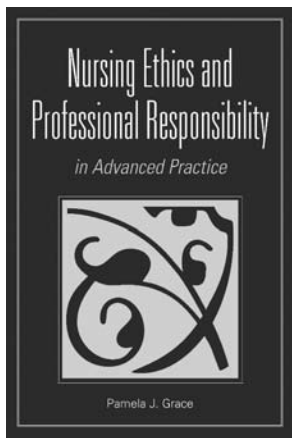
On receiving the Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award: "Appreciating the academic rigor entailed in the Jesuit tradition and the high quality of other nominees' work, I feel particularly honored by this award. My friends and mentors in Indonesia deserve much credit for generously sharing their lives, creative enterprises, and aspirations for the future. Without them, there would be no book."

IN THE DISCIPLINE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Nursing Ethics and Professional Responsibility in Advanced Practice

(Jones and Bartlett, 2008)

By Pamela Grace, Associate Professor, Adult Health and Ethics, Boston College



Addressing a significant topic for the nursing profession in an effective scholarly manner, *Nursing Ethics and Professional Responsibility in Advanced Practice* equips healthcare professionals with the tools needed to address the ethically complex issues faced in daily practice, both across specialty areas as well as within an area of specialty practice. The book provides a philosophical base for professional responsibility as it explains complex ethical ideas in accessible terms and presents contemporary examples from actual practice. Presenting ethical issues across a variety of interests, Dr. Grace covers topics ranging from the nature and source of human rights, social justice, human subjects research, acute care practice, and primary care to contemporary content in gerontology and end-of-life care. Each chapter skillfully integrates current literature and research into the discussion of ethical principles, commonalities of ethics across practice settings, and the

ethical challenges of advanced-practice nursing specialty areas. The case studies found at the end of the specialty area chapters help the reader apply ethical principles to specific situations. In all, the book serves as a wonderful guide for students as well as advanced practice nurses.

About the author: Pamela Grace earned her PhD in philosophy from the University of Tennessee and her MSN and BSN from West Virginia University. She is an experienced critical care nurse and a primary care nurse practitioner. As a nurse scientist at the Munn Center for Nursing Research at Massachusetts General Hospital, she collaborates with colleagues on nursing ethics research endeavors.



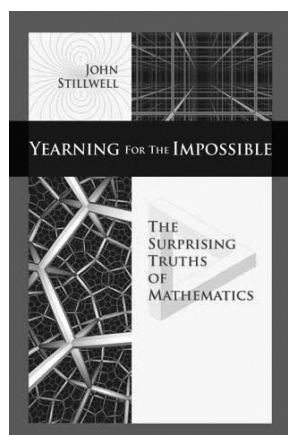
On receiving the AΣN Book Award: "This is an incredible honor for me and for my nurse colleagues who contributed chapters based on their real-life practice experiences. This award validates the work of all nurses who strive to provide knowledgeable, just, and meaningful care to the vulnerable in the face of increasingly difficult, highly technological and economically challenging healthcare environments."

IN THE DISCIPLINE OF MATHEMATICS/COMPUTER SCIENCES

Yearning for the Impossible

(A.K. Peters, Ltd., 2006)

John C. Stillwell, Professor of Mathematics, University of San Francisco



Yearning for the Impossible explores the history of mathematics from the perspective of the creative tension between common sense and the "impossible." Dr. Stillwell follows the discovery and invention of new concepts that have marked mathematical progress including Irrational and Imaginary Numbers, the Fourth Dimension, curved space, and infinity. Stillwell imbeds mathematics into a broader cultural context with a clever and enthusiastic explication of mathematical ideas, thus broadening the horizon of students beyond the narrow confines of rote memorization. He engages those who are curious about the place of mathematics in our intellectual landscape. Even to the individual with just a basic mathematical knowledge, Stillwell takes complex concepts and provides a level of explanation and clarity for the reader resulting in "light bulb" moments. The book includes a well executed set of graphs, drawings, and illustrations that increases the approachability of the book. It

is certainly a very sophisticated scholarly work in a package that provokes thought and pushes human understanding to a new level. Small yet compelling, *Yearning for the Impossible* reflects the author's joy in the subject and inspires a new or renewed appreciation of math.

About the author: John C. Stillwell is Professor of Mathematics. He received an MSc from the University of Melbourne in 1965 and a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1970. He is particularly interested in mathematics history of the 19th and 20th centuries, with his best known work to date *Mathematics and Its History* (Springer-Verlag 1989 and 2nd edition 2002). In 2005, he was awarded the Chauvenet Prize for mathematical exposition by the Mathematical Association of America.



