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New York Region Honors Conference

How the World Works: Global Perspectives

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Monroe Community College
Alpha Theta Iota Chapter
Rochester, New York
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Monroe Community College

Inspiring since 1961.

Innovation has always been at the heart of Monroe Community College. For more than 50 years, we’ve evolved to meet the ever-changing needs of our students and our community. We’ve developed new and exciting degree programs, created unique educational and workforce initiatives, and built contemporary urban and suburban campus facilities.

Monroe Community College was established in 1961 under founding chairman, Samuel J. Stabins, M.D. MCC’s first Board of Trustees comprised Rochester’s leading professionals in business, health care, education and law as appointed by Monroe County and New York State. That same year, MCC was established as a member of the State University of New York (SUNY) System.

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New York Phi Theta Kappa Regional Team

Regional Coordinator:
Dr. Alex D’Erizans, Borough of Manhattan Community College

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Professor Alex d’Erizans is Associate Professor of History and Senior Faculty Advisor for the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at the Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY. He received his B.A. in Political Science and History from Duke University, and his Ph.D. in History from the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign). As a scholar of modern Europe, with a concentration on German, Russian, and military history, Dr. d’Erizans wrestles with the physical and psychological challenges and displacements resulting from utopian projects of transformation, and explores the reconfiguration of grass-roots identities. Throughout the 2010/2011 academic year, he participated in a workshop entitled, From Inquiry to Innovation: Integrating the Humanities into General Education, a one-year interdisciplinary multi-campus initiative (meeting at Hostos Community College) promoting the teaching of specifically the Humanities at CUNY, helping faculty develop syllabi and curricula that will unify students’ academic experience, and generating ideas for First-Year Inquiry and Capstone courses. Most recently, he has coauthored an article detailing a unit plan based upon the Paris Peace Conference of 1919, which appeared in The Clearing House: A Journal of Educational Strategies, Issues, and Ideas 85 (4), as well as published a piece in The Historical Journal (volume 58 (1), pp. 183-215), entitled “Securing the Garden and Longings for Heimat in postwar Hanover, 1945-1948,” scrutinizing private garden plots in order to wrestle with the way in which Germans related to displaced persons (DPs)—former foreign workers, Allied POWs, and concentration camp inmates—in immediate post-WWII Hanover. He has also co-developed a History In-Sight video series, a video podcast series providing viewers -- specifically pre - and in - service history/social studies teachers -- with the opportunity to engage the craft of historians in an authentic and meaningful way, a series currently utilized by teacher education faculty at three institutions—Ball State University, The University of Tennessee and The University of Central Florida. Currently, Dr. d’Erizans is co-directing an endeavor examining the effectiveness of utilizing music (primary source) in the classroom as a teaching tool. Harnessing Dimitri Shostakovich’s Seventh Symphony, composed amidst the Nazi siege of Leningrad (from September 1941 - January 1944) during the Second World War, the study seeks to demonstrate the extent to which such music elucidates understanding and encourages reflection amongst students concerning revolution, Stalinism, and total war in the Soviet Union.

Dr. Annie Tuttle is an Associate Professor of Sociology at SUNY – Onondaga Community College. She received her B.A. in Sociology and Political Science from The University of Texas at Arlington and M.S. and Ph.D. in Sociology from Florida State University. Dr. Tuttle specializes in gender and sexualities studies, social stratification and environmental sociology. Her current research focuses on the experiences of gay and lesbians at work, specifically understanding the mechanisms of acceptance that gays and lesbians experience at work. She has been a Phi Theta Kappa advisor for four years and is excited about serving on the regional level. Dr. Tuttle also organizes study abroad programs on her campus and will be taking OCC students to Cuba in May. In her spare time she loves to travel and work on house projects with her fiancé, Melissa.
Ilhom Islomov is a Presidential Scholar Honors student at Kingsborough Community College. He moved to New York City in 2010 from Uzbekistan. It was very challenging for him to learn English as his 4th language and adapt to a new culture. At KCC his major is Chemistry. He wants to get his bachelor’s degree at Hunter College then finish his masters at New York University and become a professional dentist. He has volunteered and gained a lot of experience at dentist’s office past two summers. Ilhom is the Southern District Vice President of New York Region for Phi Theta Kappa. He is also the Treasurer for his chapter at KCC and Student Advisement and Management (SAM) club, Honors Rising Student who is always helping his community. During his free times, he loves to do calisthenics, play guitar and read inspiring books by successful people. Currently he is working on his Organic Chemistry research and he is extremely thankful for all the opportunities he has.

