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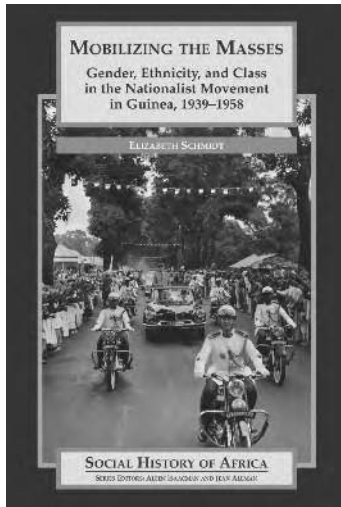
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Congratulations to the winners in the 2008 category, the Humanities.

In the Discipline of History:***Mobilizing the Masses: Gender, Ethnicity, and Class in the Nationalist Movement in Guinea, 1939-1958***

(Heinemann, 2005)

By Elizabeth Schmidt, Professor of History, Loyola College in Maryland



In 1958, the Rassemblement Democratique Africain (RDA) led Guinea to independence. This historical landmark triggered a wave of decolonization that took Africa by storm. Schmidt examines the subject from a bottom-up perspective, straying from the traditional top-down approach. This different point of view gives the reader a very intimate look inside the revolution by using a variety of archival and oral sources. Rather than focusing on the few leaders of the nationalist movement in Guinea, the text shifts its focus to the mass of followers of the movement, the military veterans, trade unionists, peasants, and women.

Schmidt's work is an excellent addition to African historiography and post World War II African Nationalism. Schmidt has created an opportunity for scholars, students, and leisure readers alike to understand what this historical event created for the African continent and beyond.

About the author: Elizabeth Schmidt is Professor of History at Loyola College in Maryland. She received her PhD in African history, master's degrees in African history and in comparative world history, and a certificate in African studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is the recipient of two Fulbright fellowships and a research grant from the American Council of Learned Societies/Social Science Research Council. In 2007, Schmidt was awarded Loyola's Nachbahr Award for outstanding scholarly achievement in the Humanities. Her areas of specialization include African history, pre-colonial to present, and African women's history.

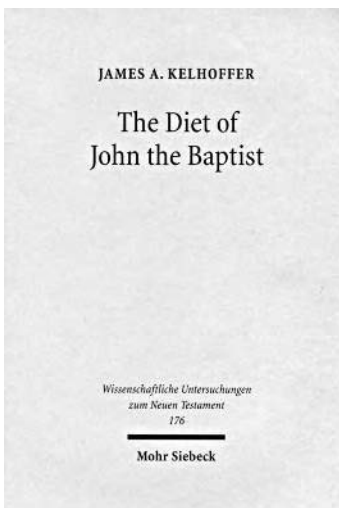


On receiving the AΣN Book Award: "I am deeply honored to receive the 2008 Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award for History. Given the high academic standards embodied in the Jesuit tradition and the number of esteemed colleagues whose work was nominated, I am extremely flattered that my book was selected. I am particularly pleased that such attention is being given to a topic in African social history!"

In the Discipline of Theology:***The Diet of John the Baptist***

(Mohr Siebeck, 2005)

By James A. Kelhoffer, Associate Professor of New Testament and Early Christian Literature, Saint Louis University



Much scholarly attention has been devoted to four of John the Baptist's actions, most famously, his baptizing in the Jordan River, as well as his preaching a message of repentance, having disciples, and wearing clothing made of camel's hair. Considerably less attention has been given to the peculiarities of another deed attributed to John, namely his eating locusts and wild honey (Mark 1:6c)[Matthew 3:4c). Kelhoffer provides the first thorough study of the diet of John the Baptist. His detailed study of John the Baptist's diet of eating grasshoppers brings to light the historical perspective of biblical and Jewish traditions, and concludes that eating grasshoppers was not unusual in the classical and Hellenistic periods. The simple yet unusual diet and asceticism of John the Baptist provides an explanation and model of Christian simplicity well explained by Kelhoffer.