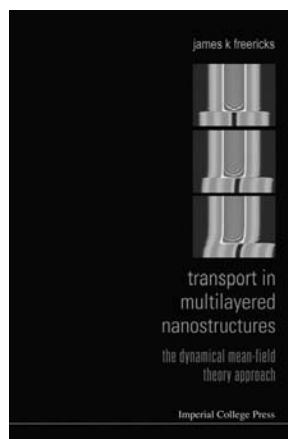
On receiving the Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award: "I am honored and delighted to receive the 2009 Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award for Mathematics/Computer Science. My colleagues at the University of San Francisco deserve some of the credit for this award, because of their support for my writing."

IN THE DISCIPLINE OF THE NATURAL SCIENCES

Transport in Multilayered Nanostructures: The Dynamical Mean-Field Theory Approach.

(Imperial College Press, 2006)

By James K. Freericks, Professor of Physics and Co-director of Undergraduate Studies, Georgetown University



This ground-breaking book is the first comprehensive text on Dynamical Mean-Field Theory (DMFT), which has emerged over the past two decades as one of the most powerful new developments in many-body physics. Written by one of the key researchers in the field, the volume develops the formalism of many-body Green's functions using the equation of motion approach, which requires an undergraduate solid state physics course and a graduate quantum mechanics course as prerequisites. DMFT is a technique in theoretical solid state physics for treating many-body problems, such as strongly correlated electron systems, which do not yield to perturbation calculations. The DMFT is applied to study transport in multilayered nanostructures, which is likely to be one of the most prominent applications of nanotechnology in the coming years. The science behind metal-insulator transition, electronic charge reconstruction, and superconductivity is

thoroughly described. The book covers complete derivations and emphasizes how to carry out numerical calculations, including discussions of parallel programming algorithms. An appendix contains 37 mathematical and theoretical problems crafted by the author to illustrate principles and applications discussed in the text, providing creative challenges easily extended into larger projects—some to master's degree projects—making the appendix one of the most imaginative and valuable features of the book.

About the author: James K. Freericks has a PhD and MA from the University of California-Berkeley and an AB from Princeton University. Professor Freericks is a pioneer in the advanced numerical methods; his research interests lie in theoretical and computational condensed matter physics.



On receiving the AΣN Book Award: "I am a scientist who has written a technical science book for other scientists. It is rare for such books to be considered for, let alone win, a book prize, so I find the Alpha Sigma Nu award to be particularly meaningful for me and for my work. I am humbled by being grouped with such an impressive list of scholars who have also won this award."

TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2009: ΑΣΝ MEMBERS ON A MISSION

Since 1925, the Triennial Conference has been the time for the Society's leadership to be visionary, share experiences, plan for the future of the Jesuit Honor Society, and renew their commitment to ΑΣΝ and the ideals the honor society represents. The 2009 Conference, graciously co-hosted by Saint Louis University, gathered student officers and Faculty Advisers from our 31 Chapters, presidents from the Alumni Club, and the Alpha Sigma Nu Board. With an awareness of the current financial climate and the need to marshal our funds wisely, the staff planned a conference that was consistently engaged and engaging.

The Program Committee, representing all ΑΣΝ constituencies and led by Board member **Michele Gilfillan** (U. of Scranton '97) and Fordham Faculty Adviser **Rosemary DeJulio, PhD** (Fordham'07), began planning this event in the fall of 2008. These dynamic women, along with Board member **Anthony Giordano** (Regis U. '05); Saint Louis Faculty Adviser **James Voiss, SJ** (St. Louis '03), and Spring Hill Faculty Adviser **Michael Williams, SJ** (Spring Hill '01); Alumni Club presidents **Pat Cain** (Loyola Marymount '78), **Cassandra Clark** (Holy Cross '01), and **Elaine Hovevar** (John Carroll '97); and Chapter presidents **Amanda Cartee** (St. Louis '07), **Zack Hisert** (LeMoyne '08), and **Pat Fouhy** (Boston College '07), developed specific Conference goals:

- Educate students about the importance of ΑΣΝ as an **honor society** that supports the mission of Jesuit education
- Re-imagine with key ΑΣΝ leaders how to contribute to that mission
- Envision how ΑΣΝ can encourage members to be 'leaders for life' framed by teachings of St. Ignatius Loyola and the academic vigor of the Jesuit educational experience

To accomplish these goals, the Program Committee outlined a number of strategies:

- Engage leaders of Mission/Ministry on Jesuit campuses
- Explore the role of ΑΣΝ alumni in formation and leadership development
- Facilitate group discussions based on Conference goals and Conference presentations
- Provide concrete opportunities to share best practices and to offer practical tips for leaders
- Inspire delegates to return home with an action plan to work for the ΑΣΝ mission and the mission of Jesuit education in their Chapters and Clubs.

