2023 National Convention
— ALBUQUERQUE —
Action For Our Atmosphere
Convention Speakers

Dr. Lyla June Johnson—an Indigenous musician, scholar, and activist—will be Thursday’s speaker. Speaking for audiences across the globe, Lyla June brings a message of personal, collective, and ecological healing. Her work has been focused on Indigenous rights, supporting youth, inter-cultural healing, historical trauma, and traditional land stewardship practices. She blends her undergraduate studies in human ecology at Stanford University, her graduate work in Native American Pedagogy at the University of New Mexico, and the Indigenous worldview she grew up with to inform her perspectives and solutions. Having recently received her Ph.D., her doctoral research focuses on the revitalization of Indigenous Food Systems.

Alpha Chi has named Dr. Ronald Angelo Johnson, a Baylor University professor and former CIA analyst, as its 2023 Distinguished Alumnus. Dr. Johnson holds two master’s degrees, a Ph.D., and is a published author with over a dozen peer-reviewed articles in the areas of history and political science. He served for over a decade at the U.S. Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and has been a professor at Baylor University since 2008. In his current role, he teaches courses on intelligence and national security, and his research interests include the Cold War, the Soviet Union, and intelligence history. Dr. Johnson is an alumnus and nominee of the Texas Iota chapter at Texas State University. He will speak on Saturday.

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2023 Alpha Chi National Convention
March 30–April 1
The Clyde Hotel, Albuquerque

For greater detail on sessions, download the Ventla mobile app, enter the code AlphaChi when prompted, and enter the email address you used for convention registration. See someone at AX Central if you need assistance downloading the app.
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Program of Events

Thursday, March 30

3:00 pm  Chapter Delegation Check-In ........................................... Pavilion Landing (2nd floor)

   Donation Station
   If you brought a monetary donation for Cuidando Los Niños or items for Alpha Chi Kindness Kits, this is where that will be collected.

   All About Aletheia
   Visit with the editors of AX’s peer-reviewed undergraduate journal:
   Dr. Tim Lindblom, Co-Editor, and Dr. Kathi Vosevich, Co-Editor

   Alpha Chi Store
   Tim Brown of Brown’s Graduation & Awards will be here throughout the convention.

5:00 pm  Judge and Moderator Orientation ........................................... Pavilion I-II

5:00 pm  Cross That Line! A Student-led Student Mixer ......................... Fiesta Room

6:00 pm  Opening Dinner & Address Dr. Lyla June Johnston ................. Pavilion IV-VI
   Open seating: doors open at 5:45 pm

7:45 pm  Regional Convenings
   Region I ................................................................................................... Pavilion I-II
   Region II ................................................................................................. Pavilion III
   Region III ............................................................................................. Enchantment AB
   Region IV ............................................................................................. Enchantment CD
   Region V .................................................................................................. Fiesta III
   Region VI .................................................................................................. Fiesta IV
   Region VII ............................................................................................ Enchantment EF

9:00 pm  Trivia Contest 2023 ................................................................. Pavilion IV-VI
   Check-in starts at 8:45 pm
# Events, Friday, March 31

## 7:00 am
**Continental Breakfast & Roundtables** ........................................... Pavilion IV-VI

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## 8:00 am
**Collaborative Research Competition** ........................................... Pavilion I-II

- **Fresno Pacific University, California Zeta**
  - Language, Perception and Climate Change: The Unique Understandings of Spanish-Speaking College Students
- **Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta**
  - Environmental Impact of Waste at Gardner-Webb University: A Proposal for Change
- **Texas Lutheran University, Texas Alpha Delta**
  - Ignorance Is Bliss: Can Climate Anxiety in Undergraduate Students Be Reduced by Taking Action?

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## 9:15 am
**Regional Business Meetings**

- Region I ................................................................. Pavilion I-II
- Region II ...................................................................... Pavilion III
- Region III ....................................................................... Enchantment AB
- Region IV ....................................................................... Enchantment CD
- Region V ........................................................................ Fiesta III
- Region VI ......................................................................... Fiesta IV
- Region VII ......................................................................... Enchantment EF

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## 9:50 am
**Chapter Development Sessions (Round 1 - select one)**

- **Advocating for Diversity and Inclusion on Campus** ......................... Pavilion III
  - Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley, California State University, Bakersfield
- **Chapter Fundraising Ideas** ......................................................... Enchantment AB
  - Dr. Amanda Ford and Prof. Kelli Williams, Carson-Newman University
- **Chapter Leadership Transitions/Succession** ................................... Enchantment CD
  - Dr. Kip Wheeler, Carson-Newman University
- **Engaging Your Online Members** .................................................. Enchantment EF
  - Dr. Breanna Naegeli, Grand Canyon University

