

Phi Kappa Phi



BYU Chapter Newsletter
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The Phi Kappa Phi Chapter Needs Your Service!

We need faculty and staff who are members of Phi Kappa Phi to volunteer to serve as officers, as college liaisons, and as nominators for our awards. It doesn't matter if you haven't paid dues for a while—you can always start again. Anyone who is interested in serving in Phi Kappa Phi, please contact Stephen Bay (stephen_bay@byu.edu) or Charlotte Stanford (charlotte_stanford@byu.edu).

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President's Message



Greetings to all members of BYU's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi!

This academic year will be great for our chapter. Our 2018 Distinguished Faculty Lecture with Prof. Karen Carter was very successful. Our student council is planning wonderful so-

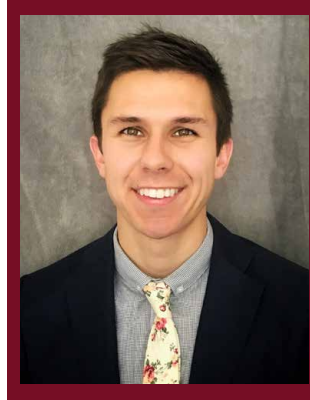
cial and service activities, the next of which will occur in January. Our upcoming annual banquet on March 14, 2019 will feature as its speaker the Honorable Matthew Durrant, Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court, and an inducted member in our BYU chapter. Much of the credit for how well our chapter is being run is owed to Jeff Belliston, Senior Associate University Librarian and our chapter's past president, to Deborah Himes, professor in the College of Nursing and our chapter's president elect, and to all the members of our executive committee. It is a pleasure to work with them.

Being a member of Phi Kappa Phi is the sort of academic recognition that you will always want to show on your CV, but curiously enough, members often don't take advantage of some of the most valuable aspects of the society. Phi Kappa Phi offers a huge number of scholarships, grants, and fellowships for undergrads, graduate students, and academic professionals. BYU members have historically been very successful in competitions for these awards. Take a look at them and submit an application! But perhaps the most compelling benefit of the society that ALL of you should take advantage of is getting to know and rub shoulders with the other phenomenally impressive members of our chapter. In addition to creating valuable networking and collaboration opportunities, meeting and serving alongside ambitious, gifted, BYU colleagues might forge lifelong friendships. So plan on coming to all of the Phi Kappa Phi activities and projects this year. We need you!

Stephen Bay



Student Vice Presidents' Message



“Is it really worth paying the \$80 for a line on your resume?” I get asked this question pretty often. Maybe it is, maybe it's not. But Phi Kappa Phi can be so much more than just a line on your resume.

I first started to see this when I attended a service project Phi Kappa Phi hosted. Partnering with the charity Sole Hope, they had gathered hundreds of pairs of denim jeans that we proceeded to cut into shoes for kids in Uganda. As I trimmed down a pair of Levis, I chatted with Biophysics majors and Interdisciplinary Humanities majors and Communications majors. And they were all outstanding. Some of the students were pursuing further studies at Oxford and others were deeply engaged in biological research. This was a diverse group of students, from many walks of life. Yet, they were united in their efforts to make a difference in this world.

Phi Kappa Phi is about creating a community. In this community, scholarship and excellence are almost taken for granted - the real focus is on what we, as students and faculty, can ac-

compish together for society. This is a place for dreamers, for go-getters, for those who will buckle down and make something happen.

Author Mark Batterson said, “God isn’t offended by your biggest dreams or boldest prayers. He is offended by anything less.”

Let your membership in Phi Kappa Phi be more than a line on your resume. Let it be a reminder for you to stretch yourself and touch the world in ways only you can.

Colby Nielsen and Hanel Watkins
Student Vice Presidents



2018 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer

Scandal in the Parish



Dr. Karen E. Carter
BYU Department of History

Dr. Karen E. Carter of the BYU Department of History provided the Phi Kappa Phi Distin-

guished Faculty Lecture on Thursday, November 8, 2018 entitle *Scandal in the parish: What court cases can tell us about how priests and parishioners got along in eighteenth-century France, and why it matters for the study of history.*

In her lecture, Dr. Carter transported the listeners to eighteenth century village life in rural France. She began with an amusing story of a parish priest, a chicken, and a ruse to catch a thief. Suspecting that a child in his catechism class had stolen a ribbon from a special bookmark,



the priest devised a plan to identify the culprit by playing on the children’s superstitious beliefs. One by one, the children in his class were instructed to enter a darkened room, place a finger in a hat on top of a draped cage containing a chicken, and then touch their forehead with that same finger. The children were informed that the chicken would only crow when the guilty child touched the hat.



What the children didn’t know was that the inside of the hat contained soot and those who actually followed all of the instructions would leave a mark on their forehead. The priest accurately guessed that the guilty child would be too afraid to touch the hat for fear of alarming the chicken and would consequently return from the room without the sooty mark. While the priest’s plan was successful in catching the thief, his unorthodox methodology and the resulting scandal in the village lead to the priest being taken to church court by his parishioners.