Wayne Hellman, OFM Cap (St Louis '05), Professor and Chair of Department of Theological Studies at Saint Louis University, delivered the Conference keynote address. He spoke to putting "Mission in Context," and urged the conference delegates to maintain a clear sense of self and sense of the social realities in their schools as they advance the Jesuit mission. He recalled Ignacio Ellacuria, SJ, the martyred leader of the University of Central America, speaking at Santa Clara:



**Wayne Hellman,
OFM Conv
(St Louis '05)**

"There are two aspects to every university. The first and most evident is that it deals with culture, with knowledge, the use of the intellect. The second, and not so evident, is that it must be concerned with the social reality—precisely because a university is inescapably a social force: it must transform and enlighten the society in which it lives....How does a university transform the social reality of which it is so much a part? There is no abstract and consistent answer here. A university cannot always and in every place be the same. We must constantly look at our own peculiar historical reality."

Father Hellman noted that Jesuit universities in North America have multiple social realities. While discerning the Jesuit mission at each institution, the diversity in religion, culture and economic status on campus must also be considered while the core values held. Superior General Adolfo Nicolas offered his guidance in his speech earlier this year at Loyola Marymount:

"Certain elements of the Jesuit mission remain non-negotiable. These include a commitment to excellence, flowing from the magis; a clear articulation and enactment of the faith that does justice; inter-religious dialogue; a profound sense of an underlying spiritual dynamism; and a careful process of discernment. For Jesuits, these norms stem from clearly Catholic-Christian premises."

Father Hellman called for ΑΣΝ to lead in engaged scholarship on our campuses and to embrace that identity. His speech moved delegates to consider how mission, and ΑΣΝ members' role in that mission, is shaped by the social realities at their schools and in their communities, and set a contemplative mindset for the delegates as they moved through the weekend.



Mission panelists Kevin Quinn, SJ (Santa Clara '09), Daniel Joyce, SJ, Paul Harman, SJ (Holy Cross '09), and Michael Braden, SJ

Contributing concretely to the mission of Jesuit education

In the next session, panelists Michael Braden, SJ, Vice President of Mission and Identity and Faculty Adviser at St. Peter's College, **Paul Harman, SJ** (Holy Cross '09), Special Assistant to the President and Faculty Adviser at Holy Cross, Daniel Joyce, SJ, Assistant to the Vice President of Mission and Identity at St. Joseph's University, and **Kevin Quinn, SJ** (Santa Clara '09), took Father Hellman's global view of mission and translated it to their schools. The panelists addressed the challenge of Alpha Sigma Nu Chapters finding ways to concretely contribute to the mission of Jesuit education. Conference delegates learned how the setting, culture, and student population of each institution shape the context of mission, and how mission and identity is addressed accordingly.

Father Braden, in describing the great cultural and religious diversity at Saint Peter's, articulated this challenge to Alpha Sigma Nu Chapters, identifying the deep meaning that all can share in Jesuit, Catholic education. While appreciating the perspectives a diverse population brings, Chapters can tap into those Ignatian values all share.

The Holy Cross context, noted Father Harman, is more residential and somewhat more homogenous. This ΑΣΝ Chapter has focused their activities on serving the city of Worcester. The tightly bound campus leads to great loyalty; the mission office must encourage that students "encounter the gritty reality" and the Chapter continue to engage in the life of the city.

Inculcating the faculty on Catholic social teaching, sharing options for spiritual exercises, and providing the ongoing formation of trustees are key jobs for the Mission and Identity Office at Saint Joseph's University. Father Joyce explained that the needs of the Philadelphia community shape the Office's agenda as well, particularly in terms of student service and the encouragement of reflection on service. Because of who we are as ΑΣΝ members, he sees Chapters providing the Spiritual Exercises to students as well as taking on events-intellectual, spiritual, transformative- emphasizing the Jesuit notion that charity must lead to change. He sees a twin role for Chapters, formation of members and a role in curriculum governance.

Father Quinn cited the two addresses pivotal in transforming the mission of Santa Clara, Ignacio Ellacuria, SJ, from the University of Central America in 1982 and **Hans Peter Kolvenbach, SJ** (Marquette '86), former Superior General of the Society of Jesus. In defining what it means to be a Jesuit university in the 21st Century, students must be formed to engage the world both locally and globally. To accomplish this, SCU promotes pedagogy of engagement, including a robust community of engagement, personal and intellectual reflection, student immersion trips, and faculty/staff engagement in the mission. He sees Alpha Sigma Nu as "the fifth column," able to promote mission among peers and encouraging fellow students to leave campus to encounter the other.

For the next two days, delegates moved to group discussions on how Alpha Sigma Nu can more concretely and effectively contribute to the mission of Jesuit education. Faculty Advisers, Chapter presidents, and Alumni Club presidents planned strategies for working with their mission offices and designed programs to collaborate on these efforts. As one delegate said, "This was one of few such meetings where everything moved on time and had a constant intentionality."



