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History Department assistant professor Alexander Bay accompanied seven Chapman University students to the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society 2008 Biennial Convention held at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya, a high desert resort outside of Albuquerque, New Mexico from January 3-5, 2008. Over the three-day conference, the students presented concise and well-delivered papers based on research projects mentored by Professors Lee Estes, Bob Slayton, and Jennifer Keene.

Michelle Kanda, president of the Chapman University Alpha-Mu-Gamma chapter of Phi Alpha Theta and the recipient of the Tenaya Hills Research Award and a Chancellors student research grant for her project, presented *A Society of Gentlemen: Enlightenment Arguments and Ulterior Motives in the Company of Merchants Trading to Africa*. Other students presented on a wide variety of topics: Sarah Kuiken, *Breeches and the Softer Sex: Women at Sea in 18th and 19th century Britain*, Shannon David, *Confronting the Reality of Changed Lives: Love and Loss for Women in Civil War America*, Matthew Leaverton, *From Private Company to Public Corporation: The BBC and the 1926 General Strike*, Phu Mai, *The Kennan Plan: The Emergency Recovery Program Revisited*, Sumit Raghuvanshi, *The Christian Influences in the Abolition of Sati in Bengal 1829*, and Elizabeth Mack, *Malleus Maleficarum and King James: Influences for the Early Modern Witch-Hunts in England and Scotland*. Student travel scholarships were generously provided by Board of Trustees member David Henley and his wife Ludie, which funded the students trip to the national history honors conference.

The History Department and the Chapman University Alpha-Mu-Gamma chapter of Phi Alpha Theta will proudly host the 2008 Phi Alpha Theta Southern California History Honors Society Regional Conference on Saturday, April 12, 2008 in Beckman Hall. The conference is open to undergraduate and graduate students, Phi Alpha Theta members and non-members. In addition to student research presentations, a faculty reception and student awards dinner and ceremony will be held. Further information is available at: <http://www1.chapman.edu/PAT/Welcome.html>