

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

January 2021

Greetings from the AKD Board

Welcome to the Spring 2021 Semester!

Congratulations we all made it through 2020! This new year has is off to a very interesting start. I know for many of us it has been difficult over the past year to focus on our research, writing, and classwork with these events happening around us. I encourage all of you to try and take time to think about the good things in your life and in the world. If 2020 taught me anything is that we need to be compassionate with ourselves and others. I hope that you all have had a good and got some well-deserved rest.

I want to thank all of the members of the board and our department for all of their support for our events this past fall. The NAMI walk was fun. We fortunately had a beautiful morning for our walks. Which is unusual, but a nice treat.

A big thank you to everyone who donated to and purchased items from this year's Virtual Silent Auction. We were able to raise \$900, which as Chloe Miller put is - "Is the most money AKD has ever raised for a virtual auction!"

This upcoming term will look very much the same as it did for the Fall as all AKD events will be virtual. For grad students this means more game & movie nights are coming your way. Also, AKD will be holding a department wide raffle in March to raise money for AKD and support local eateries. We will also be holding the first Virtual Trivia Tournament for the department. A full list of events and dates are listed on the last page.

In other exciting news we will be having Dr. Ranita Ray, author of *The Making of a Teenage Service Class: Poverty and Mobility in an American City*, as the guest speaker for the AKD Banquet.

This year the AKD Banquet will, like our other events, be held virtually over Zoom. We will still be doing inductions and awards along with hearing from our guest speaker as normal just in a new format.

As always AKD is looking for new ideas, opportunities, and ways to optimize how we do things. We are always open to suggestions. We



are also currently requesting volunteers to serve on the board next year. If you are interested in joining the AKD Board for the 2021 - 2022 academic year, please email me directly adaviesr@kent.edu.

We especially want to thank everyone who has contributed their time and resources to AKD over the years: past boards, our faculty advisor, and members of the department. Thank you all, we could not do this without you.

Best,
Amelia Davies Robinson, President
Courtney Dress, Vice President
Cynthia Hunt, Treasurer
Chloe Miller, Social Chair
Brandon Ehlinger, Secretary
Maddy Steward, Program Chair
Michelle Fretwell, Program Chair
Dr. Kristen Marcussen, Advisor

January Events for Grad Students

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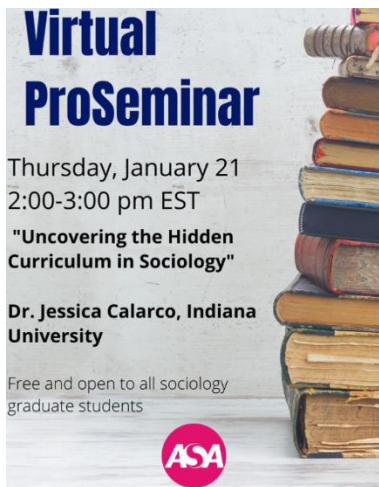
January 21, 2021 2:00-3:00 pm EST

Inaugural Session of the ASA Virtual Pro-Seminar

Featuring Dr. Jessica Calarco's

"Uncovering the Hidden Curriculum in Sociology"

To register for this free event:



https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PnCSjwr2Tle2JywIVt94g

AKD National

January 31, 2021 7:00 pm Eastern

The Graduate Student Lounge, organized by Alpha Kappa Delta National.

Event title: *January juggling? Making time and space so there is a You to defend a dissertation someday!*

AKD will be discussing how to establish work/life balance, how to avoid burn-outs, and how to practice self-care despite all the PhD- related stressors.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://usc.zoom.us/j/96521175667?pwd=Wi9KdW9hL1B0OXJsaEVpRThpa0c4QT09>

Meeting ID: 965 2117 5667

Passcode: 960899



The Graduate Student Lounge

Workshops, seminars, & discussions for graduate students. The Grad Student Lounge is a new project by AKD, the International Sociology Honor Society. It provides a space for sociology graduate students across universities, regions, and subdisciplines to talk about practical topics related to academics, career, advising, teaching, etc. Seminars are held once per month on Sunday or Monday evenings via Zoom at 6:00 pm EST.

All graduate students in Sociology are welcome -- you do not have to be a member of AKD or part of a current chapter of AKD at your school. Sign up for workshop notification!



What is AKD?

Alpha Kappa Delta at Kent State is a graduate-student run organization with a faculty advisor. We have three main goals:

1. Promote student achievement
2. Facilitate professional socialization
3. Be good members of our community

Here's how we do that:

- Organizing workshops on professional skills that students are interested in learning about.
- Celebrating student achievement with an end-of-the-year awards banquet.
- Offering funding for conference travel and holding paper award contests via the national AKD organization.
- Organizing department-wide social gatherings to help socialize students.
- Volunteering with local community groups that work to alleviate pressing social problems.

Everything AKD does is a community effort. We rely on your input, service, and support to accomplish these goals. When the time comes to ask what you can do for your department, come. Help us build something.

Kent AKD Events for Spring 2021

January

Happy Hour & Game Night - Friday, January 22nd at 6pm
Get together with fellow grad student.



February

Movie Night - Friday, February 5th at 6 pm
Join AKD to watch Disney's new movie *Soul*!

Game Night - Friday, February 26th at 6 pm
Get together with fellow grad student.

March

Trivia Tournament - Friday, March 5th at 6pm
Open Invitation!

Movie Night - Friday, March 26th at 6 pm
Join AKD to watch *The Lorax* or *Goodfellas*



April

AKD Banquet – Friday, April 9th at 6pm
Our Annual Spring Induction & Awards Banquet!
Guest speaker Dr. Ranita Ray from UNLV
Check out her TedTalk here:

https://www.ted.com/talks/ranita_ray_let_s_change_how_we_think_about_poverty

Summer 2021

AKD Picnic – Date TBD

Once we *can* gather in person safely. AKD will be hosting our end of year picnic! Fun, food, games, and Soc people IRL!