Alpha Sigma Nu 2009 Triennial Conference delegates

MEET THE NEW STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS...



Yvonne King



John Wenstrand

Yvonne King and John Wenstrand

What impressions, images, and people will you carry with you from the Triennial?

Yvonne: I was most impressed with the camaraderie and cohesiveness evident among such a very special, talented, committed group. The dedication of everyone present reinforced that induction is not only an honor but a commitment to AΣN values.

John: I will carry with me impressions of a strong and committed honor society, images of new friends inspiring each other in group discussion and on the dance floor, and of the kindest people working together toward a noble end.

How will attendance at the Triennial Conference impact your plans for your Chapter?

Yvonne: The ideas generated helped me formulate a starting point for creating awareness and an image of AΣN at UDM. My hope is that our Chapter members will embody the same kind of spirit that was displayed at the conference.

John: I now realize the strong support structure that every chapter has from the Jesuit network and the AΣN Central office. Group discussions gave me ideas for my chapter in the areas of mission, programming, selection process, and induction. The Gonzaga chapter has already decided on two new programs to implement this year.

How do you see your role, and your Chapter's role, in the mission of Jesuit education at your school?

Yvonne: I see my role as that of a facilitator, encouraging activities that will demonstrate that a Jesuit education goes beyond the classroom to service to others. Our intention is to engage the wider UDM community in discussions on scholarship, loyalty, and service. Through the office of Mission and Identity, we plan to help establish a common bond among UDM's diverse population – promoting and living the mission.

John: Promoting the mission of Jesuit education and educating our members so that they fully understand the Jesuit notions of scholarship, loyalty, and service is my role. Only after the members have internalized Jesuit values can they move to transform the University and the world. As the keynote speaker, Fr. Wayne Hellman reminded us, "We have to teach smart people not to hide behind gated communities and avoid the mass of humanity that suffers."

If you could speak to AΣN alumni, what would you tell them about the AΣN experience today?

Yvonne: We continue to be committed to excellence. AΣN members have a passion and burning desire to serve, and students are finding new, creative ways to reach out and show concern for the society in which we live. We want to hear about what AΣN alumni members are doing and need their insight as we work to be more involved with our campus communities.

John: AΣN does not stop with graduation; it is an ongoing commitment to live Jesuit values throughout your life. You are the AΣN experience!



Kate Gaertner (Marquette '04), **David T. Ralston, Jr.** (Georgetown '76), **Taylor Calderone** (Loyola Maryland '05), **Anthony Giordano** (Regis U. '05), **Mary Wacker** (Marquette '08), and **James Voiss, SJ** (St. Louis '03)

What interested you in AΣN Board service?

Yvonne: I was thrilled by the possibility of serving beyond our local Chapter and therefore gaining a wider perspective of AΣN. Service on the Board affords me greater opportunity to interact with a talented group of students who seek to continually use their imagination and creativity to transform and enlighten.

John: I was interested in AΣN board service because I knew how much Jesuit values mean to me. I wanted to continue to interact with this community of people as they live the values of St. Ignatius.

Tell us about the student perspective you bring to the Board.

Yvonne: Recognizing that we are members of a larger community, I am a tireless advocate of students using their education to make themselves men and women for others, especially the underserved. As a non-traditional, minority student, I hope I can be a point of reference for the students who may be questioning if AΣN is for them.

John: I bring the perspective of an involved and passionate student from Gonzaga University who is influenced by his Japanese heritage and his love of history. In addition, having an openness and willingness to speak my mind will add to the diversity and dynamic nature of the board.

What do you hope to accomplish during your service on the Board?

Yvonne: I intend to be quite effective at articulating Jesuit education and AΣN values; I hope to gain a better understanding of the ideals on which this education is built. John and I will keep the AΣN presidents engaged and motivated, so that together, we can all do great things on our campuses.

John: During my three years on the board of AΣN I hope to represent the voice of AΣN students as best I can. We look forward to bringing the chapter presidents together on conference calls, discussing the challenges each chapter will face, and creating a deeper sense of continuity among the different Chapters.

What are your future plans?

Yvonne: After completion of the master's degree, I intend to work as a professional Counselor, promoting mental health and well-being. Learning is a lifelong journey and I plan to continue to grow personally, spiritually, and professionally – I could not do otherwise; I am a product of Jesuit education!

John: My future plans include entering a doctoral program in Japanese history.



