

EDITOR'S NOTE

As the Editor-in-Chief, I am pleased to announce the completion of the twenty-ninth volume of the Lambda Alpha Journal, a publication of the National Anthropology Honors Society. The Journal continues to be a publication of student papers and contributions and is the result of contributions made by Lambda Alpha members from throughout the United States. The publication is made possible through the efforts of the Journal editorial staff residing at the founding chapter, Alpha of Kansas.

The Lambda Alpha Journal is a freestanding publication of the Lambda Alpha National Honor Society and continues to be a non-profit publishing medium for Lambda Alpha student members. The Journal is produced at no cost to the society. The funding for the Journal is obtained through subscriptions and from a continuing sponsorship by the Wichita State University Student Government Association. The Journal is student peer-reviewed and student submissions and award competitions are considered for publication each year. The Journal is available through selected library subscriptions and we look forward to any new institutional subscribers interested in receiving the Journal. We continue to provide subscriptions for overseas subscribers and we encourage both Chapter and individual membership subscriptions.

This year's volume presents six papers ranging in nature from biological to socio-cultural and archaeological anthropology. Volume twenty-nine opens with an article by Harle addressing issues of progressive social complexity using examples of hunter-gatherer societies. Immediately following, McDowell discusses the role of women artisans in traditional Japanese societies. In her paper on disease and anemia in childhood, Quave addresses issues of nutritional and medical anthropological nature and the effects of global efforts in health matters in the developing world. Rivers' contribution from a study of historical archaeology evaluates the application of dating techniques using window glass to determine temporal affiliation of historic structures. The debate over the origin of language is addressed by Cunningham in her paper *Language and Evolution*. She addresses issues of anatomical and physiological capacity of language among the hominine subfamily based on morphological evidence of comparative primate anatomy and from the fossil record. The volume closes with an article by Lynch addressing psychosocial issue in family planning matters.

This years journal concludes with an updated list chapters and advisors, followed by a recognition of past award recipients of the National Scholarship Award competition and the National Dean's List Scholarship.

Lambda Alpha continues to grow as a society and we hope to grow with the society. The Journal staff welcomes all of the recent chapters and all new members to the society and we take this opportunity to congratulate this years award winners wishing them success in their future endeavors. As a chapter sponsor and Journal Editor, I wish to extend my appreciation to all of the advisors and officers of the Lambda Alpha chapters across the nation and on the behalf of the special greeting to Dr. Swartz at the National Executive Office for his service to the society. Finally, I wish to thank the contributing student authors, the student editor, Ms. Carrie Luckey, and Ms. Amy Rosario and Mr. Mark Shirley for their contributions to the completion of volume twenty-nine.

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