
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I am pleased to announce the completion of the thirty ninth volume of the Lambda Alpha Journal, a publication of the National Anthropology Honors Society. This year's volume presents five papers with topics in biological, archaeological and cultural anthropology. Volume 39 opens with an article by Michael B. Kostelnik, Brian Beasley, Darren DeBruhl, Heidi Morrow, Lauren Holditch, Lindsey Sanner, Scott Peterson, Vanessa Wirth and James M. Nyce addressing the culture of independent inventors. The next article is by Jami Powell and discusses Osage ribbonwork and its revival.

Immediately following, Shelby S. Putt presents her study of Orangutan locomotion and how it relates to the origin of human bipedalism. Next is Angela Toole's article who is the recipient of the National Lambda Alpha Senior Scholarship Award. Her article discusses the levels of affiliation of a captive group of white-faced Saki Monkey's. Finally, we conclude this volume with an article by Aleksandra Fedunchak addressing the binary burden of hunger and obesity.

I encourage submission of book reviews. This year we have included three book 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 11th Annual Symposium are presented to highlight Lambda Alpha student papers.

This years journal concludes with an updated list of chapters and advisors, followed by a recognition of past award recipients of the National Scholarship Award competition and the National Dean's List Scholarship. 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, and the student editor, Ms. Michelle Maynor and Mr. James Simmerman, for their contributions to the completion of this volume.

Sincerely,

Peer H. Moore-Jansen

Editor-In-Chief