



POST-CONFERENCE ISSUE  
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For the first time, Phi Beta Delta collaborated with NAFSA: Association of International Educators in holding its Annual Conference. Below you will find pictorial highlights of the conference.



**Kailash Satyarthi Spoke at the NAFSA-PBD 2016 Annual Conference**

For over 35 years, Kailash Satyarthi has fought for children's rights both in his native India, and around the world. Satyarthi was jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 in recognition of his ongoing advocacy for the right of all children to an education and efforts to eliminate child labor.

A former electrical engineer and college lecturer, Satyarthi started campaigning against child labor abuses in India in the 1980s with his non-profit organization Bachpan Bachao Andolan (Save the Childhood Movement). In 2015, Satyarthi became the first Indian to receive the "Humanitarian of the Year" award by the Harvard Foundation. Satyarthi is currently the global chair of the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation.



Kailash Satyarthi

**Board of Directors 2016-17**



Back (Left to right): Mr. Paul Amaya (VP, West Region), Dr. Joy Stevenson (Director of Membership), Dr. Cynthia Parmenter (Past-VP, Southeast Region, recently passed-on position due to institutional changes), Dr. Norma George (VP Northeast Region), Dr. Yvonne Captain (Regent), Dr. Christina Sanchez (President-elect), Ms. Alicia Adams (Conference Planner), Dr. Michael Smithee (Director of Publications), Dr. Guillermo de los Reyes (Director of Awards). Front (left to right): Dr. Catherine Turrill (Historian-Archivist), Dr. Rajrani Kalra (President), Dr. Astrid Sheil (Past President), Not available for photo: Dr. India D'Avignon (incoming Historian Archivist); Dana Vizdal, (VP Midwest Region); Dr. Ann Legreid, (VP Southeast Region), Anita Gaines, (VP Southwest Region).

**Conference Keynote Presentations**

**Internationalization of Campuses: Lessons Learnt**  
***A Comprehensive Internationalization Challenge: Learning from Failure***  
Dr. Carl Patton, Georgia State University  
President Emeritus



***Potholes and Strategies on the Road of Campus Internationalization***  
Dr. Ann Legreid, Shepherd University,  
Dean, School of Business and Social Sciences



***Beyond Paradise: Interdisciplinary Teaching, Community Engagement, and Faculty Development in Jamaica***  
Dr. A. Rafik Mohamed, California State University, San Bernardino  
Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences



#### **What They Said About the Conference**

Phi Beta Delta received many compliments and "Thank You" notes from the 2016 Conference attendees. We are sharing some of these messages with you. Many thanks to all who attended the conferences and to all who wrote us about their experience. We hope to see you all next year!

"Hello, I recently came back from the 2016 Phi Beta Delta Conference in Denver. Here are a few words to describe the value I receive from PBD:

1. Educational 2. Research driven perspectives 3. Networking opportunities 4. Increases motivation for future research 5. Generates ideas for future research 6. Rejuvenates me for continued excellence in scholarly work 7. Rejuvenates me to be an agent for change.  
I hope this will help in developing the value proposition for PBD."

"I had a great time at the conference and it was wonderful to interact with so many professionals who are dedicated to the promotion of cultural learning."

"It was lovely meeting you all at Denver this weekend."

"Thank you for all you did at the conference."

"I was really impressed by the high caliber of the presentations and posters."

"Thank you for all your great work to make the PBD Conference such a success."

"This was a wonderful event once again. I'm so thankful I had the opportunity to present. I look forward to attending next year's conference."

#### **Appreciation**

We are very pleased to acknowledge sponsorship of the Conference by the following Society Chapters:

**Omicron (CSU Sacramento)**  
**Alpha Pi (University of Kansas)**  
**Beta Tau (University of Central Missouri)**  
**Gamma Lambda (CSU San Bernardino)**  
**Delta Iota (University of Houston)**

#### **Awards**



Group Photo of the 2016 Awardees

**Yvonne Captain Faculty Awards for Outstanding Contributions to International Education**  
 Dr. Kurt Thurmaier, Northern Illinois University, Zeta Gamma Chapter. Dr. Captain (left) is presenting the award to Ms. Sarah Lindell, who is receiving it on behalf of Dr. Thurmaier



**Edward S. Blankenship Outstanding Staff Award**  
 Rita Rowand, George Mason University, Epsilon Delta Chapter. Dr. Joy Stevenson (left) is presenting.



**Mariane Beane/Charles Gliozzo Domestic Student Award for International Achievement**  
 Shanay Murdock, Northern Illinois University, Zeta Gamma Chapter. Mr. Paul Amaya (left) is presenting.



**David Merchant International Student Award for Achievement**  
Moumita Mukherjee, University of Houston, Delta Iota Chapter. Dr. Guillermo de los Reyes (left) is presenting.



