



Chapter Annual Report Cover Sheet

Deadline: June 30 (annually)

Chapters are required to submit an annual report to the national office which identifies key student officers and chapter advisor, and lists the chapter's activities for the past year. The information in this report is used to select the winners of the Best Chapter Awards, so chapters should take care to make them as complete as possible.

Beta Tau	University of Pennsylvania
CHAPTER GREEK NAME	INSTITUTION NAME
Eileen Doherty-Sil	July 1, 2008
CHAPTER FACULTY ADVISOR	CHAPTER ADVISOR START DATE
9417	64 (04/20/2016)
TOTAL INSTITUTION UNDERGRAD ENROLLMENT	TOTAL INITIATES and INITIATION DATE (2014-15)
chair approves each request	
ANNUAL BUDGET	CASH ON HAND

2015-16 STUDENT OFFICERS (IF APPLICABLE)	2016-17 STUDENT OFFICERS (IF APPLICABLE)
Samson Chow	Sarah Simon
PRESIDENT	PRESIDENT
Sarah Baldinger	Peter Cusack (VP of event planning)
VICE PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT
	Samuel Byers (VP of membership)
SECRETARY	SECRETARY
TREASURER	TREASURER

MARK ANY PI SIGMA ALPHA PROGRAMS THAT YOUR CHAPTER OR CHAPTER MEMBERS APPLIED FOR DURING 2015-16

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHAPTER ACTIVITY GRANT | <input type="checkbox"/> STUDENT CONFERENCE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNDERGRADUATE JOURNAL OF POLITICS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP | <input type="checkbox"/> INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEST PAPER OR THESIS COMPETITION |

On a separate piece of paper please describe the activities of your chapter over the course of the past year including:

- Programs sponsored by your chapter (including whether the programs were for members only, for department only, or for the university community or public).
- Any other notable activities during the academic year.
- Be descriptive! We want to learn as much about your activities as possible

PLEASE RETURN FORM AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS TO NATIONAL OFFICE VIA
EMAIL (OFFICE@PISIGMAALPHA.ORG) OR
POSTAL SERVICE (1527 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., NW WASHINGTON, DC 20036)

End of Year Report, Beta Tau Chapter (University of Pennsylvania)

The Beta Tau chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha is pleased to report the successful completion of the 2015-2016 academic year. This year's leadership continued to focus on enlarging student membership, as well as fostering a strong sense of community among students in the political science major. The Beta Tau chapter hosted a range of events on both substantive political issues and career/internship information and networking. The chapter hosted our annual Honors poster session, where sophomores and juniors can talk to senior honors thesis writers about the research process and any other issues of interest. For the first time, hosted the department's welcoming event for newly admitted students. And more than ever this year, our chapter leaders did a tremendous job of building relationships with other student groups by co-hosting events of mutual interest to foster cross-disciplinary connections. We were pleased to receive a chapter activity grant in the amount of \$1,125 for these student-to-student events.

The Beta Tau chapter is committed to fostering a broader political science community and collaborations at Penn – so all events are open to the entire university community.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES, 2015-2016

- A. Iran Nuclear Deal Campus Forum, September 9, 2015**
co-sponsored with Penn Democrats, International Affairs Association, PIPAC, JStreet, College Republicans
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1636982459906600/>
- B. Welcome Back Lunch, September 16, 2015**
- C. Working with Refugees from Iraq & Syria: A First-Hand Perspective, October 12, 2015**
Rami Al-Maqdasi, Former Director of Syrian Refugees Ministry for Samaritan's Purse
- D. Launch of Pi Sigma Alpha Mentor-Buddy System, October 13, 2015**
- E. Human Rights Internship Information Sharing Session, March 2, 2016**
co-sponsored with International Relations Program and Penn Graduate Certificate in Global Human Rights
- F. "Ides of March" Movie Screening, April 5, 2016**
co-sponsored with Asian Law & Politics Society
- G. Manny Pacquiao - Intersection of Politics and Celebrity Status, April 9, 2016**
co-sponsored with Penn Philippine Association
- H. "College Palooza" – Pi Sigma Alpha information table during Penn Quaker Days for newly admitted students, April 11, 2016**