About the author: James Kelhoffer is Associate Professor of New Testament and Early Christian Literature at Saint Louis University. He holds a PhD from the University of Chicago, and master's degrees from the University of Chicago and Wheaton Graduate School. He is currently on sabbatical in Munich, Germany as the recipient of a research fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

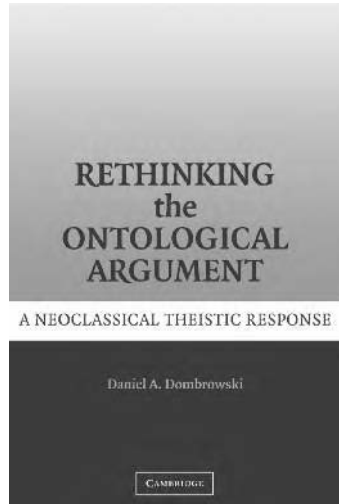


On receiving the AΣN Book Award: "The Jesuit intellectual tradition recognizes both the beauty and the necessity of critical inquiry in all areas of study, including Scripture. I am most grateful for this recognition of my book, which calls attention to one aspect in the life of the historical John the Baptist, as well as its interpretation in two New Testament Gospels and the fathers of the early Church. The book also examines how both Christian spirituality and identity have oftentimes been connected with dietary practices, a subject which merits both critical and prayerful reflection."

In the Discipline of Philosophy/Ethics:***Rethinking the Ontological Argument: A Neoclassical Theistic Response***

(Cambridge University Press, 2006)

By Daniel A. Dombrowski, Professor of Philosophy, Seattle University



In recent years, the ontological argument and theistic metaphysics have been criticized by philosophers working in both the analytic and continental traditions. Responses to these criticisms have primarily come from philosophers who make use of the traditional, and problematic, concept of God. In this volume, **Daniel A. Dombrowski** (St. Louis '79) defends the ontological argument against its contemporary critics, but he does so by using a neoclassical or process concept of God, thereby strengthening the case for a contemporary theistic metaphysics. Relying on the thought of Charles Hartshorne, he builds on Hartshorne's crucial distinction between divine existence and divine actuality, which enables neoclassical defenders of the ontological argument to avoid the familiar criticism that the argument moves illegitimately from an abstract concept to concrete reality. His argument, thus, avoids the problems inherent in the traditional concept of God as static. Dombrowski offers an encyclopedic discussion of objections to the ontological argument in his most recent book.

About the author: Daniel A. Dombrowski is Professor of Philosophy at Seattle University. His doctorate is from Saint Louis University and he joined the Seattle University Philosophy Department in 1988. His main areas of intellectual interest include: history of philosophy, philosophy of religion (from a neoclassical or process perspective), and ethics. Courses taught at Seattle University include Ethics, Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, and Environmental Philosophy.

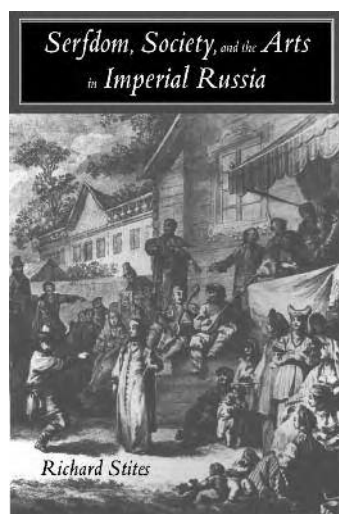


On receiving the AΣN Book Award: "I have been a student or a teacher at four different Jesuit universities for a period of thirty-four years. As the novelist Graham Greene would put it, the Jesuit inoculation I received 'took'. I am deeply honored to receive this award."

