

The International Sociological Honor Society

“Alpha Kappa Delta” had its specific beginning in the Fall of 1920 in the Department of Sociology, University of Southern California, when the department chairman, Dr. Emory S. Bogardus, proposed to the undergraduate/graduate students, the formation of a society in which the students might become acquainted with each other's research projects and where they might meet informally with the whole staff of the department for suggestions and criticisms.

The name Alpha Kappa Delta was devised by Dr. Bogardus and adopted by the chapter. It represents the first letters of three Greek words: namely, anthropon (mankind), katamanthaneion (to investigate thoroughly or to conduct research), and diakonesein (for the purpose of service).

Many local Chapters of AKD are quite active, holding money-raising events, symposia and brown lunch seminars, among other things. More chapters do little other than accept members. Membership in AKD is lifetime, although subscription for the journal is annual.

AKD holds an annual meeting at the ASA meetings, with time and place announced in the ASA Program. Many regional sociological associations also hold AKD sessions for exchange of ideas and information.

AKD also holds an annual Undergraduate Student Paper Competition. The winner receives a cash prize; help with expenses for attending the AKD/ASA meetings, and possible publication of his/her paper in our journal, “SOCIOLOGICAL INQUIRY”.

The Chapter name at UCI is “PSI of California”