I. Pi Sigma Alpha reception and Q/A session for newly admitted students and their parents, April 12, 2016

J. Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Poster Session & Luncheon, April 19, 2016

This event included:

- PSCI sophomores and juniors who are prospective thesis writers
- the Dean and Associate Deans of the College of Arts & Sciences;
- members of the College advising team
- representatives from the Center for Undergraduate Research & Fellowships
- Penn Faculty and doctoral students
- other Penn students

K. "AskCulture: What can you do with \$300?" April 21, 2016
co-sponsored with Korean Undergraduate Business Society

L. A chat with about International Security....(and Life as a PhD) " April 27, 2016
co-sponsored with Asia Law & Politics Society
Speaker – Hyun-Binn Cho, PhD candidate

Doherty-Sil, Eileen

From: Doherty-Sil, Eileen
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 8:08 AM
To: psci-majors@lists.upenn.edu; penn_psci-prospective-majors@googlegroups.com
Subject: POLITICAL SCIENCE Welcome Back reception!

Dear PSCI students,

We hope you had a great summer! To welcome everyone back to campus, **Pi Sigma Alpha will be serving pizza in the Stiteler Forum this Friday from noon to 2pm.**

Please stop by to enjoy great food and conversation! Hope to see you there!

From:
Pi Sigma Alpha Executive Board

- Sarah Baldinger (sarahbal@wharton.upenn.edu)
- Samson Chow (chows@sas.upenn.edu)
- Sean Hamamoto (hamasean@sas.upenn.edu)

Doherty-Sil, Eileen

From: Doherty-Sil, Eileen
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 9:20 AM
To: Pi Sigma Alpha
Cc: Norton, Anne; Meredith, Marc N.
Subject: Recent Beta Tau event - Responding to the Refugee Crisis

Hi Sean -

Just thought I would share one of our recent chapter events with the national office! We got great feedback from the participating students (photos below).

Hope you are well - Eileen

PI SIGMA ALPHA POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY invites you to:

Working with Refugees from Iraq & Syria: A First-Hand Perspective

Rami Al-Maqdasi
Former Director of Syrian Refugees Ministry for Samaritan's Purse

October 12, 12:00 pm
Griski Room Houston Hall

Rami Al-Maqdasi is a peacemaker from the Iraq-Syria diaspora who has advocated for the interests of refugees from conflicts in both Iraq and Syria. He was the Director of Syrian Refugees Ministry with the international relief organization Samaritan's Purse, overseeing the distribution of food and clothing to refugees in Erbil, Iraq. He also worked for ten years with Operation Blessing, the Alliance church in Syria and Iraq, and Crisis Response International to provide translation services for people displaced by war and unrest. He has first-hand experience the realities of the wars in Iraq and Syria, the experiences of religious minorities in those countries, the challenges faced by refugees, and the impact of NGOs and nonprofit organizations in places of unrest. Rev. Maqdasi is an ordained pastor with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Syria and Lebanon.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Fwd: Responding to the Refugee Crisis
Date: Mon, 12 Oct 2015 12:59:38 -0400
From: Pastor Sarah <preachSarah@gmail.com>
To: dohertye@sas.upenn.edu <dohertye@sas.upenn.edu>

<http://www.wrapsnet.org/Portals/1/Affiliate%20Directory%20Posting/FY%202014%20Affiliate%20Directory/Public%20Affiliate%20Directory%2010-09-15.pdf>

Doherty-Sil, Eileen

From: Samson Chow <chows@sas.upenn.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 2:26 PM
To: Doherty-Sil, Eileen
Cc: SEAN HAMAMOTO; Sarah Baldinger; Sarah Baldinger
Subject: Samson Chow, PSA: Mentor-Buddy System Blurb

Hi Dr. D,

As per our conversation, please see below for the blurb for the Mentor-Buddy System.

"The Beta Tau chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society at Penn has recently undergone a new initiative. The organization's board has established a Mentor-Buddy system, in which PSA members, who are mostly upperclassmen, offer advice on academic, social, and professional matters to underclassmen. The objective of this project is to enhance the emphasis on community-service by PSA, as well as to recruit potential political science majors into the society. The format of the system is that a PSA member, who serves as a "mentor," is paired up with an underclassman or two (i.e. the "buddies"); the former will provide guidance on college life to the latter. Mentors are expected to meet with their buddies once a month; both parties are encouraged to participate in PSA events and those specifically targeted to enhance bonds between mentors and buddies."