In the Discipline of Literature/Fine Arts:***Serfdom, Society, and the Arts in Imperial Russia: The Pleasure and the Power***

(Yale University Press, 2005)

By Richard Stites, Professor, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University



Serf-era and provincial Russia heralded the spectacular turn in cultural history that began in the 1860s. Examining the role of arts and artists in society's value system, Richard Stites explores this shift in a groundbreaking history of visual and performing arts in the last decades of serfdom. Provincial town and manor house engaged the culture of Moscow and St. Petersburg while thousands of serfs and ex-serfs created or performed. Long before the itinerants, painters explored town and country in genre scenes of everyday life. Serf actors on loan from their masters brought naturalistic acting from provincial theaters to the imperial stages. Stites's richly detailed book offers new perspectives on the origins of Russia's nineteenth-century artistic prowess. The serf-era that began in the 1860s in Russia was a substantial turning point in Russian cultural history. Although the Middle Ages persisted

well into the 19th century in Russia with the perils of serfdom, there were those occasional sparks of Enlightenment. Stites describes important cultural figures during the time, such as composer Mikhail Glinka, and pianist/composer Anton Rubinstein.

This book is a vivid collage of the life of the arts and the artists of visual and performing arts in the last decades of serfdom. The author's passion is clearly seen within the pages of this historical text.

About the author: Richard Stites, has a PhD in history from Harvard, MA in history from The George Washington University, and a BA in history from the University of Pennsylvania. As Distinguished Professor of International Studies at Georgetown University, Professor Stites teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in modern Russian cultural and social history. He has been honored by the Russian Research Center at Harvard, the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies, and the Guggenheim Foundation. Dr. Stites was Fulbright Professor at the University of Helsinki in 1995 and has taught in Russia, Denmark, and Germany.



On receiving the AΣN Book Award: "I am deeply honored to receive this award from Alpha Sigma Nu, and doubly honored to be in the company of so many distinguished scholars, past and present. It was well worth the years sitting in the archives in Moscow and St. Petersburg."

CHAPTERS PRESIDENTS USE TECHNOLOGY TO LEAD EFFECTIVELY

Facebook and teleconferences are facilitating action at AΣN Chapters. Board members **Taylor Calderone** (Loyola '05) and **Anthony Giordano** (Regis University '05) co-chair the Student Chapter Committee; its members are the presidents of the Student Chapters. As they teleconference to share best practices, brainstorm on program ideas, and focus on the mission of Alpha Sigma Nu, presidents are coalescing around Scholarship, Loyalty, and Service. "The conference calls build enthusiasm and community among the presidents," said Giordano. "Presidents learn AΣN's history and traditions, the Board's expectations of Chapters, and share creative ideas for service, intellectual and spiritual programming." The presidents have discussed making connections with the Jesuit communities, Ignatian retreat models for Chapters, an AΣN dinner with the international students, Alpha Sigma Nu Week on campuses, and promoting the goal of membership in honors seminars and at freshmen convocations. The presidents express strong interest in collaborating with AΣN alumni on projects. Executive Director Kate Gaertner has started a Facebook group for Alpha Sigma Nu student officers where teleconference agendas and reminders, as well as presidents' discussions can be posted.

The 2008-2009 Chapter presidents are an accomplished group of students:

Rachel Allen (St. Joseph's '07) Saint Joseph's University Chapter President, is a senior studying elementary education. Rachel, a Baltimore native, is currently teaching full time in a fourth grade classroom. She is very active in Campus Ministry and has dedicated her time to service trips over spring breaks and summer, leading small faith sharing groups, mentoring in the RCIA program, and continuing to be involved in liturgical ministry. After graduation, she plans to complete the five year master's program at Saint Joseph's University and teach in the Philadelphia area.



Katy Baldwin (Xavier '08) is the Chapter President at Xavier University. She is a senior studying English, natural science, and Spanish. Katy is also the President of the women's lacrosse team, serves on the student government, and is a representative on the Board of Undergraduate Studies. She works towards economic justice through antipoverty initiatives in the greater Cincinnati area. Katy lived in Nepal during a two month period investigating the changing political and social climate, sponsored by the Brueggeman Center for Dialogue.

Alison Bauer (U. of Scranton '08) is the Chapter President at the University of Scranton and is a senior studying elementary education. Born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Alison is now student teaching kindergarten. She is involved with Kappa Delta Pi, education honor society, and a member of SECUS, an education club. Alison is a church lector, a freshman retreat leader, and an avid intramural volleyball and Frisbee player.



