What is Phi Alpha Theta?
Phi Alpha Theta is the international honor society for History. Represented at Auburn by its Kappa Pi chapter, Phi Alpha Theta encourages the study and occupational culture of history by sponsoring research and professional development colloquia, hosting social events for its members and guests, and occasionally arranging field trips to history-related sites, exhibits, and events in the Southeast. For more information about the society, please visit Phi Alpha Theta’s national website at: www.phialphatheta.org. Please visit, bookmark, and regularly visit our local chapter’s website at: http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/phi_alpha_theta/ [remember to include the underscores] or use the Google search engine with “auburn phi alpha theta” as search terms).

What are Membership Qualifications for History Graduate Students at Auburn?
Any graduate student in good standing in Auburn University’s History Department is eligible for membership in Phi Alpha Theta. If you have not done so in the past, you are encouraged to become initiated members of the national honor society, but this is not a requirement for participation in local chapter events.

How do I join?
To become active in the local chapter and to participate in local chapter activities, joining is as easy as paying the annual chapter dues to the Secretary / Treasurer, in cash or by check made out to “Phi Alpha Theta.” Chapter events at Auburn are sustained by these affordable local dues, so please help out by joining promptly upon arrival. Formal application for membership in the national society can be made through the chapter officers, or through the chapter’s faculty advisor. The annual initiation of new members usually takes place in mid-February, with additional recognition of newly inducted members at the annual Spring Banquet later in April.

Highlights of the Phi Alpha Theta calendar for grad students ...
Phi Alpha Theta’s chapter at Auburn sponsors the annual New Graduate Student Mixer; Fall Frolics (a potluck gathering); Initiation; the Regional Meeting; the Graduate Colloquium (a unique opportunity for graduate students to present their research before assembled peers and faculty); the History Quiz Bowl; Spring Fling (a cook-out); and the Spring Banquet (our last department-wide social gathering of the year, which doubles as an awards ceremony for graduate student and undergraduate achievement). We also occasionally sponsor field trips and workshops on publication, the academic job search, and other professional development issues. We hope you’ll participate in all of our chapter’s events.

Let us know who you are ...
Please introduce yourself to us as a new graduate student at the New Graduate Student Mixer in mid-August. We look forward to meeting you then.