Michaela Rodican was born in Bronx, NY on September 25, 1995. She attended Westchester Community College where she completed her Associate’s Degree in Liberal Arts and Humanities. She was involved with the Alpha Iota Omicron chapter, serving as the Vice President of Service and Treasurer. She continued being involved with Phi Theta Kappa as the Alumni Representative. Playing Irish music is her favorite hobby and she has had the opportunity to play music competitively on the international level representing New York in Ireland, but she also enjoys playing basketball and Gaelic Football. She looks forward to the plethora of opportunities that will come her way.

Sean Deery currently attends Suffolk County Community College in Northampton, NY. Sean is in his third semester of a Business Administration Degree that he will complete in the Spring of 2017. Sean hopes to attend Cornell University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in the Fall of 2017 for Applied Economics. Currently working as an office assistant and bookkeeper for a Garden Design Company, Sean has realized his appreciation for nature and feels that his interests in business will bring a well rounded foundation to bring to the field of sustainability. Along with his position as VP of the Western Region of New York, Sean is also the president of his local PTK chapter, coordinating the awareness campaign a Breast Cancer Walk being held on his campus, coordinating a Talent and Fashion Show to fundraiser for the Vail Leavitt Music Hall as well as an active member of the Gender Sexuality Alliance and Backyard Garden Group.

Lauren Bury, the NY Regional President, is an inspiring International Business and Marketing Major from Suffolk County Community College. She is also involved within her own Chapter, Alpha Delta Gamma, as the VP of Leadership. She’s a proud Gold Award and lifetime Girl Scout. She hopes to become an international representative and travel the world. She’s already been to Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia through the organization called People to People. Traveling has become a true passion and she hopes to go road tripping across America within the next year. She’s graduating in spring and is hoping to transfer to either: Georgetown, Columbia, and or Elizabethtown College.

MY name is Samantha Daley and I am the Northern District VP for New York. I am an Adolescent Education major with intentions to transfer to a four year school to become a teacher in Art and/or Social Studies. I enjoy working with Phi Theta Kappa because of all the different opportunities and and people that I encounter. I have become significantly more confident in myself and my abilities since joining Phi Theta Kappa and I hope that you do too!
In the early 1980’s, former Monroe Community College President, Dr. Peter Spina, encouraged Dr. Betty Jo Hopkins, the Dean of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, to establish an MCC Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honors Society of Two Year Colleges. With the active support of Mr. R. Thomas Flynn, then Vice President of Student Services, the Alpha Theta Iota Chapter was chartered in March of 1982, and twenty students were inducted. In the academic year 2016-2017, a record number of 406 students were inducted, and the current membership is 700 students. In the past three decades over 30,000 students have been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa at Monroe Community College.
Friday, October 28, 2016

3:00pm – 6:00pm  Check in at the Double Tree Hotel
  Sponsored by Nazareth College – Lynne Van Zandt

6:15pm – 7:00pm  Welcome and Dinner
  Sponsored by St. John Fisher – Michelle Gosier

7:00pm – 9:00pm  General Session I – Ballroom
  Call to Order
  Roll Call
  Zeta – Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Chapter – Lori Mould

  Keynote Speaker
  Dr. Nayda Pares- Kane, Interim Dean,
  Humanities and Social Sciences

  Announcements

9:00pm – 9:45pm  Seminar Groups

10:00pm – 12:00am Fellowship Event sponsored by Regional Officers and Zeta

Seminar Group meeting rooms
Henrietta A/B
Henrietta C/D
Winton Room
Ballroom A
Ballroom B
7:30am – 8:30am  Breakfast at Hotel  
Shuttle Leaves from the hotel at 8:15 and 8:30am