Tiffany Bishop (Spring Hill '07) is English and secondary education major at Spring Hill College and hopes to attend Cumberland Law School after graduation. She has been involved in softball, cheerleading, English tutoring, Kappa Delta Pi (secretary), Sigma Tau Delta (historian) and the Commuter's Club, as well as AΣN Chapter President. At Spring Hill, she has been involved in service with kindergartners and the elderly, and coaches a local softball team. Luke 12:48 has special meaning for her, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded." The Jesuit ideal of service, she says, will forever be a part of her life.

Amanda Cartee (St. Louis '07) is the Chapter President at Saint Louis University. She is a senior majoring in philosophy with a minor in biology. During the summer, Amanda gives tours at the Anheuser-Busch Tour Center. She enjoys reading, drawing, and exercising during her free time. After graduating, Amanda plans to attend medical school at Saint Louis University.



Left to right: **Courtney Torres, Erin McGinley, Amanda Cartee, and Katie Jenks.**



Michael Curran (Fairfield '07) is the Chapter President at Fairfield University where he is an English major with a minor in political science and women's studies. Born in Mansfield, Massachusetts, Michael is the Vice President of the Irish Society at Fairfield, involved in Eucharistic Ministry, and an avid college basketball and Boston Celtics fan. During the summer months and school breaks, Michael works as a security guard for Tufts Medical Center in downtown Boston.

Claire Donnelly (Fordham '08), President of Fordham University Chapter, is a senior international political economy major with a minor in French and a concentration in American Catholic studies. Born in Dayton, OH and Claire is the middle child of five. Her campus involvement includes the Progressive Students for Justice, the Worker Rights Consortium, and the Fordham College Dean's Advisory Cabinet. Claire has been a competitive Irish step dancer for 12 years, and is currently preparing for the Mid-America regional championships.



Zach Hisert (LeMoyne '08) is the Chapter President of Alpha Sigma Nu at Le Moyne College. He is a varsity swimmer and diver at Le Moyne and expects to graduate in December. Originally from Amsterdam, NY, Zach is a member of the Le Moyne Student Athlete Advisory Committee where he is the Career Development subcommittee chair. His hopes for Alpha Sigma Nu include new service projects, as well as increased visibility on campus.



Sarah Jaeger (U. of Detroit Mercy '06) is a 2008 graduate from the University of Detroit Mercy and current Chapter AΣN President. She majored in communications and criminal justice. She is currently a graduate student in the Intelligence Analysis Program at UDM. In addition, Sarah is working toward her master's in journalism at Michigan State University. She plans to complete both graduate degrees in 2010.

Annmae Javier (Holy Cross '08), a pre-med senior studying biological psychology, is the Chapter President at College of the Holy Cross. Annmae is a Phoenix native and attended both Catholic and Jesuit institutions throughout her education. Annmae is involved in campus ministry, the Lady Regent of the Daughters of Isabella, and is an active Christian Life Community Leader. After graduating from Holy Cross, Annmae plans to attend pharmacy school while still keeping medical school as a second option.



Stephanie Kuelbs (Loyola Marymount '08), Chapter President at Loyola Marymount University, is a senior majoring in applied math and working on a thesis in biomathematics. Stephanie is on the Executive Board for the service organization Sursum Corda, the vice president of the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics, and an Executive Board member of the Student Honors Advisory Committee, and a current member of the Math Club. She hopes to attend graduate school in fall of 2009.

Gabrielle Paoletti (Canisius '08) is a mathematics major at Canisius College with a minor in economics and a concentration in pre-med. In addition to being the Canisius College Chapter President of Alpha Sigma Nu, she is a member of Di Gamma, the Canisius College Honor Society, a resident assistant, Chair of the Honors Council, a Canisius tour guide, and a member of the concert band. She was chair for Senior Week 2008. She is involved in CLC, campus ministry activities, including Winter Service Week and international service immersion trips to New York City and El Salvador. She is the music director at Clarence Center United Methodist Church and a member of the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus. Next year she hopes to join the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, and then attend a college of osteopathic medicine to pursue a career as a physician.