Please let me know if the national society has decided to provide a grant for this particular project. Thanks!

Regards,
Samson Chow

Doherty-Sil, Eileen

From: HUMAN RIGHTS <PSCI258-001-16A@LISTS.UPENN.EDU> on behalf of Doherty-Sil, Eileen <dohertye@SAS.UPENN.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 12:07 PM
To: PSCI258-001-16A@LISTS.UPENN.EDU
Subject: TODAY!- Human Rights Internship information-sharing session

*****REMINDER*****

PI SIGMA ALPHA POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY
THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAM
and
THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES IN GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS

Invite you to join us for food and conversation:

Human Rights Internship information-sharing session

WEDNESDAY, March 2
5:00 p.m.
Silverstein Forum, Stiteler Hall

- ✓ Hear from fellow students about their internship experiences**
- ✓ Meet and share ideas with like-minded students
- ✓ Learn about the Graduate Certificate in Global Human Rights

**Participants have been involved with the following organizations –

- International Center for Transitional Justice, Johannesburg
- Rural Ghana
- Jubilee USA
- US Dept of State, Office of International Religious Freedom
- HIAS (refugee protection)
- Human Rights First
- Rwanda Agahozo Shalom Youth Village, NY Office
- Office of NYC Commissioner & Chair of Human Rights
- Philadelphia Mayor's Office of Community Empowerment
- Philadelphia District Attorney, Family Violence & Sexual Assault Unit
- Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia
- Nashville International Center for Empowerment
- Hollings Center for International Dialogue, Istanbul
- Human rights-related think tanks

Doherty-Sil, Eileen

From: Samson Chow <chows@sas.upenn.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 4:48 PM
To: Doherty-Sil, Eileen
Cc: Baldinger, Sarah A
Subject: Fwd: [ALPS] ALPS Movie Screening

Hi Dr. D,

Here's a copy of the email for advertising the movie screening on April 5. As you can see from the message, PSA is included as an event organizer.

Regards,
Samson Chow

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Asian Law & Politics Society" <upennalps@gmail.com>
Subject: [ALPS] ALPS Movie Screening
Date: March 28, 2016 at 4:46:09 PM EDT
To: alps-2015-2016@googlegroups.com

ALPS & PSA Presents: Ides of March

In the midst of a heated election season, the Asian Law & Politics Society and Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society are pleased to announce a screening of The Ides of March as an extension on U.S. election culture. Pennsylvania Governor Mike Morris (George Clooney) and his campaign manager Stephen Meyers (Ryan Gosling) attempt to secure delegates to win the Democratic Primary. When dirty politics and a potential scandal are thrown into the mix, things get complicated - will Meyers prioritize his candidate's victory, his morals, or his own career?

Date: Tuesday, April 5

Location: Huntsman G92

-- Pizza will be served --

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You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google Groups "ALPS 2015-2016"

Doherty-Sil, Eileen

From: No title defined <PSCI-MAJORS@LISTS.UPENN.EDU> on behalf of Doherty-Sil, Eileen <dohertye@SAS.UPENN.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2016 2:49 PM
To: PSCI-MAJORS@LISTS.UPENN.EDU
Subject: Penn Philippine Assn & Pi Sigma Alpha present - "Discussion on Pacquiao and Politics"

Before Pacquiao's last fight, come join the Penn Philippine Association and the Pi Sigma Political Science Honors Society as we talk about the intersection of politics and celebrity status, particularly when it comes to Manny Pacquiao. We'll also be discussing informed voting and Philippine politics. Food will be served!

Location: JMHH 360

Date: April 9

Time: 7:30PM

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/207613146274645/>

Doherty-Sil, Eileen

From: sarahbaldinger@gmail.com on behalf of Sarah Baldinger
<sarahbal@wharton.upenn.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 4:59 PM
To: Doherty-Sil, Eileen
Subject: DRAFT: Represent the Political Science Department at College Palooza!

