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AΣN AT THE DEUSTO ASSEMBLY

Kate Gaertner, Executive Director

When a Jesuit from Madagascar and a Jesuit from Managua were seated next to me at the opening dinner of Deusto Assembly 2018, I knew that my experience at this conference would have great impact on Alpha Sigma Nu and be life changing for me. The Assembly was appropriately called *Transforming our World Together*. As the room filled with 300 Jesuit higher education leaders from around the world who had traveled to the University of Deusto in Bilbao, Spain, there was an overwhelming sense of common mission, of shared challenges, and of a coalescing camaraderie.

This past July, **Michael Garanzini, SJ** (Saint Louis '71), Secretary for Higher Education for the Society of Jesus, convened university presidents, rectors, provosts, and mission officers to explore the most urgent priorities for Jesuit universities and to create a network to address today's challenges. The General Congregation 36 called for greater use of networks and more intentional collaboration for the promotion of faith, justice and reconciliation, and this Assembly answered that call.

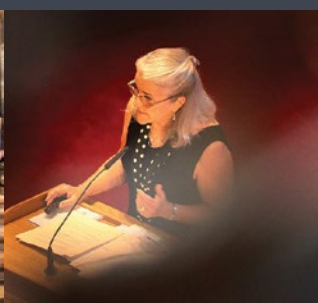
A panel including Basque president Iñigo Urkullu, King Felipe VI of Spain, Father General Arturo Sosa, SJ, and the Deusto rector José María

Guibert, SJ, inaugurated the Assembly with a discussion on the impact of Jesuit education in their countries and their lives. Thanks to an international steering committee, the full agenda included addresses from Cardinals Giuseppe Versaldi and Gianfranco Ravasi, as well as Indian author Pankaj Mishra and economist Gael Giraud, SJ.

For all committed to the Jesuit mission, the most impactful conversations concerned the six task force topics which discussed challenges for Jesuit higher education and areas for potential collaboration. These were the topics of small group discussion, and clearly, will shape future discussions and strategies across Jesuit higher education:

- Civic and Political Leadership Formation: Universities should identify and cultivate leadership talent among Jesuits and lay persons
- Education of the Marginalized: Jesuit education is empowering and should reach those most in need
- Environmental & Economic Justice: How can our institutions address economic, social and political changes necessary to survive in our "common home"?

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ΑΣΝ AT THE DEUSTO ASSEMBLY *continued*

- Inter-religious Dialogue and Understanding: Our Jesuit universities inhabit a globally-linked world made up of different religious contexts
- Leadership in an Ignatian Way of Proceeding: The future of Jesuit education relies on the availability of Jesuits and colleagues in mission, who can lead universities and colleges in a manner consistent with and devoted to the mission of the Society of Jesus
- Peace and Reconciliation: The intellectual apostolate and its global network play key roles in responding to the call of the 36th General Congregation to a ministry of reconciliation

July 11 was a particularly moving and momentous day. The Assembly boarded buses and traveled to Loliola, where we toured Ignatius' home and the Basilica of Saint Ignatius. In Father General Sosa's speech there, he urged all to focus on the Jesuit charism, "By relying on our identity, we seek to bind people's lives to a more humane world, advocating justice and reconciliation among individuals, peoples and the environment," (see the full text at iaju.org), reminding us that Jesuit higher education is not just part of the Jesuit mission but critical to that mission. After his address, Father General Sosa and Father Garanzini signed the International Association of Jesuit Universities charter, along with a representative from each of the six geographic areas that make up the Society.

The IAJU goals:

- Create a network of regional Jesuit higher education associations to assist in

collaboration, both within and among the Conferences

- Implement the calls of GC's 35 and 36 that all institutions promote the faith that does justice and become communities of discernment and reconciliation
- Advance Catholic Social Thought through teaching, research and advocacy
- Foster collaboration and research among and between scholars and institutions within the IAJU on priority issues and challenges

The IAJU seeks to create a network of universities, students, and alumni. I was invited to Deusto to present ΑΣΝ as a model of such a network and one that can be part of IAJU. Going forward,

ΑΣΝ may welcome new chapters, and equally importantly, assist other regional associations to launch ΑΣΝ-like organizations that promote the same core values of Jesuit higher education as ΑΣΝ in a culturally appropriate way for their region.

