Lambda-Eta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta

Chapter of the Year Scrapbook

2011-2012

East Carolina University
Chapter Advisor—Professor Wade Dudley

2011 Officers
President—Melissa Jones
Vice President—Christopher Outlaw
Treasurer—Madison Guidici
Secretary—Margaret Huffman
Historian—Clay Smith

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Treasurer—John Jarrell
Secretary—Matt Wester
Historian—Alpha Pollock
Individual Accomplishments of Phi Alpha Theta’s Lambda-Eta Chapter Members, 2011/2012

STUDENTS

Benton, James Isaac: ROTC Cadet Major; Graduated Airborne School (May 2012); C.U.L.P. completed; JFTX, Top 10% (2012); American Legion Gold Scholastic Award (2012); Gold Standard: German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency (2012).


Brown, William Averett: Publication of “First Hand Accounts of December 7, 1941 in Pearl Harbor.” Explorations: Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities for the State of North Carolina (2011); Teaching Internship (History), JH Rose High School; BS (HIST ED) May 2012; accepted into the Graduate School, UNC-CH in School Counseling (May 2012).

Buttar, David: Graduate Assistantship; ECUHSG, GM Southern Front (F 2011).

Caudill, Jessica Lane: Internship: North Carolina Museum of History (S 2011); Employment in Joyner Library's Special Collections department (2011-2012); Internship: CSS Neuse Historic Site (2012).

Cook, Donald Eugene, III
Croatt, Stephanie S.: Interpretive Intern, Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, Fredericksburg, TX (2011); Co-Editor, *Stem to Stern* (2011); Graduate Assistantship; Intern, NCDCR’s CSS Neuse Historic Site, Kinston, NC (2012); MSA Secretary (2012/2013).

Dehart, Savannah L.: Graduate Assistantship; Special Talent Access Grant; volunteer tutor, Pirate Tutoring Center (2011).

Delaura, Margaret Caitlin: BA (HIST) May 2012.

Duffy, James Joseph, IV

Fictum, David G.: Graduate Assistantship.

Gathercole, Sheri Leigh


Gray, Kristin A.: Graduate Assistantship, Student Supervisor for the Circulation Department, Joyner Library.

Guidici, Madison Linn: HIED Representative for TPA Student Advisory Board; Internship Student Teaching Internship (History), Ayden Grifton High School; BS (HIST ED) May 2012; Baby boy due in July (certainly counts, and will continue to count, as extra-curricular activity!).

Hammack, Maria Esther: “The Cartels: A Mexico in Chaos,” Phi Alpha Theta Carolinas Regional Conference, March 2012; “Cocaine Wars: Mexico & Its Discontents,” Undergraduate Research & Creativity Symposium (November 2011); Outstanding Honors Essay (Fall 2011); Brewster Graduate Fellowship (2012-2013); Tuttle Graduate Scholarship (2012-2013); Outstanding Senior (HIST BA – 2012); BA (HIST) May 2012 with University Honors Medallion; Eastern Carolina Association of Phi Beta Kappa Award (April 2011); Honors Ambassador 2010-2012; Emerging Leader 2011-2012; Parent's Council Scholarship 2011-2012; School of Government: Register of Deeds School Certification (November 2011).


Howell, Charlie
Huffman, Margaret Melinda: Team Leader, Lambda-Eta Relay For Life Team; Graduate Assistantship.


Jones, Melissa Lauren: President, Lambda-Eta Chapter Phi Alpha Theta; Lokken Scholarship (2012-2013); Internship, Bentonville Battleground and Museum (2012); “British Missionaries in Southern Africa during the Nineteenth Century: John and Harriette Colenso,” Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention, January 2012; “Religious Expression within the Yoruba Ethnic Group,” Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society Carolinas Regional Conference, March 2012; Graduate Assistantship.


Langlois, Ariel Mersini: BS (HIST ED) May 2012.

