



THE
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ALPHA OF CALIFORNIA

To: Department Chairs, Graduate Professors, and Graduate Advisers
From: Professor Richard Calendar, President, Executive Council, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of California
Date: November 1, 2016
Re: Nomination of Ph.D. Candidates to Phi Beta Kappa, 2017

For over two hundred years, election to Phi Beta Kappa has recognized intellectual capacities well employed, especially in acquiring an education in the liberal arts and sciences. The constitution of our Chapter provides that members shall be elected “from among the best scholars of our graduating classes, as well as from those whose postgraduate work entitles them to such honors.”

Outstanding Ph.D. candidates *whose undergraduate institutions did not host a Phi Beta Kappa chapter* should be considered for this honor. We try to make a special effort to ensure that foreign students are considered as candidates. Please note that a significant component of humanities or liberal arts courses (at least 75 units) in the candidate's *undergraduate* work is essential.

Please review the list of Ph.D. candidates in your department who will complete their degree requirements in the 2016-17 academic year and then nominate those whom you deem to be worthy of election to Phi Beta Kappa.

Submit your nomination on regular departmental stationery. Please include the following information:

1. Candidate's full name, mailing and e-mail addresses, and telephone number.
2. Department and field of major.
3. Name of the university where baccalaureate awarded, including final transcript (unofficial copy), major and GPA.
4. Expected title of proposed dissertation.
5. Date of doctorate completion (expected or actual).

Nominee should provide:

6. Graduate GPA (attach current transcript).
7. Publications or research.
8. Other evidence of outstanding scholarship, such as passing qualifying examinations with distinction.
9. Two (2) current letters of recommendation.

DEADLINE: Completed nominations should be submitted to the Phi Beta Kappa office no later than March 6, 2017. If you have any questions, please e-mail pbk@berkeley.edu.

Thank you for your help. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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