

# Pi Sigma Alpha Award Winners, 2008

Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, proudly announces the following award winners.

## Student Award Winners

### Best Undergraduate Honors Theses

#### FIRST PLACE

"Flip-Flops, Bigots, and Baby Boomers: The Formation of Media Narratives in Modern Political Campaigns"

**Or Skolnik**, Georgetown University

#### RUNNERS-UP

"Crisis or Constitution: Rethinking Judicial Deference on Administrative Detention in the US, the UK, and Israel"

**Justin Simeone**, University of Mary Washington

"The Equity Effects of Education Finance Reform in Missouri"

**Rafi Nolan-Abrahamian**, Tufts University

### Howard Penniman/Pi Sigma Alpha Scholarships

Howard Penniman/Pi Sigma Alpha Scholarships for Graduate Study in Political Science were awarded to three members entering graduate programs in the fall of 2007:

**Christina Chauvenet**, Wake Forest University

**Benjamin Pasquale**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Ashley Pichon**, Hofstra University

**Joshua Potter**, Creighton University

**Timothy Ryan**, Tufts University

### Best Undergraduate Class Papers

#### FIRST PLACE

"Too Much Cleavage? Regional Implications for Democratic Consolidation in Post-Communist Ukraine"

**Alex Jakubow**, University of Richmond.

"Generational Differences: Examining Significant Factors Influencing Political Participation among Cohorts"

**Erin Phillips**, Christopher Newport University.

#### RUNNERS-UP

"Extracting Fuzzy Preference Functions from Empirical Data"

**Joshua Potter**, Creighton University.

"The Politics of Pharmaceutical Crops"

**Michelle Price**, Gustavus Adolphus College.

### Washington Internship Scholarships

Washington Intern Scholarships were awarded to three Pi Sigma Alpha members spending the summer or fall semesters in a Washington internship program:

**Juli Digate**, Ball State University

**Samuel Michaelson**, Towson University

**Noah Schwartz**, Vanderbilt University

**Ryan Stillion**, Capital University

## Best Chapter Awards

#### Schools with under 6,000 enrollment:

Theta Sigma Chapter, Elizabethtown College

Mu Delta Chapter, Hartwick College

Pi Gamma Chapter, Gustavus Adolphus College

Rho Beta Chapter, East Central University

#### Schools with 6,000–15,000 enrollment:

Iota Mu Chapter, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Mu Pi Chapter, Winthrop University

Rho Alpha Chapter, Winona State University

Tau Psi Chapter, Purdue University-Calumet

#### Schools with over 15,000 enrollment:

Nu Chapter, University of Washington

Alpha Iota Chapter, Utah State University

Zeta Pi Chapter, University of South Florida

Theta Iota Chapter, California State University-San Bernardino

#### Best Chapter Advisors

For Chapter Advisors who have served with distinction for an exceptionally long time.

**Marilyn A. Davis**, Gamma Lambda Chapter, Spelman College

**Ethan Fishman**, Kappa Mu Chapter, University of South Alabama

**Paul Kovich**, Lambda Chapter, University of Southern California

**Francis Graham Lee**, Eta Nu Chapter, Saint Joseph's University

**Mark P. Petracca**, Pi Omicron Chapter, University of California-Irvine