

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I am pleased to announce the completion of the 40th volume of the Lambda Alpha Journal, a publication of the Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honors Society. This year's volume presents seven papers with topics in biological, archaeological and cultural anthropology as well as 2 book reviews.

The current issue of the Lambda Alpha Journal is not only the 40th volume; it is also an anniversary issue. As we put the final touches on the journal this past August, we of the founding chapter of Lambda Alpha at Wichita State University who work on the Chapter and the Journal found ourselves in turmoil of unpreparedness caused by the passing of Dr. Lowell D. Holmes. Throughout the semester, the faculty and students at Wichita State University worked together with Dr. Holmes family to organize and stage a memorial celebration to the life of Dr. Holmes and his contributions to Anthropology. As the founder of Lambda Alpha and the Lambda Alpha Journal (formerly the Lambda Alpha Journal of Man), he together with a small number of colleagues envisioned the National Anthropology Honor Society. As his colleague and co-editor for several years in the late 1980s and early 1990s, I feel particularly humbled by his contributions and his enthusiasm for his profession, his colleagues, and his students. His contributions to Lambda Alpha and Journal is but one of so many, but they are, in effect, contributions which have touched so many, even more who may never have known of him personally. I encourage submission of book reviews.

This year's 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 editor, Mr. James Simmerman, and the student authors for their contributions to the completion of this volume.

Sincerely,

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Editor-In-Chief