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## 10:30 am
**Collaborative Research Competition** ........................................... Pavilion I-II

- **California State University, Bakersfield, California Iota**
  - The Impact of Climate Change on Low Income Communities in the Central Valley through the Lens of Valley Fever
- **Missouri Western State University, Missouri Lambda**
  - Climate Change: The “Ticking” Bomb—A Program to Prevent and Treat Lyme Disease in St. Joseph, Missouri
- **Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi**
  - Tending the Garden: How Christian Campuses Can Foster Environmental Activism

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## 11:25 am
**Chapter Development Sessions (Round 2 - select one)**

- **Successful Membership Campaigns** ........................................... Pavilion III
  - Dr. June Hobbs, Gardner-Webb University
- **Planning Across-Chapter Collaborative Events** ............................... Enchantment AB
  - Dr. Steve Hoekstra, Kansas Wesleyan University
- **Dream It & Do It: A Student-Planned TEDx** ................................. Enchantment CD
  - Peace Ajirrotutu, Hannah Irving, and Jaelyn Wilson, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, NC Kappa
- **Getting Published (Aletheia & Kalo)** ............................................. Enchantment EF
  - Dr. Kathi Vosevich, Lindenwood University; Dr. Tim Lindblom, Jacksonville State University; and George Kantelis III, National Communications Manager

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## 12:00 pm
**Free Time—Enjoy the rest of the day to experience Albuquerque, NM!**
Events, Saturday, April 1

7:00 am  Sunrise Yoga ................................................................. Sierra Vista, 19th floor

8:00 am  Member Presentations Session I

Section 1: Anthropology & Sociology ........................................... Enchantment A
Moderator: Prof. Leslie DeArman, Southern Methodist University
   Hannah Irving, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, NC Kappa
   Lillian Deal, Carson-Newman University, TN Delta
   Magdalena R. Wengen, Fresno Pacific University, CA Zeta
   Veronica I. Mendez Garcia, Fresno Pacific University, CA Zeta Alumna

Section 2: Art Research & Visual Art ........................................... Pavilion I-II
Moderator: Dr. Craig Rogers, Campbellsville University
   Caledonia McIntier, Lyon College, AR Iota
   Karis Scobey, Huntington University, IN Beta
   Yunru Shen, Abilene Christian University, TX Psi, graduate student
   Rachel E. Scobey, Huntington University, IN Beta

Section 3: Education .................................................................. Enchantment B
Moderator: Dr. Amanda Ford, Carson-Newman University
   Emma Harper, Abilene Christian University, TX Psi
   Hollie Jordan Dasher, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, TX Beta
   Olivia Ann Wheeler, Chowan University, NC Phi
   Linh Dinh, Brescia University, KY Delta

Section 4: Mathematics ................................................................ Enchantment C
Moderator: Dr. Kip Wheeler, Carson-Newman University
   Paola G. Gonzalez Mendez, Fresno Pacific University, CA Zeta
   Arden Neff, Southwestern University, TX Alpha
   Priscilla Perey Ratone, Menlo College, CA Delta
   Jordan Schmucker, Mars Hill University, NC Epsilon

Section 5: Molecular & Cellular Biology .................................... Enchantment D
Moderator: Dr. Wesley Perkins, Lyon College
   Evan Babb, Abilene Christian University, TX Psi
   Jasmin Buffenn, Huntington University, IN Beta
   Sai Sondh, University of La Verne, CA Theta
   Damian C. Hutchins, Gardner-Webb University, NC Zeta Alumnus

Section 6: Political Science.......................................................... Enchantment E
Moderator: Dr. June Hobbs, Gardner-Webb University
   Luke M. Colvard, Fresno Pacific University, CA Zeta
   Edward T. Hansford, Lindenwood University, MO Pi
   Casey Young, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, MA Beta
   Aislinn Beak, East Central University, OK Gamma

Section 7: Psychology................................................................. Enchantment F
Moderator: Dr. Teddi Deka, Missouri Western State University
   Elisabeth J. Drewlo, Grand Canyon University, AZ Alpha
   Tess Kinne, Missouri Valley College, MO Sigma
   Anthony Sarmiento, Angelo State University, TX Alpha Iota
   Alisha Schaefer, Waldorf University, IA Iota

9:20 am  All-Delegate Honors Brunch ......................................... Pavilion IV-VI
With an address by Dr. Ronald Johnson, 2023 Distinguished Alumnus