Lemus, Emily Joyce Bone: “The Battle of Havana, 1762: British Colonists' Contribution and Celebration,” Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention, January 2012; Graduate Assistantship; Married Carlos Lemus (March 2012) – there is time for love and scholarship in the Lambda-Eta Chapter!

Noe, Cory Adam

Outlaw, Christopher Nicholas: Graduate Assistantship; “Lake Champlain during the French and Indian War,” Graduate Conference on Power and Struggle, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, March 2012.

Otte, Jana Lynn: Graduate Assistantship.

Robertson, Neal Thomas: BA (HIST) May 2012.


Smith, Clay Bowland: Vice President, Lambda-Eta Chapter (2012); Dr. Suzanne Wester, M. D. Scholarship (2012/2013); Dr. Betty M. Long Memorial Scholarship (2012/2013); Wesley Laws Methodist Scholarship (2012/2013); History Tutor, ECU Pirate Tutoring Center (2011/2012); Graduate Assistantship.

Smith, Norma Ann: Lead Tutor, Pirate Tutoring Center; Conference Coordinator, Construction Management Seminar, Bangkok, Thailand.

Spell, Oscar Glenn, IV: BA (HIST) May 2012; admitted MA Geography in Fall 2012.

Stallings, Ashley Lauren

Stimits, Megan L.

Taylor, Hillary Megan: Teaching Internship (History) JH Rose High School; Coached Varsity Girls Basketball Team at Rose to 2nd round, State playoffs; BS (HIST ED) May 2012.

Taylor, Laura Kathryn

Trotter, Andrew Wesley: North Carolina Teaching Fellow; Teaching Internship (History) Nash Central High School; BS (HIST ED) May 2012.

Waters, Corey J.

Wester, Matthew Ryan: Secretary, Lambda-Eta Chapter (2012); Lokken Scholarship (2012-2013); Graduate Assistantship; future historian due, October 2012 (and, of course, a future Phi Alpha Theta member!).

White, Justin Phillip

**FACULTY**

Prokopowicz, Gerald J.: Department Chair.


Additionally, many Phi Alpha Theta members served as judges, assistants, or ushers (without individual credit claimed) during the following activities:

National History Day - North Carolina Education District I (March 2012)
New Voyages to Carolina Conference 2012
ECU Open House (Fall 2011 and Spring 2012)
“Together We Triumph!”
Chapter Activities and Accomplishments

