

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I am pleased to announce the completion of the thirty fourth volume of the Lambda Alpha Journal, a publication of the National Anthropology Honors Society. This year's volume presents four papers with topics in archaeological and cultural anthropology. Volume 34 opens with an article by Abigail Dumes addressing the role of Cameroonian *tontine* (a form of rotating savings and credit association) as an effective economic survival strategy. The next article is by Andrew Schumann and provides an ethnographic account of the physical therapist-patient relationship.

Immediately following, Janelle Mort gives us her own perspective on the relationship between spirituality and activism, specifically social and political activism. The next article is by Colin Quinn addressing the use-life and use-wear patterns of gunflints. Finally, we conclude this volume with three book reviews in the area of biological anthropology.

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, and the student editor, Ms. Veronica Hinkle, for their contributions to the completion of this volume.

Sincerely,

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Editor-In-Chief