Anna Pate (Spring Hill '09), **Laura Kraus** (St. Louis '09), **Kelsey Palmer** (Marquette '09), **Valerie Wynne** (Fordham '09), **Laura Beglane** (Holy Cross '09), and **Amy Lam** (U. of San Francisco '09)

THE PEG FENNIG AWARD

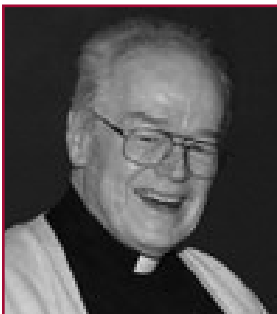
Gail Roche Burnett (U. of Detroit Mercy '93) is the recipient of the 2009 Fennig Award. The award honors a member who is active in leading in the pursuit of scholarship, loyalty and service, whose dedication, wisdom, and commitment reflect those of the woman for whom the award is named. Ms. Burnett began her leadership in AΣN as UDM Chapter President. At the 1994 Triennial Conference, she was elected to the AΣN Board of Directors as a student board member and in 1997 was re-elected as an alumni member. While on the Board, she served as co-chair of the 2000 Triennial Conference, Treasurer, and chair of the Investment Committee.



Gail Roche Burnett (U. of Detroit Mercy '93)

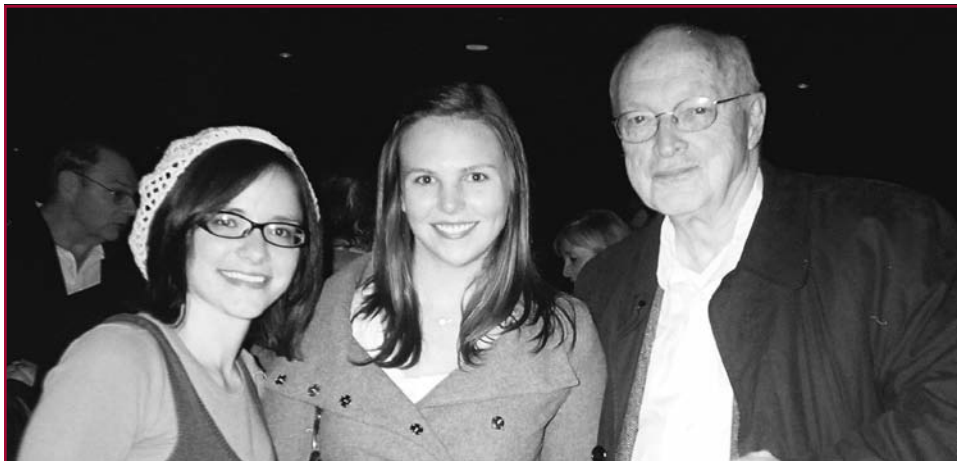
Ms. Burnett was appointed UDM's Alpha Sigma Nu Faculty Adviser in 2000. As Faculty Adviser, she re-energized the Chapter she strove to ensure that all qualified students receive a fair opportunity to apply for membership. After moving to "volunteer" status at UDM, Gail's commitment to Alpha Sigma Nu shone as she agreed to become the AΣN Chapter Coordinator. For the next 15 years, she served as the spirit of the Chapter and the guardian of the selection process at UDM, guaranteeing that all qualified UDM students, traditional or non-traditional, were rewarded for academic perseverance, service to campus and to community, and loyalty to the Jesuit ideals.

THE RICHARD AND ANN PANLENER AWARD



Rev. William McInnes, SJ (U. of San Francisco '73)

The Panlener Award honors an individual who demonstrates a sustained, serious commitment to the development of Alpha Sigma Nu. **Rev. William McInnes, SJ** (U. of San Francisco '73), is the 2009 award recipient. As President of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, he saw AΣN as uniquely qualified and positioned to contribute to the wider goals of Jesuit education and proposed to the AΣN Board the establishment of the Alpha Sigma Nu Book Awards. Today, the Book Awards recognize outstanding publishing contributions and achievements by faculty and administrators of the 31 member Jesuit colleges and universities. During his 1997-03 term on the Alpha Sigma Nu Board of Directors, Father McInnes shepherded the Awards to their present stature and breadth. As the Faculty Adviser at Boston College from 1996-2009, he led an increasingly active Chapter. He was instrumental in starting the Boston Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club. Father McInnes holds BA, BS, and MA degrees from Boston College and a PhD from New York University. He was the first Carroll School of Management graduate to be ordained a Jesuit priest, and the first American Jesuit to get a doctorate in business administration. He is the former president of Fairfield University and the University of San Francisco.



