

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I am pleased to announce the completion of the thirty eighth volume of the Lambda Alpha Journal, a publication of the National Anthropology Honors Society. This year's volume presents nine papers with topics in cultural, archaeological and biological anthropology. We have also included four book reviews.

In the first paper, Megan Bond provides a micro study on the differences between male and female international students of Indian descent at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in their ability to adapt or maintain their cultural heritage. Kristen Waymire's paper explores the concept of death and denial and its effect using Lifton's psychohistoric approach to the current occupation in Iraq. Joanna Bickham's discussion on white sclera involves both a cultural and biological perspective. Zoe Niesel's paper examines archaeological artifacts to uncover the site of Quirigua. In the next paper, Troy Belford's ecological and cultural approach to the consumption of bottled water is explored. Michael Teed's paper discusses the importance of gathering mean ceramic dates in the archaeological method by applying known mean ceramic dates (MCD) from one site, Lake of Isles, to an unknown chronology in Mashantucket. In attempt to argue for the importance of ethnographic fieldwork for the sake of anthropology, Matthew S. Harms gives the reader a delicious pick of ingredients. In the following paper, Ronald Hopper examines the settlement patterns of the Taino Indians. In the final paper, Frances Wise's zooarchaeological approach is used to analyze the cause and effects of the decrease of pacific herring among the coastal Native American local tribes.

We have included four book reviews. Readers are encouraged to submit manuscripts in this category, even anthropological film reviews. I suggest that the reviews provide students with an important alternative for students to apply critical thinking to anthropological literature. Also, abstracts from the 10th Annual Symposium are presented to highlight Lambda Alpha student papers.

We conclude volume 38 with an updated list of chapters and advisors, followed by a recognition of past award recipients of the National Graduate Research Grant, winners of the National Scholarship Award, and National Dean's List Scholarship.

The journal staff and I welcome all recent chapters and new members to the society. We congratulate this year's award winners and wish them success in their future endeavors. I extend my personal appreciation to all advisors and officers of the Lambda Alpha chapters across the nation and to the student authors for their contributions. I offer a very special thank you to Ms. Sandi Harvey, student-editor, for her diligent work to complete this volume.

Sincerely,

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Editor-In-Chief