My most important take-away from this remarkable experience is that each ΑΣΝ member is a part of a vibrant global network, connected to those who are Jesuit educated around the world. We are called to collaboration with the Jesuits. At Deusto 2018, the global reach and impact of Jesuit higher education were powerfully present, as were the aspirations of our Jesuit leaders. It truly was a privilege to present Alpha Sigma Nu as a model of an organization utilizing its 92,000-member-strong network to promote the mission of Jesuit higher education, and it is a privilege to lead ΑΣΝ in these efforts going forward.



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Updated Key

The Alpha Sigma Nu key has been updated to better reflect our honor society's strong connection to the Jesuits and in recognition of ΑΣΝ's international chapters. The key now includes the official seal of the Society of Jesus, including the Jesuit sun and the Greek letters IHS signifying the name Jesus.

Calling for NOMINATIONS



Nominations are open for the 2nd annual Alpha Sigma Nu Magis Medal. The Magis Medal is awarded annually to two Alpha Sigma Nu members who best exemplify scholarship, loyalty, and service in their work to better the world. The award serves to highlight the exemplary work ΑΣΝ members are doing as they live their ΑΣΝ pledge out in the world and to inspire new members to carry that flame with them as they graduate.

Eligibility

To be eligible, you must be an Alpha Sigma Nu alumni member.

Deadline

Nominations due February 1, 2019

Submit a nomination online at www.alphasigmanu.org/awards/magis-medal/submit-a-nomination/.

Winners to be announced March 15, 2019

Read about last year's winners and the 100 winners during our Centennial year on the ΑΣΝ website www.alphasigmanu.org/awards/magis-medal/winners/.



TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE ENERGIZES ATTENDEES

Leave it to a Seattle University physics professor (and AΣN Adviser) to inaugurate the Triennial Conference by wishing delegates a “contagion of Ignatian spirit!” Indeed, thanks to challenging speakers, great discussions, and “susceptible” students, the spirit **Paul Fontana, PhD** (Seattle '09), enumerated was present throughout the Triennial Conference.

“There truly was a contagious spirit at this Triennial Conference,” said AΣN Executive Director **Kate Gaertner** (Marquette '04). “A warm welcome from all at Seattle University, a terrific group of student officers from our AΣN Chapters, the engagement of alumni leaders from across the US, and the wisdom of advisers from Jesuit campuses all contributed to the success of the conference.”

Today, AΣN's 92,000 members live in a world infinitely more challenging than in 1915, the year of our founding. For the 34th time, AΣN leaders – a unique group of students, faculty, and alumni convene to discuss the meaning of Alpha Sigma Nu membership. Because the Triennial Conference is a major investment for Alpha Sigma Nu, the AΣN Board and staff plan well in advance for both the logistics and the agenda as well as articulating desired outcomes. Considerations include:

- The directives for Jesuit higher education coming from the Jesuits and the Father General
- The program and leadership training essential for AΣN Chapter presidents' success

- Discussions on best practices and AΣN updates for faculty advisers
- Connect, inform, and support alumni leaders

This Triennial Conference, a clear theme emerged from the speakers and discussions, asking important questions of attendees: How will we harness the global network of AΣN members and all Jesuit educated alumni to be changemakers for social justice?

Along with the keynote address delivered by Seattle University President **Stephen Sundborg, SJ** (Seattle '99), and presentations from Jesuit Worldwide Learning's **Mary McFarland, PhD, RN** (Gonzaga '71), NASPA's Assistant Vice-president for Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice **Monica Nixon, EdD**, SU's Center for Jesuit Education Director **Joe Orlando, PhD** (Seattle '99), and Secretary of Higher Education **Michael J. Garanzini, SJ**, breakout sessions for chapter leaders, faculty advisers and alumni club leaders provided ample time for inspiration, guidance, and strategic planning.