10:20 am  Collaborative Research Competition (session 3 of 3) ...... Pavilion I-II
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas Beta
   An Analysis of Public Water Lead Contamination and Its Effects on Public Health and Juvenile Delinquency
   Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas Beta
   Final Scenes: How Dystopian Cinema Augments Activism or Reinforces Despair
11:00 am  Member Presentations Session II (3 per room at 20-minute windows)
Section 8: Literature .......................................................... Enchantment A
Moderator: Dr. Bonita Cade, Roger Williams University
Ashlee Reed, Abilene Christian University, TX Psi
Olivia Word, University of Tennessee Southern, TN Xi
Paula Elizabeth Harvie, Gardner-Webb University, NC Zeta

Section 9: Anthropology & Sociology ..................................... Enchantment B
Moderator: Prof. Leslie DeArman, Southern Methodist University
Isabell Smith, William Penn University, IA Beta
Anna Wetrich, William Penn University, IA Beta
Skyler Gill, Abilene Christian University, TX Psi

Section 10: Art & Music Research ........................................... Pavilion I-II
Moderator: Dr. Craig Rogers, Campbellsville University
Elijah Quaderick Brown, Chowan University, NC Phi
Helen C. Donahue, Carson-Newman University, TN Delta
Kim Ho, Lyon College, AR Iota

Section 11: Communication .................................................. Enchantment D
Moderator: Dr. Pamela Johnston, Fresno Pacific University
Sophie Rossitto, Harding University, AR Eta
Amber Bormann, Southern Methodist University, TX Alpha Omega
Joao Vitor Bonanoni, Missouri Valley College, MO Sigma

Section 12: Education ............................................................. Enchantment E
Moderator: Dr. Amanda Ford, Carson-Newman University
Casey Michelle Jackson, Freed-Hardeman University, TN Iota
Sarah Manchee, Wayland Baptist University, TX Alpha Eta
Lesslie Picena, Abilene Christian University, TX Psi, graduate student

Section 13: Psychology .......................................................... Enchantment F
Moderator: Dr. Teddi Deka, Missouri Western State University
Murad Hazhibayev, Waldorf University, IA Iota
Audrey Sineath, Kansas Wesleyan University, KS Delta
Bailey McCarl, Lipscomb University, TN Kappa, graduate student

Section 14: History ............................................................... Enchantment C
Moderator: Dr. Ron Brown, Texas State University
Peace Ajirotutu, Univ. of North Carolina at Pembroke
Erica Elizabeth Mock, Chowan University, NC Phi
Danya I. Gonzalez, Fresno Pacific University, CA Zeta

12:00 pm  Lunch Break Excursions (on your own)

1:30 pm  Group Photo in Atrium

1:45 pm  Member Presentations Session III (4 per room at 20-minute windows)
Section 15: Business Management ......................................... Enchantment A
Moderator: Dr. Daniel Larson, Fresno Pacific University
Vitor Furiati, Missouri Valley College, MO Sigma
Breanna Bildner, Huntington University, IN Beta
Tori-Ann Francis, Waldorf University, IA Iota
Autumn Paulson, Waldorf University, IA Iota

Section 16: Chemistry ........................................................... Enchantment B
Moderator: Dr. Autumn Marshall, Lipscomb University
Chinemerem B. Eduh, Univ. of North Carolina at Pembroke, NC Kappa
Elizabeth Milner, Hawaii Pacific University, HI Beta
Chesley Southwell and Samuel Dawson, Southwestern University, TX Alpha
Breanna Tonkery, Freed-Hardeman University, TN Iota

Section 17: Physics and Health & Environmental Sciences ........ Enchantment C
Moderator: Dr. Laura Steil, Mars Hill University
Lindsey L. Morais, West Liberty University, WV Epsilon
Allisan Nealy McGowan, Kansas Wesleyan University, KS Delta
Erik P. Yost, Grand Canyon University, AZ Alpha
Section 18: Creative Writing .............................................................. Enchantment D
Moderator: Prof. Michael Rosenfeld, Pace University
Hannah Meyer, Waldorf University, IA Iota
Hannah Halliburton, Carson-Newman University, TN Delta
Kamila Katarina De La Fuente, University of La Verne, CA Theta
Elaine M. Ragland, Lindenwood University, MO Pi, graduate student

Section 19: Religion & Philosophy ...................................................... Enchantment E
Moderator: Dr. Daniel Flores, Texas Lutheran University
Johnny Galloway, Harding University, AR Eta
Nicolas Portwood, Fresno Pacific University, CA Zeta
Hailey Strange, Faulkner University, AL Delta

Section 20: Visual Art (original) ............................................................ Pavilion I-II
Moderator: Dr. Angela Haas, Missouri Western State University
Ian Crombie, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, MA Beta
Tatum Phelps, Waldorf University, IA Iota
Carrie Runyan, Huntington University, IN Beta
Charlotte Wright and McKenna Clouse, Waldorf University, IA Iota

