

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I am pleased to announce the completion of the thirty fifth volume of the Lambda Alpha Journal, a publication of the National Anthropology Honors Society. This year's volume presents seven papers with topics in biological, archaeological, and cultural anthropology. Volume 35 opens with an article by Eliza Wethey, addressing why there are two different styles of weaving among Latin American communities. In the next article, Keirsten E. Snover provides a cross-cultural comparison addressing the different perceptions of malaria among the Wandamba and the West. While Kimberly Casey, on the other hand, provides an evolutionary perspective addressing sickle cell anemia, malaria, and how malaria parasites play a role ensuring reproductive success in human populations who carry the sickle cell trait.

Immediately following, Matt Dreher reconstructs the environment, in which Neanderthals lived. The next article by Nidhi Jain, discusses dowry and marriage in modern-day India and the impact of modernization. In the next article, Patricia Stepanek addresses the integration of religions between two organizations, and concludes that they are both revitalization movements. The final article presented by Allison Deep, addresses the origins of the Minoan palatial form, and archaeological remains of three palaces. Finally, we conclude this volume with three book reviews on anthropological theory and the Marquesan notion of self.

This year's journal concludes with an updated list of chapters and advisors, followed by a recognition of past award recipients of the National Graduate Research Grants winners, National Scholarship Award winners, and the National Dean's List Scholarship winners. The Journal staff welcomes all of the recent chapters and all new members to the society. We also want to congratulate this year's award winners and wish them success in their future endeavors.

As a chapter sponsor and Journal Editor-In-Chief, I wish to extend my appreciation to all of the advisors and officers of the Lambda Alpha chapters across the nation. I would also like to thank the student authors for their contributions, and I offer a very special thank you to Ms. Sandi Harvey, student-editor, who has worked diligently with me to complete this volume.

Sincerely,

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Editor-In-Chief