“I always wish I could adequately capture the spirit and energy of a Triennial Conference to share with all AΣN members,” added Kate. “Our staff and speakers met our goals and expectations for the conference, and we know that heeding the lessons and messages of the Triennial, this inspired and inspiring group of members will go out and set the world on fire.”



Stephen Sundborg, SJ:

DISCERNING THE FUTURE OF ALPHA SIGMA NU AS A JESUIT HONOR SOCIETY



"Alpha Sigma Nu can only be true to itself and can only discern its true future if it lives out and evolves, in a way appropriate for an honor society, what it means to be Jesuit. I believe, however, that Jesuit is in itself an evolving, changing reality while grounded in Jesuit origins and fundamentals. ...The point is that how our universities and colleges are Jesuit is not static or univocal but changes, evolves, grows, takes on a different relevance,

adapts to new generations of students, gives witness through new cohorts of faculty, staff, and Jesuits, lives in a new university context, and impacts and is impacted by a new world."

"Alpha Sigma Nu, as a Jesuit honor society, must discern and find its own future by finding the ways to help its inductees, members, and alumni to discern their life choices. Doing so is one way for Alpha Sigma Nu to evolve with the emerging priorities of our day of what 'Jesuit' means."

"The Jesuit foundational view of the need to come to freedom in one's own thought—especially as Jesuit education takes seriously the impact of culture on this freedom of thought—



Robert McGowan (Scranton '18)
Father Sundborg's keynote address was the highlight of the Triennial Conference for me. I was truly inspired by his vision for Alpha Sigma Nu, and I spent the remainder of the conference figuring out how I could work with other members to realize this vision. Father Sundborg's address began a conversation about the society's future that will inform the way students and alumni serve their chapters for years to come.

calls for Alpha Sigma Nu to adjust, deepen, and expand its commitment to scholarship."

"In a question and answer session Father General Sosa said that the most difficult mandate he had been given by the last general congregation of Jesuits, which elected him, was for the Society of Jesus "to promote a culture for the protection of all vulnerable persons". He said he was not talking about practices to assure the protection of minors by Jesuits—though important—but how all Jesuits and all Jesuit works might promote a culture—obviously different from the culture we have—which by its very nature protects all vulnerable persons, young, old, disabled, helpless, unprotected. That mandate is an instance and a focus of solidarity, a loyalty, a reconciliation that appeals to all of us in our Jesuit endeavors and is suited to our colleges and universities. It is not just about the protection of vulnerable individuals, but the creation of a culture which protects all. What would that look like, and how would we do that? If this is the most difficult mandate for the head of the Jesuits, is it also a difficult mandate for Alpha Sigma Nu as it follows the evolution of the Jesuit mission today?"

Eoin Lyons (Santa Clara '18) Fr. Sundborg's opening address was the perfect way to begin the Triennial Conference. His ideas regarding the purpose of Jesuit education – being "intellectually roughed up for life" – reflect a passion and dedication to understanding and engaging with inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogues. It challenged us to invoke discernment, freedom, and reconciliation in our daily lives and motivations, thus challenging us to use our platform as members of Alpha Sigma Nu for a greater purpose. This address set the mindset and atmosphere for the conference in a way that proved effective and empowering. Little did I know the incredible passion, love, and fellowship that I would experience over those two days. The individuals I met were all dedicated and driven to enact change in their corners of the community, adherent to the core values of AΣN. I returned to Santa Clara feeling inspired to engage in the dialogue necessary to embody Jesuit education.



Monica Nixon, EdD:

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE JESUIT UNIVERSITY AND THE JESUIT HONOR SOCIETY

Having been on staff at Seattle University and Saint Joseph's University, Monica Nixon seized the opportunity to share her message on diversity and inclusion with conference attendees, noting that working in Jesuit higher education restored her faith in the potential for universities to serve as sites for liberation and imagination. In her address, she challenged attendees to keep in mind that the work of inclusion and diversity is integral to who we are as Jesuit institutions of higher education.