Jason Rae (Marquette '08), Marquette University Chapter President, is from Rice Lake, Wisconsin. He is a senior studying political science and history. Jason has spent two years as a resident assistant and acted as Legislative Vice President for Marquette University Student Government (MUSG) in 2007-2008. He is Vice President of the Honors Program Student Advisory Council and MUSG Elections Coordinator. In 2004, he was elected from Wisconsin as a member of the Democratic National Committee. He worked to found and now chairs the DNC's Youth Council. In addition, he is Chair of the Wisconsin College Democrats. In 2007, he was appointed by Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle to the Governor's Commission on the United Nations. He is also a member of the Fair Wisconsin Board of Directors and the Wisconsin Association of School Councils Foundation Board of Directors.

Pearl Shields (Regis U. '08) from Centennial, Colorado, is a senior politics and English double major at Regis University. In addition to being the AΣN President Chapter, she is the student coordinator of the honors program, sits on the Appropriations Committee of the Regis University Student Government Association, and contributes frequently to the student newspaper, *The Highlander*. This summer she participated in the Erasmus Institute Undergraduate Summer Fellowship at the University of Notre Dame. She plans to attend graduate school in the fall, with the intention of becoming a university professor. She recently achieved one of her life's goals—when she appeared on Wheel of Fortune and won \$5,000. She tries to be a woman for others with through humor, community, and fellowship.



Joshua Tierney Steere (Creighton '08) grew up in Wichita, KS. He is the Chapter President at Creighton University. Josh is a senior, earning majors in political science and chemistry with plans to attend medical school next year. He has traveled to the Dominican Republic twice to work with a public health mission and hopes to return. His father, a high school government and United States history teacher, sparked his interest in politics and public policy and his mother, a family medicine physician, serves as his career role model.

Tal Tamir (U. of San Francisco '08) is the Chapter president at the University of San Francisco. He is a senior studying biology with a general business minor. He hopes to attend dental school after graduating from USF this year. He is founder and co-president of the USF Pre Dental Society, where he has helped organize community involvement days in which members teach elementary school students how to properly brush their teeth. He also has been involved with Project Open Hand, an organization that provides warm meals to AIDS and breast cancer patients.



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Amanda Roberts (Santa Clara '96), *Saints Off the Pedestal: Real Saints for Real People*, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2008.

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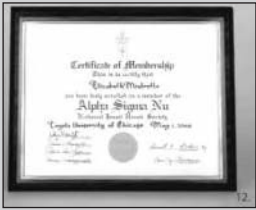
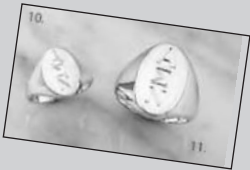
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Honoring John Danihy, SJ, Alpha Sigma Nu founder, who defined what Jesuit Honor Society should be and inspired the Society to its national and international position today. A man of vision and action, he served as Dean of the Journalism, established the Marquette Press, the Marquette Tribune, and the college yearbook. His fine list of achievements in the cause of Jesuit education made Father Danihy an appropriate founder of the Jesuit Honor Society.

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Casper Circle **\$250-\$499**
*Honoring **Henry Casper, SJ** (Creighton ’61), who was the first to call on Alpha Sigma Nu to articulate a greater purpose than being strictly honorary and to challenge members to service to Jesuit education beyond graduation. He encouraged the Society in its role as a national player through the use of its growing alumni base as he established the annual AΣN lecture at Creighton. Father Casper taught nineteenth century European History and American church history at Marquette and Creighton.*

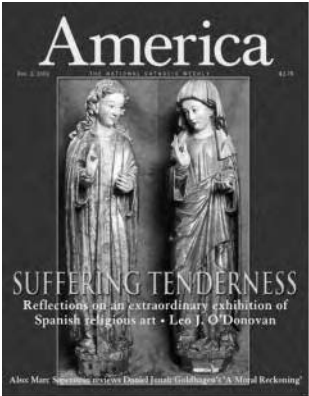
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*Honoring **Caroline Roulier** (University of Detroit Mercy ’66), who, as Gamma Pi Epsilon National President at the time of the merger with Alpha Sigma Nu, guided both Societies to a spirit of compromise. Her political astuteness, strong leadership, and effective negotiating skills facilitated an equal and honorable partnership. Ms. Roulier was the first woman Convention Chair and the first woman Board Vice-President.*