Megan Brenner (Canisius '09), **Kathleen Coy** (Xavier '09), and **Frank Haig, SJ** (Wheeling '66)

Alpha Sigma Nu

THE HONOR SOCIETY OF JESUIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

ALPHA SIGMA NU

707 N. 11th Street #330
P.O. Box 1881
Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881

Phone: 414-288-7542

Fax: 414-288-3259

Email: info@alphasigmanu.org

www.AlphaSigmaNu.org

Kate Gaertner, Executive Director
Mary Wacker, Associate Director

*The Alpha Sigma Nu newsletter
is published twice a year.*

www.alphasigmanu.org

The password is: **JESUIT**

ALUMNI CLUB CONTACTS

BALTIMORE

Chadd Kraus
(Loyola Maryland '99)

BOSTON

Michael Heinecke
(Wheeling '97)

BUFFALO

Mary Lou Wyrobek
(Canisius '85)

CHICAGO

Anne Divita Kopacz
(Loyola Chicago '02)

CLEVELAND

Elaine Hocevar
(John Carroll '97)

DENVER

Karen Adducci
(Regis '03)

KANSAS CITY

Joe Pierron
(Rockhurst '67)

LOS ANGELES

Patrick Cain
(LMU '78)

MILWAUKEE DANIHY

Terry Peterson
(Marquette '75)

NEW YORK

Cassandra Clark
(Holy Cross '01)

NORTHEASTERN PA

Stephen Pendrak
(Scranton '04)

OMAHA

Monica Baxter
(Creighton '71)

ST. LOUIS

James Voiss, SJ
(St. Louis '03)

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Jack Landers
(Rockhurst '62)



To contact alumni club presidents, visit www.AlphaSigmaNu.org.

TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES ELECT NEW ΑΣΝ BOARD MEMBERS

At each Triennial Conference, the delegates elect two students to the Board and as well as alumni members. Deep thanks for the wisdom, commitment, and vision of outgoing Board members **David T. Ralston, Jr.** (Georgetown '76), **Chadd Kraus** (Loyola Maryland '99), **Karen Adducci** (Regis University '03), **Mary Jo Bohr** (Loyola Chicago '73), and **Gregory O'Meara, SJ** (Weston '03).

Newly Elected Board Members

Patrick J. Cain, Esq. (Loyola Marymount '78) is the president of the Los Angeles Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club. He is a shareholder member of Rodi, Pollock, Pettker, Christian, & Pramov, and currently serves as its president. The primary focus of Pat's law practice is representing employers in all aspects of the employment relationship, with particular emphasis on employment litigation. Pat served as the AΣN chapter president as a senior at LMU. He attended the UCLA School of Law, where he was a member of the Moot Court Honors Program and the Law Review. Pat has served as president of the Loyola Marymount University Alumni Association, and currently chairs the University's Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts Campaign Advisory Board. He also has been active on the Board of Directors of the Inner City Law Center. Pat and his wife, Meg, live in Westchester, CA. Their older son, Sean, graduated from Loyola Marymount this past May, and currently is a Jesuit Volunteer in Portland, Maine. Their younger son, Ryan, is in his junior year at Boston College.



Carolyn S. Weber Conkling, Esq. (Georgetown '80) is Special Counsel with the law firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in Washington, D.C. where she advises clients on development and implementation of environmental initiatives. She also serves on the firm's Professional Personnel Committee and as a mentor to associates. She is a member of the Environmental Law Institute, a non-partisan, non-profit research and educational organization dedicated to strengthening environmental protection through laws and governance worldwide, and the Women's Council on Energy and the Environment. A graduate of Georgetown University in Languages, Carolyn received her JD with honors from Georgetown University Law Center in 1989. As an undergraduate, Carolyn was President of the Dahlgren Chapel Choir and Secretary of the School of Languages and Linguistics Academic Council. Carolyn and her husband Robert divide their time between Arlington, Virginia, and Annapolis, Maryland where they are members of the historic St. Mary's parish.



Rev. Patrick Lynch, SJ (Canisius '05) is the AΣN Faculty Adviser at Canisius College and chair and associate professor of religious studies and theology. Father Lynch currently serves as vice chair of the faculty senate. He served as a member of the Canisius College Board of Trustees from 2001-2007 and rector of the Canisius College Jesuit Community from 2000-2007. As chair of the Department of Religious Studies and Theology for the last two years, he developed the college's interdisciplinary Catholic studies minor, which began in the fall of 2005. Father Lynch has earned the following degrees: PhD in Christian theology from the University of Chicago, STM from Yale Divinity School, MDiv from Woodstock College, and MA and BA in classics from Fordham University. He has a particular interest in Christian social ethics and religion, politics and liberation theologies, and has published many articles in religious journals. Father Lynch is the host of Crossroads, a monthly public affairs radio show.



Mark Rzepczynski, PhD (Loyola Chicago '78) is a member of the Alpha Sigma Nu Investment Committee. He is the managing partner of Lakewood Partners LLC, a global macro hedge fund focusing on disciplined and systematic investing in foreign exchange, interest rates, and commodities through the application of structured decisions. Previously, Mark was president and chief investment officer for John W. Henry & Co., a leading Commodity Trading Advisor. Mark has also served as the taxable bond quantitative and credit research director for Fidelity Management and Research. Along with being an economist at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Mark has been a finance professor and has served on the board of the Futures Industry Association. He is currently on the Advisory Board of CAIA and is an associate editor of the Journal of Alternative Investments. Mark received his PhD and AM in economics from Brown University and his undergraduate degree in economics from Loyola University Chicago. He and his family live in the Boston area.