Charity Events

Relay For Life 2012
Helping Fosterlings 2011
STRIVE Gala 2011

Scholarships

Presentations

Awards
For the third year in a row, Dr. Carl Swanson, Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of History, offered his seminar on graduate school (sponsored by the Lambda-Eta Chapter). His balanced presentation, the negatives and the positives of continued studies, draws a larger crowd every year – though with graduate enrollment steadily increasing, attendees may not be hearing the negatives.
Throughout the year, the ECU Historical Simulations Group (sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta) meets most Fridays to recreate history on miniature battlefields – an aspect of scholarship that involves the study of conflicts past, present, and future. This group has also gained recognition for Phi Alpha Theta and ECU through simulations offered locally, regionally, and nationally. This year, members offered a recreation of Pearl Harbor and classic Battletech at SOUTHERN FRONT in Raleigh, NC in Fall 2011. Though members do not plan to attend the national gaming sessions over the summer due to costs and research needs, HSG members will remain active locally and can be reached on numerous message boards such as those of Aberrant Games and Wizards of the Coast, and through the chapter’s Facebook site.
Every semester, Dr. Dudley, his wife Susan, and Dachshunds Fritz and Max host Chili and a Movie Night for the chapter. Good food, historical commentary, and relaxing with friends provide needed relief from the stress of studies.
As exams pressed upon us, the chapter gathered at Chez Dudley to celebrate the season, bid goodbye to our graduates, savor tasty treats, play games, and exchange token gifts.
National Phi Alpha Theta Conference in Orlando, Fl. - January 2012-
An active chapter needs funding. Though SGA refunds, membership fees, and donations help, a primary source of funds for the Lambda-Eta Chapter is our annual book sale. Throughout the year, our chapter collects books. In January, Clay Smith, John Jarrel, and Matt Wester organized our sale at Greenville Mall (and we thank the good people at the Greenville Mall for working with us over recent years). Not only did some $500 enter the coffers of Lambda-Eta, but our members talked history and Phi Alpha Theta with numerous customers. Everyone benefitted from the event!
ECU hosted the first of a series of conferences celebrating the exploration, settlement, and colonial lifeways of North Carolina. Organized by Professor Larry Tise, the conference featured several distinguished historians. Many Phi Alpha Theta members supported the conference as staff and ushers. Emily Bone, Baylus Brooks, and Sue Gurley created eye-catching posters for the event.
ECU’s J.Y. Joyner Library offers the prestigious (and lucrative) Rhem/Schwarzmann Prizes for Undergraduate Research each year. Papers must be based on primary sources drawn from Joyner Special Collections, an archive noted for its Military, Naval, Cold War, Science Fiction, and Eastern North Carolina collections. This is a competitive event, with a diverse panel of judges selected from professors across the university. For 2011, Phi Alpha Theta member Jacqueline Kempfer shared the top award for “A New Voice: The Undiscovered Histories of the Frederick C. Douglas Ledgers.”
Phi Alpha Theta Carolina Regionals
-March 2012-

Queens University of Charlotte And Davidson College
Charlotte, NC
In Ketner Auditorium, our day began with a welcoming ceremony by Suzanne Cooper of Queens University and Prof. Dudley of ECU, and the day ended here with Dr. Jack Tunstall giving his Keynote Address, “A Career in History: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.”

All eight of our students that attended the conference presented and listened to other Phi Alpha Theta members present papers.

Top Awards were earned by Ryan Goodman and John Jarrell in the Graduate division.
In the Spring, the Phi Alpha Theta Relay for Life Team, organized by 2011 Secretary Margaret Huffman with assistance from 2012 Treasurer John Jarrell, raised a healthy amount of money for the American Cancer Society. The effort gathered donations from professors, chapter members, and attendees at the Relay for Life. A most successful bake sale raised an additional $500 to fight cancer!
Throughout the year, our chapter worked hard to recruit a quality group of new members. Our leadership team understands that membership growth is essential to success. The 20 inductees are accomplished students who look forward to bringing a new level of excitement to the chapter.
In late April, the advisor and officers of the Lambda-Eta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta received invitations to East Carolina University’s annual Student Leadership Awards Banquet. After a fine meal and the anticipated speeches, receiving the coveted University Academic Excellence Award for 2011 / 2012 provided a most pleasant shock! Then, Dr. Dudley experienced his final surprise of the year.
Dr. Wade G. Dudley is the Lambda-Eta Chapter Advisor, Regional Director for the Carolinas, National Council Member (2012-2014), and serves on the Paper Prize Committee for Phi Alpha Theta. His day job is teaching three courses per semester while advising 25 percent of our History majors and serving on numerous thesis committees. Over the past decade, he has published eight books as well as many articles and book reviews. In his spare time, he loves to read (science fiction and historical fiction), paint miniature soldiers, and play games. Most of all, he loves his students and wants to see them succeed in life.

For his work with the Lambda-Eta Chapter, Dr. Dudley received East Carolina University’s Advisor of the Year Award for 2011/2012.
To conclude our 2011-2012 year in Phi Alpha Theta, 23 members of our chapter proudly graduated from East Carolina University. At graduation, each current officer was recognized and awarded the Richard C. Todd Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship. Phi Alpha Theta member Maria Hammack was named Outstanding Senior, while eight additional members received scholarships. Graduation was a time of celebration but also a showcase of the success and achievement of members in our chapter.