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*Honoring **Richard Trame, SJ** (Loyola Marymount ’62), who, as Board Faculty Moderator, wrote the initiation ritual and pledge that, with a few modifications, are still used today. He was the first Board member to advocate for women members of Alpha Sigma Nu, beginning in 1964, and continued to do so until the merger was accomplished. Father Trame was a strong proponent of liberal arts education and Alpha Sigma Nu’s role in its recognition.*

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The Annual Lecture Series was inaugurated in 1955 by the Omaha Alumni Club, led by **Rev. Henry Casper, SJ** (Creighton ’61). The **Rev. William F. Kelley, SJ**, AΣN Lecture Series, as it is now known, has featured ambassadors from foreign countries, federal, state and local elected officials including President Harry Truman, cultural luminaries, and especially, leading Jesuit thinkers.

Father Casper inspired others Alumni Clubs across the country with this concept. He inducted the first honorary member of Alpha Sigma Nu at the first lecture, **Konrad Adenauer** (Creighton ’55), Chancellor of West Germany, when Heinz Krekeler, Adenauer’s ambassador to the United States spoke on “The Role of Germany in World Affairs,” and accepted the key and certificate for him.

This past spring, the Omaha Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club and Creighton University were honored to present Rev. David Scholtenover, SJ, of Marquette University, as the 2008 Annual Lecture Speaker on April 10, 2008. His presentation, “Partnership in a Global Mission: What Would Ignatius Do?” focused on the world-wide meeting of Jesuits, the 35th General Congregation, to which he had been a delegate earlier in the year. Father Scholtenover provided a comprehensive historical perspective on Congregations through the years, and his insights about the future of his Order. A video of his talk is available for viewing on line at <http://groups.creighton.edu/asn/events.htm>.



The Omaha Club has announced the 2009 Lecture, featuring **Rev. Don Doll, SJ** (Creighton ’00), renowned photo-journalist of Creighton University’s Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. He will present “The Jesuit Refugee Service – A New Missionary Venture” on March 26, 2009, his slide show documenting the Society’s service in fifty countries. He was introduced to both photography and to the Lakota people when he was assigned to the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota as a young Jesuit. Two of his books on Native Americans are *Crying for a Vision* and *Vision Quest: Men, Women and Sacred Sites of the Sioux Nation*. Recently, he has photographed the work of Jesuits assisting tsunami victims in India and Sri Lanka, and the educational work of the Jesuit Refugee Service in Uganda and Southern Sudan. His work can be seen on his website: <http://magis.creighton.edu>.

The lecture will be held in the auditorium of the newly opened Harper Center on Creighton’s campus and will be open to the public. Contact **Mary Kalamaja** (Creighton ’68) at mlk@creighton.edu or 402-280-3374 for reservations and further information.

THE HISTORY OF THE ALPHA SIGMA NU BOOK AWARDS

In his keynote address to the 1979 Alpha Sigma Nu Triennial Conference, **Rev. William McInnes, SJ** (U. of San Francisco ’73), recognized Alpha Sigma Nu as an “association which makes Jesuit ideals visible.” Having served as the president of Fairfield University, the University of San Francisco, and the President of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU), Father McInnes was uniquely qualified to address the future of Alpha Sigma Nu.

At the time, Alpha Sigma Nu has no national projects. He called the Society to a greater openness and action. He warned without this growth, “The pin becomes a relic rather than a badge.” Father McInnes proposed the establishment of the Alpha Sigma Nu Book Awards, co-sponsored by Alpha Sigma Nu and AJCU, citing the following:

- Alumni could participate by entering
- Faculty would be recognized by their colleagues in Jesuit education
- The Awards would be a recognition and expression of the wide variety of intellectual talent engaged in preparing students for greater service to others
- The Awards would “redound to the credit of the Jesuit higher education institutions.”

