



2017

ALICE HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



The 2017 Colorado Archaeological Society Alice Hamilton Scholarship Award Committee awarded \$4,775 this spring to a field of nine Scholars consisting of four Undergraduates, four Masters Candidates and one PhD Candidate.

All of this year's applicants were well qualified and were supported with Letters of Recommendation from top archaeological educators and researchers around Colorado. The Scholars were from five institutions in Colorado, and projects involved research from Clovis through Contact periods.

The Scholarship requirement is that students be enrolled with at least half-time load at a Colorado institution of higher education in archaeology or related field. Awards are made on the quality of the application and worthiness of the project as it pertains to the enrichment of the field of archaeology, with an emphasis on Colorado, Southwestern or Rocky Mountain archaeology.

The Scholarship fund monies are generated by donation and through fund-raising activities at the State and local Chapter levels. \$750 is the maximum award allowed to any one student. Since Scholarship inception in 1987, CAS has awarded \$94,000 to 255 Scholars.

The 2017 Alice Hamilton Scholars are:

Sara Cullen, Doctoral Candidate, University of Colorado, Boulder \$725

For dissertation field- and lab- work: Partial funding for examination of existing collections from Late Pre-contact sites in Southeastern Colorado and Northeastern New Mexico. The goal is to make the first broad analysis of trade patterns at relatively small sites in the region.

Zachary Cooper, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado, Boulder \$600

For thesis fieldwork: Partial funding for investigation of whether Tanoan languages diversified in the San Juan drainage or the Rio Grande drainage. This research utilizes data held in the New Mexico Cultural Resources Information System.

Samantha Linford, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado, Boulder \$600

For thesis labwork expenses: Partial funding for investigation into possible correlation between ceramic designs and social organization related to moieties during the Pueblo III and Pueblo IV periods. This research utilizes existing collections.

Kelton Meyer, Masters Candidate, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins \$600

For thesis fieldwork expenses: Partial funding for lichenometric study of structures in the Rollins Pass Game Drive, 5BL148.

Thaddeus Swan, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs \$600

For thesis fieldwork: Partial funding for test excavation of the Owens Cache, 5LA1216, on the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site in southeastern Colorado. This site, discovered in 2010, is potentially of Clovis age.

Sarah Foster, Undergraduate, Metropolitan State University, Denver \$350

For fieldwork: Partial funding for participating in the Metropolitan State University's Wyoming Badlands survey.

Denise Hoth, Undergraduate, University of Colorado, Denver \$450

For field school: Partial funding for attending the Mountain and Plains Archaeological Field School, University of Wyoming.

Danielle Mercure, Undergraduate, University of Colorado, Denver \$450

For workshop attendance: Partial funding for attending the Stable Isotope Research Workshop, University of Utah.

Rachel Wedemeyer, Undergraduate, University of Colorado, Boulder \$400

For senior honors thesis labwork: Partial funding for comparative analysis of ceramic figurines from two sites in the Lower Rio Verde Valley in Oaxaca, Mexico.

A heartfelt thank-you is extended to all students who applied, and to the thirteen educators and other professionals who wrote letters of recommendation for the applicants. It is very interesting and rewarding for the committee members to read and rank the applications. The decisions were, as always, difficult. Scholars are encouraged to apply again in subsequent years, if they still meet the eligibility requirements.

C.A.S. requires that the Scholars submit a short written summary on how the monies were used. They are also strongly encouraged to present their research findings or a progress report at the C.A.S. annual meeting, or at a local Chapter monthly meeting or newsletter, as appropriate. Completed papers may also be submitted for publication in C.A.S.' respected quarterly journal, Southwestern Lore. This dissemination of our funded research results is of significant benefit to the C.A.S. membership, to the individual Scholar and to the profession.

This report is being sent to all Scholars, their references, C.A.S. Chapters and to various Colorado public and educational entities as a press release. C.A.S. members who are interested in reading applications may contact the Committee via email, phone or mail.

Respectfully submitted,

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