"We are living in a time of extreme factionalism when people act primarily in ways loyal to their own communities. Working toward inclusion while honoring diversity encompasses three elements that overlap and often conflict: factionalism, marginalization, and legitimate differences."

"The challenges in our world have become too big to solve without people coming together to bring different approaches, perspectives, and experiences."

"What makes you different is what makes you strong. What you bring, what is distinctive, is what you contribute."

"As leaders, you can help others believe in themselves. Invite others to be the best versions of themselves. Your influence in creating a sense of belonging for your peers, a sense that they are not alone and that they matter, is critical."



"The Society of Jesus made a conscious decision to have all works of the Jesuits be engaged in the service of faith and the promotion of justice. The way to faith and the way to justice are inseparable ways. It is on this divided road, this steep road, that the Pilgrim Church must travel and toil. Faith makes its power felt through love."

"As members of Alpha Sigma Nu, we see in you the best of the Ignatian call to be for and with others. As AΣN leaders:

What are you building?

- What issues do you care about?

What do you bring?

- What unique combination of experiences, knowledge, and skills do you bring?

Who will you include?

- In what unexpected places will you look for wisdom?

What do you need to know?

- What do you need to know to be engaged in change for the common good?

Michael Trerotola (Fordham '16) *I have been thinking quite a bit about Dr. Nixon's speech. She posed seemingly simple questions, providing delegates with much to ponder, especially regarding equity and inclusion in their own chapters and clubs. While AΣN is exclusive by its very definition, it is important that chapters be open and welcoming to those who are invited to join. Dr. Nixon noted that we often make assumptions about students. While some students may automatically see the benefits of joining an honor society of AΣN's caliber, others will only see the cost without fully appreciating the value of membership. All too often, it is first-generation students who are left out. When chapters are recruiting for their new class of inductees, it's important to meet people where they are (one of the most treasured lessons I have taken from my many years of learning from Jesuits). We must educate. We must get in front of our nominees and encourage them to apply. We must show the value of what it means to be part of the Jesuit honor society. We must meet them where they are, but we cannot leave them there. This is our call as we continue to build Alpha Sigma Nu.*



Mary McFarland, PhD, RN: ALPHA SIGMA NU AS CHANGEMAKERS

Mary McFarland has been a nurse, a professor, a dean, and a Robert Wood Johnson fellow...and most recently, a true changemaker. She is the Global Director for Academic Research for Jesuit Worldwide Learning and its co-founder. JWJL, a global model engaging faculty and university partners from around the world, has educated over 5,000 refugees or internally displaced students, giving them the opportunity to participate in Jesuit higher education. At the conference, she spoke on changemakers, empowering attendees to envision themselves as capable of making real change.

"St. Ignatius was injured by a cannonball. This led to his conversion and the founding of the Jesuits. Pedro Arrupe witnessed Hiroshima. Rather than flee, he went out to the people. What will we do with our turning points to become changemakers?"

"St. Ignatius said education will transform the world. In his early vision, it was education for all. How does Jesuit higher education use its resources today to address the access issue for those at the margins?"

"Why educate refugees? This question got to the heart of the question: What is the purpose of education?"

Some say it is employment. Thank God for Jesuit higher education. Higher education in the Jesuit tradition is about humanity. How do we make the world a better place? How do we engage fully as humans?"

"What is on your mind?

What is something that needs to be changed?

What will you roll up your sleeves for?

What haunts you?"

"In the moment when we start to feel hesitant as changemakers and feel that we can't get it done, remember, the change is not about you. It is about our ability to garner a network to go forward."

"It takes a lot of courage. There will be times we doubt ourselves. Courage is not a crowded field, there is room for all of us. We can have a courageous voice. Believe when no one else does."