**Congratulations to the Following Chapter receiving the Eileen Evans Overall Outstanding Chapter Award**  
Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, Northeast Region, Alpha Omega Chapter. Dr. Norma George (left) is presenting the award to Dr. Rosana Campbell and Mr. John Gradel (Director and Assistant Director of the Institute for International Studies at Lock Haven University).



**2016 Conference  
Best Presentation and Best Poster Awards**

Best Faculty/Staff Presentation: "Black American Business Owners and Global Competence in E-Business." Kaira Carter, University of Fort Lauderdale



Best Student Presentation: "Using Emotional Intelligence as a Tool to Measure, Manage, and Lead Global Dance Companies." Leonard Mardis, Argosy University



Best Faculty/Staff Poster: "Teaching for Cultural Competency: The Cultural Immersion Assignment." Barbara Faye Streets, SUNY, Oswego



Best Team Poster: "Concerns of New International Students and an Online Orientation Model." Barbara Clark (staff), Ousmane Kone, Nirmal Fernando, and Maria Ivanova (students), College of Staten Island, CUNY



PBD Publications

Call for Journal Articles



<http://phibetadelta.org/docs/IRR%20Spring%202015%20-%20V4N2.pdf>

Scholars and researchers from across disciplines are invited to address issues in international education and studies. The editors of *International Research and Review*, the official journal of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society, welcome scholarly articles on topics that can include, but are not limited to, our understanding of international studies, education, internationalization, globalization, teaching and learning in the context of international educational exchange and, within the university classroom, issues regarding curricular development, and other related topics.

We welcome critical, qualitative, quantitative, and social scientific perspectives. For more information and guidelines visit the *International Research and Review* at: <http://phibetadelta.org/publications.php>

Michael Smithee, EdD  
Director of Publications

#### PBD Resources

##### ***Phi Beta Delta: Effective Resource for International Student Integration and Retention***

Anita Gaines, Director, International Student and Scholar Services,  
Chapter Coordinator, Delta Iota Chapter University of Houston  
<http://phibetadelta.org/docs/PhiBetaDeltaEffectiveResourceForInternationalStudentIntegrationAndRetention.pdf>

#### Retiring Board Members

At this time the Board would like to give a special thanks to Board members who have served with distinction for many years.



##### **Dr. Catherine Turrill Lupi, Omicron Chapter**

Dr. Turrill Lupi is retiring from Sacramento State University and moving to Italy. This is as it should be. As a professor specializing in Italian Renaissance Art, she has a second home in Italy. Her numerous publications and courses have led to many thankful students for opening their eyes to inner world of Renaissance Art. She has been Chair of the Art Department since the mid-1990's. Catherine has served the Omicron Chapter, a founding chapter of the Society as President. At the national level she has served on the Board of Directors as Vice President of the West Region and most recently as Historian/Archivist. The Board and the Society will miss Catherine's insights and leadership.



##### **Dr. Gary Cretser, Phi Chapter**

Dr. Cretser is retiring from his position of Director of Awards. His campus of Cal Poly, Pomona is the Phi Chapter, one of the original 1986 founding chapters of the Society. Since that time, Gary has served Phi Beta Delta with distinction. Beginning in 1988 as President-Elect, he became the third President of Phi Beta Delta in 1989. He returned to a leadership position in 1992-2004, serving as Director of Awards, and again reprised that role from 2012 to the present. In addition, he served on the Editorial Board of the Society's journal, *International Research and Review*. Academically, he is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, where he was Department Chair and Campus Coordinator for International Programs. His research interests include interethnic and cross-national marriages. He was Visiting Research Fellow and Member of the Board of Study in Sociology and Social Anthropology of Eliot College at the University of Kent, Canterbury, UK in 1986-1987. Gary is a thoughtful, caring man with a love of cycling. His leadership in the Society will be missed.



#### New Board Members and Officers

Please join the Board in welcoming the following new members:

**Dr. Rajrani Kalra, President**



**Dr. Christina Sanchez, President Elect**



**Dana Vizdal, Regional VP for the Midwest**

**Dr. Ann Legreid, Regional VP Southeast Region**



**Dr. Guillermo de los Reyes, Director of Awards**



**Dr. India D' Avignon, Historian and Archivist**



**Alicia Adams, Conference Planner**



**Member News**

**Robert Robertson**

Dr. Robert W. Robertson, President of the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute, presented a paper at the Community Colleges for International Development Caribbean and Latin American Forum in San Antonio, Texas in July, 2016. The paper was titled "Building the Bahamian Economy."

In addition to his role as President, Dr. Robertson has been appointed as a member of The Bahamas Prime Minister's National Development Plan Steering Committee.

Dr. Robertson served as Vice President of the Southeast region and he continues to be an active member of Phi Beta Delta. We congratulate him and wish him the best in his new position as President of the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute.



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