9:00am – 10:30am  General Session II – at Monroe Community College  
R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center  
*Sponsored by New York Institute of Technology*

Roll Call
New York Institute of Technology – Deniz Gezlev
Nominations for New York Regional Executive Secretary
International Headquarters Update – Onjalai Flake

**Keynote Speaker** – Justin Jones-Fosu
Announcements

10:30am – 10:45am  Snack Break

10:45am – 11:30am  Seminar Groups

11:30am – 1:00pm  Lunch and Transfer Fair – Market Place

1:00pm – 1:30pm  **New York Regional Officer Workshop Series**

1:00pm – 1:30pm  Advisors Meeting – Monroe A & B

1:30pm – 2:00pm  Campaign Speeches – Monroe A & B

2:15pm – 5:00pm  Extending Learning Opportunities

5:30pm – 6:00pm  **Dinner and Voting** – Monroe A & B  
*Sponsored by The University of Rochester*

6:00pm – 7:15pm  **General Session III**  
The University of Rochester – Tanya Strachan
**Keynote Speaker** – Professor Mark Sample, History Department
Announcements

7:30pm – 8:15pm  Seminar Groups

9:00pm – Midnight  Halloween Masquerade Dance  
*Sponsored by Monroe Community College*

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- Election Results
- Regional Goals and Initiatives
- Closing

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Nayda Pares-Kane, Ph.D., interim Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences

Nayda Pares-Kane joined Monroe Community College in 1999. She has served the college as a professor of sociology and former chair of MCC’s Anthropology, History, Political Science and Sociology Department. Her research interests include community organizing, racial justice, urban racial segregation, and global interdependence. She has dedicated her academic career to examining fundamental questions surrounding global citizenship, identity, power, privilege, and inequality. Dr. Pares-Kane holds a doctorate in American Studies from the State University of New York at Buffalo’s Department of Transnational Studies, a master of arts degree from San Diego State University and a bachelor of arts degree from Binghamton University.

Justin Fosu-Jones

In 2008, Justin was named one of Ebony Magazine’s “30 Young Leaders Under 30 On the Rise.” He is an author, an award-winning entrepreneur, and a professional speaker. He published his first book *Inspiration for Life: Dream Bigger, Do More, Live Fuller!* He recently launched his second book: “Finding Your Glasses: Revealing and Achieving Authentic Success,” which challenges the reader to find his or her own prescription for a successful life. Students emerge from his programs excited, energized and ready for the challenges that face them in your college community.

Students will be impacted by his energy, enthusiasm and encouragement. He is very passionate about helping students do the right things and formulate action plans for their lives and campus communities.

“I’m all about students taking action in their lives,” Justin said. “When they take their vision and put it into action, they are better leaders, more effective communicators and agents for change in their campus community and in their world.”

Mark Sample

Professor Mark Sample began studying history years before he ever attended college. As a young man out of high school he worked odd jobs, but always loved films and reading. In 1981, at the tender age of 19, Mark saw the film “Reds” and it changed his life. The story of American radicals during WWI caused Mark to seek out biographies and other history books about those characters and events. After nine years researching that topic, and a branching out into many others, Mark began attending MCC with the goal of becoming a professor of history. Eventually he would go to SUNY Brockport for his Bachelors and Masters degrees.

After his college education Mark began teaching at the Middle and High school levels. By 2000 Mark began teaching at MCC. He has been here since then and has found great success and satisfaction.

Mark has lived in Rochester his whole life and plans to teach at MCC until he retires. He is also the proud father of 3 children.
Dr. Elizabeth Johnston

Elizabeth Johnston is a feminist scholar, poet, and teacher whose academic and creative interests lie in deconstructing myths about gender and sexuality. In 2005, she earned her PhD from West Virginia University in 18th Century British Literature, focusing on the history of women writers and the culture of female rivalry.