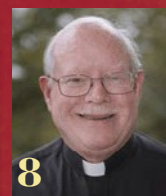
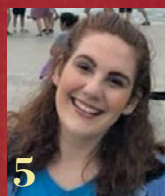
William Buckley (Le Moyne '71) *In all my years of Catholic education, but especially at Le Moyne, I learned that I have a unique role in, as Teilhard de Chardin would say, "building the earth" or as Ignatius put it, setting the world on fire. It is heartening and uplifting to learn that Jesuit education carries on that mission to people who would not normally have access to a Jesuit school thanks to Jesuit Worldwide Learning. Through our support of the Society of Jesus and its institutions; our friendships with and words of encouragement to those who work in Jesuit schools; our prayers; our good example; and our getting the word out to the world -- we are building the Jesuit mission and making a tremendous impact on education throughout the world. May we always chant, "Avanti!"*



Criteria for Changemaking:

- Using your turning points
- Importance of doing your homework
- Along with imagination, you need the data
- Risk-taking coupled with homework is the key
- Don't wait to be right – we will never have ALL the facts; If we wait for all the facts, that's all we will get done

NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS



1. Michael Jenkins, PhD (Scranton '05)

Dr. Michael Jenkins is on leave as an associate professor of criminal justice at the University of Scranton, as he works to establish a bachelor's degree program for future police and security personnel in Saudi Arabia. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Scranton, and his MS and PhD from Rutgers School of Criminal Justice. In 2017, Jenkins served as a Fulbright Scholar with the London Metropolitan Police. His work facilitates collaborations among criminal justice and social service agencies, student assistants, and faculty experts. Jenkins' primary area of interest is how police and citizens negotiate relationships to respond in creative ways to signs of physical and social. Dr. Jenkins' latest book on international and transnational policing describes the structures and processes for policing across national boundaries. Michael Jenkins previously served as the president of the Scranton AΣN Alumni Club and was president of the University of Scranton Chapter 2005-06.

1. Raphael S. F. Longobardi, MD (Fordham '85)

Raphael S. F. Longobardi, MD, is a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine and athletic injuries. He is Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery at Holy Name Medical Center. Dr. Longobardi graduated with a degree in biology from Fordham University and earned his medical degree at New York University School of Medicine in 1990. He completed an orthopaedic surgery residency at NYU Medical Center, as well as an orthopaedic sports medicine fellowship at the Knoxville Orthopaedic Clinic. He has authored various articles related to the shoulder, presenting his work both nationally and internationally. Dr. Longobardi is currently a faculty member of the NYU Langone Medical Center-Hospital for Joint Diseases Department of Orthopaedic Surgery as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery. He is an active member of his community, the Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic Church.

3. Sean Michaelson, SJ (University of San Francisco '09)

Sean Michaelson, SJ, is the Executive Secretary/Socius for the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States. He earned a bachelor's degree in English at Georgetown University, and a master's degree from Boston College. Fr. Michaelson entered the Society of Jesus in 1996, later earning an MA in philosophy from Fordham and a PhD in 18th-century British and Irish satire from Arizona State University. His theology studies include an MDiv and a MA in theology from Regis College. Fr. Michaelson taught at the Colegio del Sagrado Corazon in Montevideo, Uruguay, before joining the English department at the University of San Francisco as an assistant professor. In addition to serving as chair of the English department, Fr. Michaelson was the director of the St. Ignatius Institute and the adviser for Alpha Sigma Nu. Before his current role at the Jesuit Conference, he served for three years as formation director for the California and Oregon Province Jesuits, responsible for the training of the provinces' men preparing to be Jesuit brothers and priests.

4. Penny A. Menge (Loyola New Orleans '90)

Penny Menge, RN, MSN, has more than 30 years of experience in nursing and healthcare administration with extensive nursing administration experience including: strategic, operational and clinical responsibility of acute care hospitals and surgery centers; planning and business development; managed care contracting and service line development. Penny earned her BSN from Loyola University New Orleans, and her MSN from the University of South Alabama. She served as the 2013 Chairman of the March of Dimes March for Babies; received the Loyola University Sister Agnes Fortier Award for Character, Scholarship, and Professionalism; was awarded Baylor College of

Medicine Award for Outstanding Administrative Leader; and recognized as one of the Great 100 Nurses. Her long commitment to serving the community is seen in her extensive service resume, having volunteered with the American Red Cross for 20+ years and St. Bernard Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Penny is active in the Rotary Club of New Orleans Riverbend.