The then AΣN Board, **Mary Bruemmer** (St. Louis ’58), **Winifred Coleman** (LeMoyne ’54), **Theodore Erlandson, PhD** (Loyola Marymount ’39), **Edward Gehringer** (U. of Detroit Mercy ’33), **Rev. William Kelly, SJ** (Marquette ’79), **Thomas Lee** (Spring Hill ’40), **Pamela Miller** (Rockhurst ’79), **William Parente, PhD** (U. of Scranton ’71), **Stephen Porth PhD** (St. Joseph’s ’79), **Elizabeth Samuels** (Loyola New Orleans ’76), and **Joan Zimmerman-McCambley** (U. of San Francisco ’78) concurred, and the first Book Awards were presented in 1980.

Today, the Awards recognize outstanding publishing contributions and achievements by faculty and administrators of the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States, the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Campion and Regis Colleges in Canada, and Sogang University. The awards are given to authors of books published in the humanities, professional studies, and the sciences on a three-year rotation.

Reviewers selected by the AJCU are requested to judge the books on the basis of the following specific criteria:

- Serious and exact scholarship
- Significant topic of continuing importance to scholars in several disciplines
- Mastery of extensive literature, spirit of authority in interpretation, impressive spirit of objectivity, and research findings handled with skill and assurance.
- Authority in interpretation, objectivity, readability and imagination.

Judging is heavily weighted towards research and scholarship. Ineligible works include text books, magazine articles, unpublished monographs, works of fiction, and recordings. Four \$1,000 prizes are awarded each year to the winners in the specified disciplines.

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ALUMNI CLUB UPDATES

BOSTON:

The Alpha Sigma Nu Boston Alumni Club looks for members with a passion for service, spirituality, and socializing! In March, members were invited to attend a Lenten Musical Mission with Vince Ambrosetti, hosted by St. Julia's Parish in Weston, MA. In April, members joined with other community groups to help repair a home as part of the *Rebuilding Together Boston* program. Also in April, members were invited to attend a presentation by **Christopher Lowney** (Fordham '04), titled "Explore the Four Pillars of Jesuit Leadership: Self-awareness, Ingenuity, Love, and Heroism," sponsored by the New England Province of Jesuits. After summer break, the Boston Alumni Club has a growing AΣN network on LinkedIn and is busy planning events for the fall and winter. Join the Club!



Left to right: **Rob Anderson** (Regis University '04) and **Mike Heinecke** (Wheeling Jesuit '97) prepare to install a new dryer at the *Rebuilding Together Boston* event in April.

CHICAGO:

Most recently, the Chicago Alumni Club ushered Loyola Chicago's induction ceremony and gathered for a picnic at Ravinia, an outdoor performance venue in Chicago's northern suburbs, during its community day of music and family activities. Over the summer, members also traveled to Wrigley Field to see the Chicago Cubs take on the San Francisco Giants.

DANIHY (SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN):

The first event of the academic year was the Annual Fellowship Mass which was held on Sunday, Sept. 7, at the St. Joan of Arc Chapel on the Marquette University campus. AΣN alumni and students shared in Mass and celebration of the values of scholarship, loyalty, and service. A fellowship reception followed the Mass. The Spring Alumni Award Brunch on will be Sunday, March 22. The day will begin with Mass in the Chapel of the Holy Family in the Alumni Memorial Union at Marquette. Brunch in the Lunda Room and Henke Lounge will follow the Mass. Additional details about this and other events will be forthcoming.

DENVER:

The Denver Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni enjoyed a busy year, and plans to continue on that path.

Last March, the Club assisted with the annual "Alumni for Others" Easter basket collection, contributing to its great success again this year. Also in March, alumni gathered for a reception and the talk: "The Geography of Prayer," by **Rev. John Staudenmaier, SJ** (U. of Detroit Mercy '87), in the St. John Francis Regis Chapel. In May, the AΣN Alumni Board hosted an evening of reflection for people of all spiritual traditions to gather for a Sabbath event. The evening focused on quiet reflection and guided meditation designed to help us pause in the midst of our busy schedules and create a special time to rest and renew. This November, the Club hosted a wine and cheese reception followed by speaker Dr. Dan Groody, CSC, from the University of Notre Dame, on "The New Immigrant Church." Dr. Groody is the award winning producer of various films and documentaries, which have been shown at various international film festivals and on PBS. On Tuesday November 18th, author **Christopher Lowney** (Fordham '04), the author of *Heroic Leadership: Best Practices From a 450-Year-Old Company that Changed the World*, spoke on how the four leadership principles that were inspired by the Jesuits, can mold business leaders in the twenty-first century.