Dr. Carter explained that this and many other court cases against parish priests



SCANDAL

IN THE PARISH: what court cases can tell us about how priests and parishioners got along in eighteenth-century France, and why it matters for the study of history



KAREN E. CARTER

Karen E. Carter is the author of many books and articles on the history of religion in early modern France. She has guided thousands of students through courses on topics such as world civilizations, European society, and the Reformation. Karen has served with distinction, good humor, and attention to detail as associate department chair and on many college and university committees.

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provides a unique view into multiple aspects of village life during the 18th century. They speak to the religious practices and cultural beliefs of everyday people.



They also provide unique perspectives of the parish priests. For the most part, these church court records contain statements from average, ordinary people, who likely did not leave any other written historical record. Dr. Carter explained that these personal, yet sometimes bizarre accounts from the church court records help historians make connections between the past and our current day:

The more we learn about the people of the past—their everyday lives, the way they thought about things, the way that they structured their beliefs and then acted on those beliefs in their homes and parishes—the more we understand why people in our own lives might do what they do. We understand the great variety of experiences in human lives, and this should create in us more empathy and more compassion. What better way for us to understand people’s lives, than through their stories?



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Recent Chapter Activities

On October 25th, the BYU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi hosted an event entitled *What Makes a Great Scholar?* Three distinguished BYU faculty members presented ideas on what students can do to enhance their own scholarship and find success, not only here at BYU, but throughout their professional lives. Below are brief biographies of these three presenters as well as links to audio or video recordings of their presentations.



Rebekka Matheson

Assistant Professor, Psychology

Presentation: *Fear and Scholarship*

<https://tinyurl.com/byu-pkp-matheson>

Rebekka Matheson graduated from the Neuroscience Center at BYU in 2006. She went to medical school at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, where her clinical work emphasized neurology, psychiatry, and addiction medicine. In addition, she took graduate courses in the neurosciences through the colleges of Neurobiology & Anatomy and Pharmacology & Physiology. In years out for research between the course and clinical years of medical school, she researched the neuroanatomy of reward circuitry and deep brain stimulation for psychiatric disease.



Clark D. Asay
Associate Professor, Law

Presentation: **Consistency in Scholarship**
<https://tinyurl.com/byu-pkp-asay>

Professor Clark Asay joined the BYU Law faculty in June 2014. Before coming to BYU, Professor Asay was a Visiting Assistant Professor and Shughart Scholar at Penn State's Dickinson School of Law from 2012-2014. Prior to entering legal academia, Professor Asay worked at Amazon's Lab126 and supported the Kindle, Kindle Fire, and Amazon Fire teams. Professor Asay also worked at the law



firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he practiced in the field of technology transactions and intellectual property licensing. Professor Asay is a graduate of Stanford Law School, where he was an Executive Editor for the Stanford Law Review. Professor Asay also earned an M.Phil from the University of Cambridge and a BA, summa cum laude, from Brigham Young University.

James P. Porter
Dean, College of Life Sciences
Professor, Physiology & Developmental Biology

Presentation: **Achievement and Scholarship**
<https://tinyurl.com/byu-pkp-porter>

Dr. James P. Porter is the Dean of the College of Life Sciences. Prior to serving as dean, Dr. Porter served as associate dean from 2008 until 2015 and as chair of the Department of Physiology and Developmental Biology. Dr. Porter came to BYU in 1998 as a faculty member of the Department of Zoology. Prior to BYU, Dr. Porter was an assistant professor in the Depart-



ment of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He earned Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from BYU in Zoology and earned a Ph.D. in endocrinology from the University of California, San Francisco.



Member Spotlight: Casualene Meyer

**Member Since 1991,
Active Since 2016**

I'm sure if there was a banquet, I was there; I have no memory of any other activity with Phi Kappa Phi from my induction in 1991 until 2016 when I renewed my membership, most likely for the first time.



Now, I live far from Provo, but I am grateful that I again became a dues-paying member, grateful that I can give to good causes sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi, and especially grateful to be welcomed by the BYU chapter and given a distance opportunity to help. For the past two years I have helped recommend applicants for the graduate fellowship awards. It has been good to work with fellow academics on the recommendation panels, and I have been humbled to read the applications and see what stellar students look like. It has also been good to maintain ties with BYU through Phi Kappa Phi.

Recently a coworker, knowing me to have a connection to BYU, asked for some family history help on behalf of a relative. I turned to a Phi Kappa Phi connection for help, who turned to his colleague who gave me insights that I passed on to the person in need. Maybe this is small, but the principle works: it's good to know good people and to do good for people through those relationships.

Society is a cliché. The generic term is associated with the faceless forces that compel people to be less than their best. An honor society, however, is better. At its best, it is a group of people who through their associations honor their fellow beings and honor light and truth.

Casualene Meyer (BA '91, MA '94 Brigham Young University; PhD '96 University of Southern Mississippi) is an adjunct instructor of English at Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota.