Elizabeth’s poetry has been nominated for two Pushcart prizes and a Best of the Net award and has been published in dozens of journals and edited collections. Most recently, two of her poems, one about Natalie Holloway’s abduction and another about the stoning of women in the Middle East, appear in the book Veils, Halos, and Shackles: An International Anthology of Women’s Oppression and Empowerment. Her academic publications similarly examine representations of femininity in popular culture, ranging from standards of beauty in the Middle East and North Africa, to representations of domestic violence in popular song, to depictions of maternal imagery in advertising.

Elizabeth is particularly interested in shifting representations of mythic women like Medusa and Barbie and is working on a book about female icons in popular culture, a project borne out of an Honors course she designed.

A founding member of the writer’s group, Straw Mat Writers (http://strawmatwriters.weebly.com), Elizabeth facilitates writing workshops at the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester. She has been teaching in the English and Philosophy Department at Monroe Community College since 2003, and in 2014 received the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Onjalai Flake, Associate Director of Regional and Chapter Services, Division I & II, International Officer Candidate Coordinator

Onjalai Flake joined the Phi Theta Kappa international headquarters staff in February 2014. She earned an Associate of Arts Transfer Degree as well as an associate degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management from Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Oregon, where she accepted membership into Phi Theta Kappa. Onjalai completed her bachelor’s degree in Broadcast Journalism and Communication Arts at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon. She plans on pursuing her Master’s in 2017.

As a Phi Theta Kappa member, Onjalai has held several leadership roles on a local, regional and international level. She was 2008-2009 Vice President of Service, 2009-2010 Chapter President, and 2020-2011 Vice President of Scholarship for the Rho Theta Chapter at Mt. Hood Community College. She served as the 2010-2011 International Vice President for Division IV, and she most recently served as the 2011-2013 President for the Rocky Mountain Cascade Regional Alumni Association. In 2015 The Rocky Mountain Cascade Region named an award after her entitled the Onjalai Flake Distinguished Alumni Award recognizing alumni that have contributed to the region’s success and cultivate the ideals and four hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa. She was also a named a Guistwhite Scholar.

As the Associate Director of Regional and Chapter Development for Division I & II, Onjalai supports the members and advisors of the chapters and regions of Division I & II in their efforts to increase membership acceptance and program participation and to increase Phi Theta Kappa awareness on campuses, with college administrators and within the community. As the International Officer Candidate Coordinator she promotes the International Officer program to members, advisors and regional coordinators; provide education on International Officer experience to interested candidates.
Community College and Beyond!
As you are nearing the end of your time at your Community College, are you feeling a bit overwhelmed about your choices...do I transfer? The college brochures and letters are piling up!! Where do I transfer? What campus is the best fit? Your head will be spinning but the world is at your grasp! What will be the next step in your life's journey? There are so many avenues to explore and your choice/s could ultimately change the course of your path. Do you really want to continue your education or is it time to strike out on your career path? Let's talk about how to put your best foot forward regardless of what you decide to do with your future.

*Presenter: Lori Mould, President of Zeta of New York*

Five Star Competitive Edge:
In this workshop the Five Star Competitive Edge will be broken down into simplistic format and its benefits explained. This self-paced program is available to all Phi Theta Kappa members and should be used to create and improve on soft skills. There will be an explanation on have soft skills will help you in the work world and will be discussed how to present it on a resume. We hope we can show you how to take advantage of this amazing program.

*Presenters: Lauren Bury, Regional President and Ilholm Islamov, Vice President, Southern District*

Navigating the PTK Site and its Available Resources
In this workshop, members will be able to see where to go for available resources such as information on the college project, Honors in Action project, scholarships, and Five Star Competitive Edge. The new PTK site has had a makeover and can be pretty confusing. This will give new, current, and alumni members an opportunity to become familiar with the new format for the PTK site- the primary source for all things PTK related! The primary reason for navigating the site is because as an active member in your chapter, you will most like have to access the PTK site on multiple occasions. It is helpful to know ahead of time before needing to submit those reports, projects, and applications so you can maintain an orderly schedule.

*Presenter: Samantha Daley, Northern VP*

5 Star Chapter Plan: Scheduling for Success
In this workshop the 5 Star Chapter Plan will be broken down into a comprehensive format. Each step will help you build a strong and active chapter. Participation in the 5 Star Chapter Plan is how the region awards outstanding member and chapter involvement. On your way to becoming a 5 Star Chapter you will increase awareness for PTK on your campus, form connections with your administration, and most importantly make a positive impact on your college and members.