Hi folks,

We are looking for people to help out at the Political Science table at College Palooza this year! On April 11th from 11am to 2pm, come meet prospective students and tell them about your Penn experience.

Please contact sarahbal@wharton.upenn.edu if you are available to take a shift at the table.

Thank you!!

*Sent to
Pi Sigma
Alpha
members*

Doherty-Sil, Eileen

From: Doherty-Sil, Eileen
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 9:57 AM
To: 'psci-faculty@mailman.ssc.upenn.edu'; Summers, Mary E; Martinez, Deirdre
Subject: Department open house TODAY 2-3pm -for newly admitted students

Dear Colleagues,

If you have a moment to stop by the Forum today between 2-3, we are having an open house for newly admitted students. (This is part of the Quaker Days schedule; the College has asked that we host an event for interested students).

As always, please let me know if you have any questions!
Best, Eileen

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Walk-in advising hours:
MW: 2:30-4:30
TR: 10:00-12:00

*PSA Reception/
Q & A for
new
Students*

Doherty-Sil, Eileen

From: Doherty-Sil, Eileen
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 4:31 PM
To: psci-primary@mailman.ssc.upenn.edu
Subject: CORRECTION: APRIL 19- Save the date - Honors Poster Session

Sorry, everyone – I meant

TUESDAY APRIL 19

(corrected below, too)

From: Doherty-Sil, Eileen
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 4:25 PM
To: psci-primary@mailman.ssc.upenn.edu
Subject: Save the date - Honors Poster Session

Dear Colleagues:
Please mark your calendars for the

Political Science Honors Program Poster Session / Luncheon

Tuesday, April 19
12:00 – 1:30 pm
Houston Hall 223 (The Golkin Room)

I hope you'll be able to join us!
Eileen

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Doherty-Sil, Eileen

From: No title defined <PSCI-MAJORS@LISTS.UPENN.EDU> on behalf of Doherty-Sil, Eileen <dohertye@SAS.UPENN.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 7:50 AM
To: PSCI-MAJORS@LISTS.UPENN.EDU
Subject: "AskCulture" student event - Korean Undergrad Business Society and Pi Sigma Alpha

"Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Society and Korean Undergraduate Business Society would like to invite you to 'AskCulture: What can you do with \$300?', a speaker panel featuring Sunki Hong, whose start-up reflects a huge trend of digitization of South Korea's economy heavily sponsored by the nation's government.

AskCulture is a brand-new start-up funded by the Korean government, focusing on mutual sharing of cultural contents between the tourists or visitors and local residents. The CEO of AskCulture, Sunki Hong, is coming to Penn campus to speak about his experiences, especially with two themes: traveling the world with \$200 and starting a business with \$300.

Please join this event on **April 21 (Thursday) at 7 PM** at **JMHH 270!** Food will be served.

For the Facebook Event page, please click on the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/604876843002856/604995162991024/>"

Doherty-Sil, Eileen

From: Samson Chow <chows@sas.upenn.edu>
Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2016 5:41 PM
To: Doherty-Sil, Eileen
Subject: ALPS x PSA Presents: International Security, the PhD Life, and Wings w/ Mr. Hyun-Binn Cho

Hi Dr. D,

Would you please forward the following blurb to the PSCI major and minor listservs for a PSA-sponsored event? Thanks!

Join Asia Law & Politics Society and Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society for on **April 27** from **8PM to 9PM** for a relaxing, informal roundtable chat with Hyun-Binn Cho on International Security, specifically the current situation in South China Sea, and life as a PhD! Hyun-Binn Cho is a PhD candidate in Political Science. He specializes in East Asian security issues, in particular, those relating to China and Korea. He also currently teaches the Intro to International Relations course at the College of Liberal and Professional Studies. Binn is originally from Korea, but grew up in England. He earned his bachelors degree from the LSE and earned two Masters degrees, one from Seoul National University and the other from Columbia University. Outside of academia, Binn also has internship experiences with the UN, Korean Foreign Ministry, Korean National Assembly, and the Financial Times. The event will be held in **JMHH G92**. Wings will be served.

Regards,
Samson Chow