

Editor's Note



I am honored to introduce to you the twenty-seventh edition of the Lambda Alpha Journal, the official publication of the National Anthropology Honor Society. Volume 27, although printed during the first weeks of 1997, comprises the annual issue for the calendar year of 1996. This means that we are finally caught up with the delays in our publication schedule caused by funding problems during 1994 and 1995. Volume 28 is presently in the planning stage and is scheduled for publication during the Summer of 1997. I am taking this opportunity to thank my student editors for their often herculean efforts and motivation. I also extend my greatest appreciation to Dr. Ben Swartz, National Executive Secretary, for his helpful suggestions. I also thank the Wichita State Student Government for their continued financial support without which we would be unable to publish. As the present volume goes to print, we continue to accept manuscript submissions for future volumes of the Journal. The editors are looking for article submissions and reviews, including film, book or article reviews which are of particular interest.

Prior to publishing Volume 25/26, the editors undertook a thorough revision of the format of the Journal to comply with the guidelines for *American Anthropologist*. The latter has long been our standard, if not in reality, at least in spirit. In our opinion, the recent changes in the *American Anthropologist* guidelines have not improved any on the format of that journal. Subsequently, the editors of the Lambda Alpha Journal have decided to maintain the current Lambda Alpha Journal format and *not* follow suit. We therefore ask future contributors to adhere to the format of volume 25/26 or volume 27.

The current issue is diverse in content and include paper contributions ranging from a sociocultural study of immigrant Filipino communities in the United States, to a study of urban anthropology in Brazil and another in the United States Midwest, to a study of social organization among the Hopi of the United States Southwest and a biological anthropological study of disease. In addition, the editors introduce a new section in the Journal dedicated entirely to reviews of anthropological or related literature. It is our hope that our readers will enjoy this addition and that they will consider contributing future reviews and commentary of current books, journal articles, films or exhibits.

I wish to close by thanking all the authors who submitted material for publication and I congratulate those whose papers were actually published. I also urge the Lambda Alpha Chapters and their Faculty Sponsors to continue to get behind their membership and provide them with the necessary encouragement and support to help get potential student papers in print. For twenty-five years the Lambda Alpha Journal has served as a forum for student publications and it is our desire to continue to do so.

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