*Sean Deery, Western Vice President, New York Region, Phi Theta Kappa*
Mt. Hope Cemetery

Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, New York, founded in 1838, is one of the United States’ first municipal rural cemeteries. Situated on 196 acres (793,000 m²) (0.3 square miles) of land adjacent to the University of Rochester on Mount Hope Avenue, the cemetery is the permanent resting place of over 350,000 people. The annual growth rate of this cemetery is 500-600 burials per year.

Mount Hope also contains the ruins of a now outdated catacomb system, most notably with its sealed entrance on the east-facing drumlin upon entering the cemetery from the north. Its alternative entrance (also sealed) can be found in the Sunken Garden of Warner Castle across Mt. Hope Avenue. In 2010, G. Gotham Smith shot a segment of the feature film 3.14 around the pond and catacombs.

Strong Museum of Play

The Strong® is a highly interactive, collections-based museum devoted to the history and exploration of play. It is one of the largest history museums in the United States and one of the leading museums serving families. http://www.museumofplay.org/about

The Strong houses the world’s largest and most comprehensive collection of historical materials related to play and is home to the International Center for the History of Electronic Games, the National Toy Hall of Fame, the World Video Game Hall of Fame, the Brian Sutton-Smith Library and Archives of Play, the Woodbury School, and the American Journal of Play. Together, these enable a multifaceted array of research, exhibition, and other interpretive and educational activities that serve a diverse audience of adults, families, children, students, teachers, scholars, collectors, and others around the globe.

Rochester Museum and Science Center

The Rochester Museum and Science Center (RMSC) houses 200 hands-on exhibits, Strasenburgh Planetarium, authentic collections, experiential learning opportunities and themed programs in science, technology, engineering and math. There are also over 12 million collection items, many on display and online, that reveal Rochester’s rich history of innovation. The RMSC welcomes more than 350,000 visitors a year.

The George Eastman Museum

The George Eastman Museum is located in Rochester, New York, on the estate of George Eastman, the pioneer of popular photography and motion picture film. Founded in 1947 as an independent nonprofit institution, it is the world’s oldest photography museum and one of the oldest film archives. The museum holds unparalleled collections—encompassing several million objects—in the fields of photography, cinema, and photographic and cinematographic technology, and photographically illustrated books. The institution is also a longtime leader in film preservation and photographic conservation.
Participants in PTK College Fair 2016

Alfred University
Canisius College
Cazenovia College
CUNY Hunter College
Hartwick College
Johnson and Wales University
La Salle University
Manhattanville College
Medaille College
College of Mount Saint Vincent
Nazareth College
University of New Haven
New York Institute of Technology
New York University School of Professional Studies
University of Rochester
St. John Fisher College
SUNY Binghamton University
SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology
SUNY Oswego
Syracuse University
University of Tampa

Shuttle Schedule
Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016.
The MCC Shuttle will leave at the following times:
8:15 am and 8:30 am
8:25 pm and 9:15 pm
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Dates to Remember

New York Regional Hallmark Deadline
December 7, 2016

Applications for Administrator Awards Due
Categories include College Administrator, Gordon, Bennett and Community College State Director Awards
January 11, 2017

Applications for Individual Awards Due
Categories include Chapter Officer Team, Chapter Officer, Chapter Member, Advisor Team, Paragon Advisor, Distinguished Advisor, Continued Excellence Advisor, Regional Officer Team and Regional Officer Awards
January 25, 2017

Applications for Chapter Awards Due
Categories include Honors in Action Project and College Project Awards
All entries are due by 5:00 p.m. CST on the appropriate due date.

New York Regional Convention
Friday, March 3 – Sunday, March 5, 2017
Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Albany NY
Host Chapter: Fulton Community College

Phi Theta Kappa International Convention

Transform your chapter.

PTK Catalyst 2017
Nashville, Tennessee
April 6-8, 2017

Transform yourself.