5. Maria Meyer (Boston College '18)

Maria Meyer is a senior in the Boston College Connell School of Nursing. She is the Boston College Alpha Sigma Nu Chapter President. Maria serves as the student representative on the governance committee for Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honors society, at the Alpha Chi Chapter. As a senior, she represents the class of 2019 as the School of Nursing Senate President and she is also involved as the Massachusetts Student Nurses' Association Webmaster. Maria is excited to collaborate with the other AΣN Board of Directors members to continue to empower and grow the AΣN university chapters.

6. Francisco Sánchez Cuéllar (Loyola Andalucia '17)

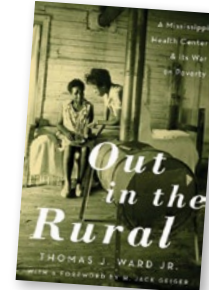
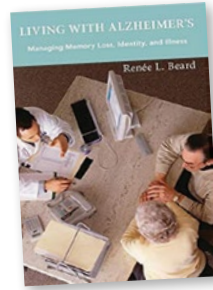
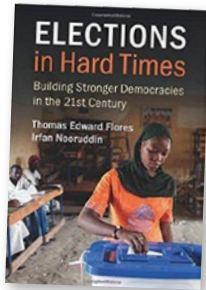
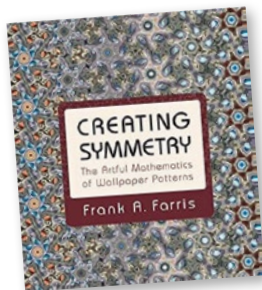
A native of LeBrija, Spain, Francisco Sánchez Cuéllar is earning a dual degree from Loyola University Andalucia and Loyola University Chicago and currently is an intern at the Consulate General of Spain in Chicago. He served as the Service and Loyalty officer on the Loyola Andalucia AΣN Chapter e-board. As part of his degree program, he will spend an academic year at Loyola Chicago and a semester at the Felice Center in Rome. Fran is most interested in connecting with other cultures and is a member of the Loyola Club of Spain.

7. Deanna Howes Spiro (Fordham '17)

For more than a decade, Deanna Howes Spiro has served the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, including five years as Director of Communications. She previously served in the roles of Manager of Information Services and Executive Assistant to the President of AJCU. As spokesperson for the Association, she is quoted frequently on topics ranging from lay leadership to Jesuit basketball. She led the Association's first national joint advertising campaign in 2015, during Pope Francis' visit to the United States, as well as a joint social media campaign in support of Loyola University Chicago's run during the Final Four in 2018. Deanna holds a BA in Communications and Media Studies from Fordham University and an MA in Communication from Johns Hopkins University. She is currently serving as the President of the Washington, D.C. Fordham University Alumni Chapter. Deanna also serves on the steering committee for the Loyola Club of Washington, D.C., and on the advisory board for the Washington, D.C. chapter of the Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) program, of which she is an alumna.

8. Michael Williams, SJ (Spring Hill '01)

Michael Williams, SJ, is Emeritus Associate Professor of English and AΣN Faculty Adviser at Spring Hill College. He 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 Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Gonzaga University. In 1985, he left academic administration to return to the classroom at Spring Hill College. He has lived in a student residence hall for over 30 years as a Jesuit chaplain, valuing the deeper interaction with students. He is also faculty adviser to The Knights of Columbus club and Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. He served as chair of the department of English and as chair of the Faculty Assembly.



Creating Symmetry: The Artful Mathematics of Wallpaper Patterns

Frank A. Farris, PhD, Santa Clara University

Featuring more than 100 stunning color illustrations and requiring only a modest background in math, *Creating Symmetry* begins by addressing the enigma of a simple curve, whose curious symmetry seems unexplained by its formula. Farris describes how complex numbers unlock the mystery, and how they lead to the next steps on an engaging path to constructing waveforms. He explains how to devise waveforms for each of the 17 possible wallpaper types, and then guides you through a host of other fascinating topics in symmetry, such as color-reversing patterns, three-color patterns, polyhedral symmetry, and hyperbolic symmetry. Along the way, Farris demonstrates how to marry waveforms with photographic images to construct beautiful symmetry patterns as he gradually familiarizes you with more advanced mathematics, including group theory, functional analysis, and partial differential equations.

