

2022 ALICE HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



For the 36th year, the Colorado Archaeological Society Alice Hamilton Scholarship Award Committee is pleased to announce awarding \$4,100 this spring to a field of five Scholars consisting of three Masters Candidates and two PhD Candidates.

It is a Scholarship requirement that students be enrolled with at least half-time course 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

All of this year's applicants were well qualified and were supported with Letters of Recommendation from top archaeological educators and researchers. The Scholars attend three different Colorado institutions, and projects involve research into the prehistory of Europe, Mexico, the Southwest and the northern Colorado Plateau.

The Scholarship fund monies are generated by an allocation from CAS dues, donations and through fund-raising activities at the State and local Chapter levels. \$1,000 is the maximum award allowed to any one student in any year. Since Scholarship inception in 1987, CAS has now awarded 280 scholarships totaling over \$110,000.

The 2022 Alice Hamilton Scholars are:

Andrew Aceves, Doctoral Candidate, University of Colorado – Boulder

\$950

For dissertation research: Partial funding for living expenses, i.e. lodging and food, for field season in Oaxaca, Mexico. Andrew's research proposal consists of a photogrammetric study of monumental architecture at Atzompa, an Early to Late Classic Zapotec site, which lies within the larger and more famous Monte Alban archaeological site.

Caitrin Scarlett Engle, Doctoral Candidate, University of Colorado - Boulder \$900

For dissertation research: Fund four weeks of living expenses, food, gas and field supplies, during which time Scarlett will interview members of twenty-six Pueblos and Tribes who associate with the cultural landscape of Mesa Verde National Park. Scarlett's fieldwork, bridging two Anthropological sub-disciplines: archaeology and socio-cultural, supports the University of Colorado Museum and Field Studies program to redesign the Chapin Mesa Archaeological Museum in collaboration with descendant communities.

Spencer Little, Masters Candidate, Colorado State University - Fort Collins \$1,000

For lab analysis/testing: Funding for two (\$500 each) radiocarbon dates, in a series, from the Hells Midden site along the Yampa River in northwest Colorado in order to help create an absolute chronological sequence. The Hells Midden site, near Mantle's Cave, was the locale for the University of Colorado field school in the late 1940's, and the existing artifact collections and archival records reside at the University of Colorado Museum.

Lia Plankenhorn, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado – Denver

\$700

For thesis research: Partial funding for travel expenses to Italy to conduct baseline comparative research on early human burials in Europe, specifically documenting infant and child burials between 20,000 and 10,000 years ago, from Arma Veirana Cave and other similar collections housed in regional museums.

For field school expenses: Attend Summer 2022 University of Wyoming Archaeological Field School, in support of thesis analyzing the correlations between scientific data from megafauna kill sites in North America and indigenous oral traditions.

A heartfelt thank-you is extended to all students who applied, and to the eight educators and other professionals who wrote letters of recommendation for the applicants. It was noted that three of these eight authors were previous Alice Hamilton Scholars themselves. 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 brief 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, <u>Southwestern Lore</u>. 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 in future competitions may contact the Committee via email, phone or mail.

Respectfully submitted,

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