Section 20.5: Multidisciplinary ........................................................... Enchantment F
Moderator: Dr. Ken Vickers, University of Tennessee Southern
Blaise M. Babineck, Hawaii Pacific University, HI Beta
Emma Wilber, Faulkner University, AL Delta
Marquesa Calderon, Hawaii Pacific University, HI Beta
Mark Hairston, University of Arkansas at Monticello, AR Zeta

3:10 pm  Member Presentations Session IV (2-3 per room at 20-minute windows)
Section 21: Communication .............................................................. Enchantment A
Moderator: Dr. Pamela Johnston, Fresno Pacific University
Tayla Whitley, Lindenwood University, MO Pi
M. Gordon Byrd, Univ. of N. Carolina at Pembroke, NC Kappa Alumnus

Section 22: Education ........................................................................ Enchantment B
Moderator: Dr. Amanda Ford, Carson-Newman University
Brittany Brown, Brescia University, KY Delta
Dr. Joni Lindsey, Texas State University, TX Iota Alumna

Section 23: Exercise Science & Nutrition .............................................. Enchantment C
Moderator: Prof. Kelli Williams, Carson-Newman University
Allyson Butts, Gardner-Webb University, NC Zeta
Avery Carbajal, Grand Canyon University, AZ Alpha
Tessa Stutzman, Huntington University, IN Beta

Section 24: Organismal & Ecological Biology ...................................... Enchantment D
Moderator: Dr. Ken LaSota, Robert Morris University
Ana Arroyo Carriedo, Missouri Valley College, MO Sigma
Madison Thomas, Mars Hill University, NC Epsilon
Sydney Brown, Hawaii Pacific University, HI Beta

Section 25: Performing Arts ................................................................. Pavilion I-II
Moderator: Dr. Marshall Johnston, Fresno Pacific University
Anna Wicker, Southwestern University, TX Alpha
Jaelyn D. Wilson, Univ. of North Carolina at Pembroke, NC Kappa
Michaela Zimmerman, Angelo State University, TX Alpha Iota

Section 26: Religion & Bioethical Issues ............................................... Enchantment E
Moderator: Dr. Daniel Flores, Texas Lutheran University
Derek Ryan Driskill, Carson-Newman University, TN Delta
Lauren E. Sermersheim, Mars Hill University, NC Epsilon
Mica Allen, Huntington University, IN Beta

4:15 pm  Dinner in Albuquerque (on your own)

6:30 pm  2023 Alpha Chi Closing Awards Ceremony ............................... Pavilion IV-VI
Come decked out in Alpha Chi blues and greens!
*New Council members and all prize recipients are asked to remain briefly after the ceremony for formal photography.
Convention Presentation Prize Donors

Walden S. Freeman Prize in American History
Ellen Millsaps Prize in American Literature
Avery Grenfell Church Prize in Anthropology and Sociology
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Joseph E. and Bessie Mae Pryor Prize in Chemistry
Brown’s Graduation Supplies Prize in Communication
Floyd Tesmer & Strayer University Prize in Computer Science and Engineering
Phillip A. Holcomb Prize in Contemporary Bioethical Issues
Thelma Hall Prize in Creative Writing
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Jeanette Wieser Prize in Exercise Science and Nutrition
Kenneth A. LaSota Prize in Geology and Earth Sciences
Kathryn Hoyle Bradley Prize in Health Sciences
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Bonnie Revelle Prize in Molecular and Cellular Biology
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Michael Flachmann Prize in Shakespeare
Patricia Graham Prize in World History
Bill Short Prize in World Literature

Dennis M. Organ Alumni Presenter Prize
Suzanne and J.T. Pundt Graduate Student Presenter Prize

*There must be at least three students competing in a category for the prize to be given.

With appreciation to the professors judging presentations this year:

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Kevin Kehl
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*Kalo*, our new annual magazine, highlights our community’s achievements and celebrates the talent of our members. With a focus on reflecting on the past year and providing insights into upcoming projects, it serves as a platform to showcase our members’ work and stories, embodying the spirit of the Alpha Chi community. Derived from the Greek word for “good” or “welfare,” *Kalo*’s name reflects its mission to inspire positivity and foster a sense of unity. Each issue showcases the dedication and excellence of our members while offering a vibrant and uplifting publication experience, capturing a snapshot of our community’s growth and development.

Join us as we embrace the past, present, and future of Alpha Chi through *Kalo*’s pages, and immerse yourself in the inspiring stories that define Alpha Chi. You’ll find yourself connected to the collective accomplishments and aspirations of members nationwide. For additional information on *Kalo*, visit AX Central or www.alphachihonor.org/Kalo. Don’t miss the opportunity to become a part of this enriching and celebratory experience; submission guidelines are coming soon!