Frank A. Farris, PhD, teaches mathematics at Santa Clara University.

From press.princeton.edu

Judge's quote: Starting with the simple circle and complex numbers, the book moves through Fourier series, waves, folds and lattices and ends with an exploration of friezes and mathematical art. The brightly colored illustrations are a far clearer introduction to these topics than the more standard sparse diagrams. Overall, the progression is smooth, the explanations clear and the illustrations fabulous.

Elections in Hard Times: Building Stronger Democracies in the 21st Century

Ifan Nooruddin, PhD, Georgetown University

Why are 'free and fair' elections so often followed by democratic backsliding? *Elections in Hard Times* answers this critical question, showing why even clean elections fail to advance democracy when held amidst challenging structural conditions. The book opens with a comprehensive, accessible synthesis of fifty years of research on elections and democratization, a resource for experts, policymakers, and students. It then develops a new theory of why elections fail in countries with little democratic history or fiscal resources, and a history of violent conflict. In a series of five empirical chapters, the book leverages an eclectic mix of cross-national data, short case studies and surveys of voters to support this theory. It closes with a careful examination of popular strategies of democracy promotion, evaluating steps designed to support elections.

Ifan Nooruddin, PhD, is the Al-Thani Chair in Indian Politics and Professor in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

From cambridge.org

Judge's quote: *Elections in Hard Times* is likely to have a lasting influence on the critically important field of democracy building and will be valuable not only to scholars but also to practitioners seeking to organize and oversee elections in new democracies. The book does a fine job of drawing upon both democratic theory and practical experience in offering one of the most important contributions to this field in recent years.



Living with Alzheimer's: Managing Memory Loss, Identity and Illness

Renée L. Beard, PhD, College of the Holy Cross

In *Living with Alzheimer's*, Renée L. Beard argues that the exclusively negative portrayals of Alzheimer's are grossly inaccurate. To understand what life with memory loss is really like, Beard draws on intensive observations of nearly 100 seniors undergoing cognitive evaluation, as well as post-diagnosis interviews with individuals experiencing late-in-life forgetfulness. In daily life, people with the disease are forced to manage stigma and the presumption of incompetence on top of the actual symptoms of their ailment.

Beard examines how these perceptions affect treatment for Alzheimer's. Interviews with clinicians and staff from the Alzheimer's Association reveal that pejorative framings of life with dementia fuel both clinical practice and advocacy efforts. In stark contrast to the messages we receive, this book provides an unprecedented view into the ways that people with early Alzheimer's actively and deliberately navigate their lives.

Renée L. Beard, PhD, is Associate Professor of Sociology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the College of the Holy Cross.

From nyupress.org

Judge's quote: *Living with Alzheimer's* is a wonderful example of, and intervention in, medical sociology. It vividly explores the perspectives of differently positioned actors dealing with an Alzheimer's diagnosis, and it is especially tender with the perspectives of patients. The book is well-built and generally well-written; it is a solid contribution to its vein of sociological analysis.



Out in the Rural: A Mississippi Health Center & Its War on Poverty

Thomas J. Ward, Jr. PhD, Spring Hill College

In *Out in the Rural*, Ward explores the Tufts-Delta Health Center's story alongside the remarkable life of its founder, Dr. H. Jack Geiger. A former teenage runaway, through a serendipitous turn of events was befriended and taken in by the actor and Harlem Renaissance icon Canada Lee. Geiger's personal history brings a profound human element to what was accomplished deep in the Mississippi Delta. In addition to providing medical care, the health center worked upstream to address the fundamental determinants of health, such as education, poverty, nutrition, and the environment. Equal parts social history and personal history, *Out in the Rural* is a story of both community health and of a stranger's kindness and determination to bring health care to areas out of reach.

Thomas J. Ward, Jr. PhD, is the chair of the History Department at Spring Hill College.