On Saturday, November 22, AΣN alumni wrapped Christmas presents at Regis Cafeteria for the The Fr. Woody Christmas Party for the Poor. The Party was established by Msgr. C. B. ("Father Woody") Woodrich in 1982 to provide a Christmas dinner and new, wrapped gifts to men, women, and children who are too often neglected in our society. Volunteers ensure that this city-wide expression of generosity and compassion continues, in the name of the priest whose embracing vision created this enduring tradition.

LOS ANGELES:

In May, the Los Angeles Alumni Club held a meeting at Loyola Marymount University featuring **Michael A. Genovese, PhD** (Loyola Marymount '90), a member of LMU's Political Science Department and a nationally-recognized expert on the American Presidency. The topic of discussion was, not surprisingly, the current presidential campaigns. Among other things, Dr. Genovese provided interesting insights on the historical notions of what constituted a "good" president and the extent of presidential power in peace and war, and then related all of that to the current candidates. The meeting was very well attended, including a number of first-timers.

NEW YORK CITY:

The Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club of New York City held "Network for Cristo Rey" November 6, 2008. Members brought business cards to meet or get reacquainted with New York area AΣN alumni across all different fields of work. Donations were solicited for Cristo Rey New York High School, a Jesuit High School which provides a quality education for economically disadvantaged high school students through its core curriculum, dual language instruction and corporate work-study program. At the Club's first kick-off event in 2003, **William Ford** (Fordham '04) of CRNYCHS came to speak to the group about the new school. This past June, the first class from graduated; in recognition of this accomplishment, AΣN NYC members contributed to the school's new art program. CRNYSH initiated the art program this year to develop students' skills in various art forms such as water color, oil on canvas, charcoal, clay and computer-generated media. The program will culminate with the students' art on display at Ch'i Contemporary Fine Art Gallery in Brooklyn on May 5, 2009.

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA:

The Scranton Chapter of AΣN Alumni Club welcomed Dr. Robert M. D'Alessandri MD, Dean and President of the new Commonwealth Medical College, to our fourth annual fall lecture on Saturday, October 25, 2008. Dr. D'Alessandri's lecture, "Bioethics in Health Professions Education", was presented in the University of Scranton's Moskovitz Theater. The Lecture was preceded by Holy Liturgy and followed by cocktails and dinner. This annual event incorporated all three foundation stones of the AΣN philosophy: Scholarship, Loyalty and Service.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Alpha Sigma Nu Alumni Club of Washington D.C. presented "An Evening with Washington Jesuit Academy Alumni" November 20, 2008 at the Jesuit Residence at Georgetown University. As a Jesuit school, Washington Jesuit Academy (WJA) not only provides a rigorous academic education to students, it instills a deep character education and forms "Men for Others." WJA's school day extends to 7:30 at night and the academic year is eleven months long. Attention to its students does not end with the 8th grade. WJA's most unique aspect is its Graduate Support program which follows students all the way through high school. Its first graduates are now seniors in high school and are in the process of applying to college.

Valentine Davies, WJA's Graduate Support Director, and several of WJA's alumni discussed WJA's program and the impact that it had on changing the direction of their lives and shared their plans for college and the future. Club members brought book store gift cards to be given to WJA to be used as prizes and incentives.

UPDATE WITH AΣN

- Locate classmates, colleagues and contacts. There are possibilities for corporate collaborations or stimulating conversations over coffee. With over 63,000 members worldwide at your fingertips, the potential for networking is vast.
- Touch base with Alumni Club activities, Chapter happenings and board/committee meetings.
- Foster the bond shared by graduates of a Jesuit institution by interacting with students and members in your area.

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