2017 Phi Kappa Phi Award Recipients

Marcus L. Urann Fellowship

Anne Thomas has been selected as a Marcus L. Urann Fellow and will receive \$15,000! Anne Thomas' passion for the environment led her to study biodiversity and conservation at Brigham Young University. On



campus, she participated in research projects focused on the sensitivity of desert plants and animals to climate change and has presented this research at professional conferences. She was selected to contribute to benchmarking models for semiarid ecosystems, at Boston University, and has explored ecology in the South Pacific. Anne has been rewarded for her research efforts with both Udall and Goldwater scholarships, as well as a National Science Foundation Fellowship. She uses her writing to interest others in nature, and has published poems in literary magazines. Anne is also a musician, playing cello in the BYU Philharmonic Orchestra. She has been awarded a Gates Cambridge scholarship to continue her studies in the UK, in computational plant ecology. She plans a career as an ecologist to help the natural world remain intact and accessible for future generations.

Study Abroad Awards

Each year, the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi awards seventy-five \$1,000 Study Abroad Grants to undergraduate students seeking academic experiences abroad. This year, four BYU students were awarded Study Abroad Grants to continue their international educational experiences. Congratulations to these four BYU students!

- *Aliah Eberting*
- *Miranda Jessop*
- *Lauren Malmgren*
- *Heidi McConaghie*

Study Abroad Spotlight

Lauren Malmgren, a student in the College of Nursing, completed a study abroad to the



Czech Republic with nine other nursing students and two nursing professors as part of the BYU Nursing Program's global health requirement. During her study abroad, Lauren worked with nurses at local hospitals throughout the Czech Republic. Though Lauren didn't speak Czech, it was a deeply rewarding experience to work alongside and learn from these nurses who themselves didn't speak English. The hosting nursing school was very accommodating and took Lauren and her classmates on multiple excursions to see local attraction—they even hosted a farewell barbecue for the BYU nursing students! In addition to the nursing specific opportunities, Lauren enjoyed learning about the rich history of the Czech Republic, particularly the influences of World War II.



Phi Kappa Phi Award Applications

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi's ongoing commitment to excellence is reflected in its grants and awards programs. One million dollars is awarded every two years to outstanding students, Phi Kappa Phi members, and chapters through the Society's various awards competitions.

Award application information available at:
<http://www.phikappaphi.org/grants-awards>

Fellowships

58 Distributed Annually - Fifty Fellowships of \$8,500 each, six at \$20,000 each, and two at \$35,000 each are awarded to members entering the first year of graduate or professional study. Each active Phi Kappa Phi chapter may select one candidate from among its local applicants to compete for the Society-wide awards.

Deadline: February 15, 2019

Dissertation Fellowships

10 Distributed Annually - Phi Kappa Phi awards ten Dissertation Fellowships of \$10,000 each to active members who are doctoral candidates and are completing dissertations.

The fellowship supports students in the dissertation writing stage of doctoral study. Awards are for 12 months of dissertation writing. All pre-dissertation requirements should be met by the application deadline, including approval of the dissertation proposal.

Deadline: November 30, 2019

Study Abroad Grants

75 Distributed Annually - Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants are designed to help support undergraduates as they seek knowledge and

experience in their academic fields by studying abroad. Seventy-five grants in the amount of \$1,000 each are awarded every year, in two cycles.

Deadline: March 15, 2019

Love of Learning Awards

200 Distributed Annually - Love of Learning Awards help fund post-baccalaureate studies and/or career development for active Phi Kappa Phi members to include, but not limited to, graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, career development, travel related to teaching or studies, etc. Fellowship recipients are not eligible to apply. Two hundred awards valued at \$500 each are presented annually, in two cycles.

Deadline: April 1, 2019

Literacy Grants

Distributed Annually - The Literacy Grants program was initiated to mobilize members and resources of Phi Kappa Phi and the higher education community to champion literacy initiatives. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to Phi Kappa Phi chapters and individual members to fund ongoing literacy projects or to create new initiatives. The Society's commitment to the cause of literacy grows out of and is consistent with its mission, which was expanded to include "... and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Deadline: April 1, 2019

Distinguished Service Award

Distributed Biennially - The Ray Sylvester Distinguished Service Award honors an individual who has provided sustained, non-compensated volunteer service to others beyond the realm of academia. The award recipient receives a \$1,000 honorarium, a life membership and a recognition citation. The award is given once per biennium.

Deadline: February 1, 2020

Scholar and Artist Awards

Distributed Biennially - The Phi Kappa Phi Scholar Award and Phi Kappa Phi Artist Award honor those individuals who demonstrate the ideals of the Society through their activities, achievements, and scholarship. Awardees receive \$1,000 honoraria, a life membership and a recognition citation. Each award is given once per biennium.

First presented in 1974, the Scholar Award recognizes excellence in teaching, research, and public service. In 1983, the Artist Award was established to recognize the achievements of those who, in addition to their outstanding scholarship, have displayed talents in the broad realm of the arts—creative, graphic, performing, visual, and/or fine arts.

Deadline: February 1, 2020



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