From global.oup.com

Judge's quote: A very well-written and beautifully documented story about the first real community health center in the USA. Scholars interested in health care, political science or history of racism will find this book very informative about the war on poverty and the people who worked hard to make health care available to all in Mississippi.



AΣN LEADERS LEARN AND SHARE

Chapter Officers

In designing the agenda for the chapter sessions, board members **Michael Reardon** (Marquette '15) and **Michelle Perez** (Saint Peter's '15) had specific goals. "When I was chapter president, I found my peers to be incredible resources as I worked to organize my chapter, and so I wanted to be sure we presented program templates and carved out time to brainstorm programs together," said Michael. Michelle added, "I focused on creating and growing the AΣN culture on our campuses. Good chapter management and marketing are the tools required." As always, the officers found the program brainstorming most productive, as they shared current programs and designed new chapter programs inspired by what they had heard at the Triennial. In addition, Michael and Michelle discussed how to access chapter resources, chapter management strategies, different approaches to member selection, the importance of a meaningful induction ceremony, and marketing AΣN on campus. Along with their advisers, the officers assessed their chapters, set goals for the year, and completed action plans to execute upon their return to campus.

Alumni Club Leaders

Fifteen leaders from eleven clubs traveled to Seattle University for the Triennial Conference. **Amy O'Neil** (Marquette '18), AΣN's Director of Development & Alumni Relations explained, "We designed the agenda for the alumni club leaders based on feedback from our

bi-monthly conference calls." The group heard from Deanna Howes Spiro, Director of Communications, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, on Ignatian programming and Jonathan Brown, Assistant Vice-president, Seattle University Alumni Association, on age-segmented communication strategies. Amy led a session on club resources and management designed for both new and seasoned alumni club leaders, and the group shared program ideas and best practices.

Chapter Advisers

Gathering AΣN advisers provides them with the opportunity for conversation with chapter officers and with each other. Great ideas emerge when they share ideas, best practices, problem solving, and suggestions for the Central Office. In adviser sessions, they approved an updated adviser job description, asked for regular reports on Chapter president conference calls, and suggested increased communication between the Central Office and university presidents and Jesuit rectors. During their discussion of the Induction Ritual, the advisers noted that they appreciate the formality of the ritual but suggest a review of the language to ensure inclusion and information on the global Jesuit network. During the 'Alpha Sigma WHO' discussion, the advisers brainstormed how to increase AΣN awareness on campus, targeting freshmen and sophomores particularly. AΣN presenting at freshmen convocations, regular communication with honors programs, and info sessions in dorms were among the suggestions.



Jihan Aitelcadi (John Carroll '18) The Triennial was such a fulfilling and inspirational experience. What I loved most was the opportunity to interact with other chapter officers in the brainstorming groups. We exchanged fun ideas, learned from each other's experiences, and motivated each other to go back to our universities and make AΣN bigger and better than ever before. The encouragement exchanged and the bond that formed between the chapter officers made this experience so invaluable. I am forever grateful!

Carissa Langenhuizen (Marquette '18) Along with the informative and inspirational speakers, the Triennial gave us chapter officers the time to really get to know the Marquette University Chapter Adviser, Chapter Coordinator, and the Danhy Alumni Club President on a more personal level and has provided an ease of communication since the Triennial. We all left the conference with a renewed energy and excitement for what our chapter may be able to accomplish and provide for our members as both students and alumni.



Fred Gray (Regis University '15) The Regis group came away with a renewed commitment to improve our selection and induction processes to build more commitment in new members to lifelong loyalty to Jesuit values and participation in Alpha Sigma Nu. We appreciated the presentation by the Spring Hill delegation on their pre-induction retreat, and we will try to find a way to adapt this idea in the future.



Jeff Spencer (Canisius '16) The alumni club sessions were a refreshing opportunity to examine the opportunities and challenges associated with alumni leadership. As a new alumnus, it was invigorating being surrounded by so much experienced club leadership. Tony Tomasello (Buffalo Alumni Club President) and I both left feeling excited about the future of the Buffalo club and prepared to take the next steps.

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