Rev. Michael A. Williams, SJ (Spring Hill '01) is the AΣN Faculty Adviser at Spring Hill College and an Associate Professor of English. He was born and raised in Philadelphia, and entered the Society of Jesus in 1962. With triple undergraduate majors in classics, philosophy, and English, he was awarded a full doctoral fellowship at the University of Southern California to pursue studies in English, with specialization in medieval literature. After theological studies at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, he served as Assistant and, later, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Gonzaga University. In 1985, he returned to teaching, moving to Spring Hill College. For over 30 years, he has been the Jesuit chaplain in a student residence hall, cherishing this deeper interaction with students outside the classroom. He has been honored with the Dawson Service Award in 2003 and the Collefontanum Award for outstanding service to Spring Hill College, and was named Student Organization Adviser of the Year in 2007. On the academic side, he has served as chair of the Department of English, and is currently serving his second term as elected chair of the Faculty Assembly of Spring Hill College.



Alumni Club presidents **Terry Peterson** (Marquette '75), **Michael Heinecke** (Wheeling '97), **Monica Baxter** (Creighton '71), **Karen Adducci** (Regis '03), **Cassandra Clark** (Holy Cross '01), and **Jack Landers** (Rockhurst '62) with (back row) Board Vice-President **Chadd Kraus** (Loyola Maryland '99)

DEAR MEMBERS...

Dear fellow Alpha Sigma Nu members:

It is with a sense of "great expectation" that I begin my service as your new Board President. To be honest, when I joined the Board three years ago I had not anticipated taking on the role of Board President. As I participated in this Triennial Conference, I recognized a call to a more active role in advancing the opportunities we have open to us as members of this very unique honor society.



The 2009 Triennial Conference was a resounding success on all levels:

- Student, faculty and alumni leadership, with representation from all of our 31 member Jesuit institutions, for a total of 90 attendees – the largest number to attend a Triennial
- Friendships strengthened and new friendships established through this opportunity to meet in person
- Seminars, work sessions and group discussions – the flow of ideas was incredible and energizing
- Saint Louis University – a fantastic host on a beautiful campus

The theme that membership in AΣN is more than an honor, more than a recognition of scholarship, loyalty and service bestowed on us in our college years resonated throughout the conference. Membership in AΣN is a lifelong commitment, a challenge to action, and a call to live the values of a Jesuit education beyond college and into adult life.

Student leaders expressed their desire for a stronger connection with their local Jesuit community, and to be recognized as actively engaged in advancing the Jesuit mission of their schools. The experiences they shared in discussions demonstrate a drive to put their Jesuit educations into action, making the world in which we live a better place. Faculty Advisers emphasized that service must involve reflection and be intentional in promoting justice. AΣN alumni leaders identified opportunities to put their Jesuit values into action in the service of others.

On a more practical note, the Board will be exploring how AΣN can best use social networking opportunities to assist member communication and facilitate Society action.

The enthusiastic discussions throughout the conference made it clear that we share a passionate desire to give back in our professional lives, our communities, and for the greater glory of God. Alpha Sigma Nu is 100% member funded. Won't you help us sustain the mission and donate today?

Best regards,

Rebecca A. Cates
President

REFLECTIONS ON THE TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

By **Laura Mercurio** (Georgetown '09), President, Georgetown AΣN Chapter

During my college experience, filled with intensive study, service work, and extracurricular activities, I often find it difficult to find the time for reflection. Before the Triennial Conference, I had reflected on what the Jesuit identity meant to me, but encountered much frustration about how to foster their ideals in the larger community. The plurality of religions, cultures, and interests at Georgetown, while intellectually fascinating, posed a daunting environment in which to spread a message that would be meaningful and relevant to all. The Jesuit mission had done so much to introduce balance and meaning in my life, but I did not know how to effectively impart my experiences to others.



The Conference provided a unique experience to help me overcome these obstacles. First, I found that I wasn't alone; many chapter presidents were facing the problems of identity, communication, and interest. The conference allowed us to come together in support of the Jesuit mission and brainstorm strategies for overcoming these barriers of unawareness. The combination of people – Jesuits, professors, and intellectuals fostered an environment of genuine instruction, discussion and reflection.

These individuals helped me to further develop my own vision for “living the mission” as well as feasible goals for helping others at Georgetown experience the Jesuit ideals.

When I first arrived in St. Louis, I had no idea what to expect. By the end of the conference, I found myself in a new community that supported me emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. I left St. Louis with a feeling of spiritual satisfaction and intellectual empowerment. I was ready to face my presidency. Many years after my work at Georgetown, I know that this community will remain a guiding presence in my life.



2009-10 Chapter Presidents

STAY IN TOUCH WITH AΣN

Alpha Sigma Nu maintains an **online Member Directory** to help you keep in touch with the worldwide network of more than 48,000 AΣN members. By updating your personal and professional information, you make the AΣN Member Directory a more valuable resource.

Thanks to our recently updated website, your address changes will be processed quickly! And while you are updating, take a few minutes to look around at the latest news from AΣN – induction dates, photos, and features on our members. Lost your key or certificate? You can order replacements online!

In order to update your contact information:

- Visit www.alphasigmanu.org
- Click on **Member Directory**
- Sign in with your name and school of induction
- Use the AΣN login password “**JESUIT**” (all capital letters)

If you prefer to send your updated information directly to the Central Office, complete the form below and mail it to:

Alpha Sigma Nu • P.O. Box 1881 • Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____ Phone (____) _____

Company Name _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Business Email _____ Phone (____) _____

News and Notes of Interest:



Saint Louis University hosts **James Voiss, SJ** (St. Louis '03) and **Mary Bruemmer** (St. Louis '58)

AΣN WRITES

Uwem Akpan, SJ (Gonzaga '97), *Say You're One of Them*, Little, Brown and Company, 2008.

Andy Alexander, SJ (Creighton '05), *Retreat in the Real World: Finding Intimacy with God Wherever You Are*, Loyola Press, 2009.

Jerome Baggett, PhD (JSTB '03), *Sense of the Faithful: How American Catholics Live Their Faith*, Oxford University Press, 2008.

John F. Baldwin, SJ (Holy Cross '68), *Reforming the Liturgy: A Response to the Critics*, Westminster John Knox Press, First Edition, 2006.

Robert J. Betterson (Le Moyne '52), *The Familiar Stranger Who Lives in Our Home: Dealing with Alzheimer's Every Day*, IUniverse, 2008.

Philip Boland (U. of Detroit Mercy '66), *Statistical and Probabilistic Methods in Actuarial Science*, Chapman and Hall/CRC Press, 2007.

John W. Carlson (Le Moyne '89), *Understanding Our Being: An Introduction to Speculative Philosophy in the Perennial Tradition*, The Catholic University of America Press, 2008.

Mark Drnach (Wheeling '07), *The Clinical Practice of Pediatric Physical Therapy: From the NICU to Independent Living*, Lippincott Williams and Wilkins, 2007.

Joseph Feeney, SJ (St. Joseph's '87), *The Playfulness of Gerard Manley Hopkins*, Ashgate Publishing, 2008.

Christopher Gilbert (Loyola Marymount '91), *A Complete Introduction to the Bible*, Paulist Press, 2009.

Daniel J. Harrington, SJ (Weston '01), *Meeting St. Luke Today: Understanding the Man, His Mission, and His Message*, Loyola Press, 2009.

Kevin J. Kulwicki (Marquette '92), major contributor, *War Surgery in Afghanistan and Iraq, A Series of Cases, 2003-07*, Department of the Army, First Edition, 2008.

Douglas Leal (Loyola New Orleans '84), *Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming*, Resource Publications, 2005.

Christopher Lowney (Fordham '04), *Heroic Living: Discover Your Purpose and Change the World*, Loyola Press, 2009.

James Martin, SJ (Weston '97), *A Jesuit Off-Broadway: Center Stage with Jesus, Judas, and Life's Big Questions*, Loyola Press, 2007.

Joseph McCullough (Gonzaga '66), *The Cosmopolitan Twain*, University of Missouri Press, 2008.

William J. Oetgen (Marquette '69), David B. Nash, Valerie P. Pracilio, eds., *Governance for Health Care Providers: The Call to Leadership*, Productivity Press, 2008.

Thomas P. Rausch, SJ (Loyola Marymount '87), *Pope Benedict XVI: An Introduction to His Theological Vision*, Paulist Press, 2009.

James W. Skehan, SJ (Boston '83), *Roadside Geology of Connecticut and Rhode Island: Roadside Geology Series*, Mountain Press Publishing Company, 2008.

Maureen Waldron (Creighton '03), *Retreat in the Real World: Finding Intimacy with God Wherever You Are*, Loyola Press, 2009.

Maj. Gen. David T. Zabecki, AUS (Ret.) (Xavier '72), *Chief of Staff, Vol. 1 and 2: The Principal Officers Behind History's Great Commanders*, Naval Institute Press, 2008.



Yonghae Kim, SJ (Sogang '04), who traveled from Seoul, Korea, to attend the conference chats with AΣN Executive Director **Kate Gaertner** (Marquette '04).