



Society for American Archaeology

— Douglas C. Kellogg Fund for Geoarchaeological Research —

Current Committee Charge: The committee solicits proposals and selects recipients for the Douglas C. Kellogg Fund for Geoarchaeological Research Award. The award is presented in support of dissertation research with emphasis on the field and/or laboratory parts of this research for graduate students at the Doctoral level in the earth sciences and archaeology.

Committee Composition: Committee composition is one chair and at least four members (This committee also solicits proposals and selects recipients for the Geoarchaeology Interest Group M.A./M.S. Research Award).

Term Length: Term length is three years.

Award Cycle: Not applicable.

Committee Chair and End of Term: Susan M. Mentzer [2017]

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Committee Members and Ends of Terms: Vickie L. Clay [2015], Cynthia M. Fadem [2017], Thomas Fenn [2015], Richard H. Wilshusen [2017]

Committee on Awards Chair: Heather A. Lapham [2015]

Board Liaison to Award Committees: Suzanne K. Fish [2015]

***Award Description:** The Douglas C. Kellogg Award provides support for dissertation research, with emphasis on fieldwork and/or laboratory portions of this research, for graduate students in the earth sciences and archaeology. Under the auspices of the SAA's Geoarchaeology Interest Group, family, friends, and close associates of Douglas C. Kellogg formed a memorial in his honor.

***Who Is Eligible to Submit Nominations or Apply for the Award:** Recipients of the Kellogg Award will be students who are (1) actively pursuing the Ph.D. degree in earth sciences or archaeology; (2) applying earth science methods to archaeological research and (3) seeking to engage in a career in geoarchaeology.

***Nomination/Submission Materials Required:** The application should consist of (1) a research proposal no more than three pages in length (excluding references) that describes the research and its potential contributions to **American archaeology**, (2) a curriculum vita, and (3) two letters of support, including one from the dissertation committee chair that certifies that the student is conducting the proposed research along with the expected date of completion of the degree. Electronic submissions as pdfs sent to the award committee chair are preferred. **File names must include the applicants surname or last name. The award (Douglas C. Kellogg Fund for Geoarchaeological Research) must be clearly indicated in the proposal title.**

***Nomination/Submission Deadline:** November 30, 2014

Other Special Requirements: None

Selection or Evaluation Criteria: The committee reads the proposals and selects the best one based on relative merit. Important questions for evaluation include the following: Does the proposal seek to do interesting and novel research? Are the methods and theory sound and applicable? Is the proposal well written and coherent? Can what the proposal seeks to do be accomplished in the stated time?

Committee Deliberation Process (e.g., dates, venue): After each committee member reads and evaluates each application, the committee meets and votes electronically. A simple majority is sufficient; if there is a deadlock the chair provides the tie-breaking vote.

Nature of Award (e.g., monetary, medal, symposium): The awardee receives \$500. As the fund grows, the award amount may increase as the annual interest increases. In addition, the awardee is recognized by the SAA through a plaque presented during the business meeting held at the Annual Meeting, a citation in *The SAA Archaeological Record*, and acknowledgment on the awards page of the SAA Website.

Awardees

2014 Michael Aiuvalasit

Michael Aiuvalasit's dissertation investigates how highland Southwestern Ancestral Puebloan communities responded to water resource scarcity during periods of drought. He is comparing the archaeological record of water management strategies and settlement patterns between the adjoining Pajarito and Jemez Plateaus in the Jemez Mountains of New Mexico in the context of newly refined regional tree-ring based paleoclimatic sequences. Aiuvalasit will apply these funds to support one element of his research - thin section analysis from cores of two reservoirs in divergent communities for fine-scale reconstruction of use-life histories, local paleoecology, and analyses of facies changes. In the spirit of this award, Aiuvalasit's research of these understudied reservoir features will both contribute to the regional prehistory, and demonstrate how larger anthropological questions (in this case cooperation, community aggregation and abandonment, and natural resource management during periods of climate change) can be addressed using primarily geoarchaeological methods integrated with existing archaeological datasets.

2013 Craig Fertelmes
2012 Joe D. Collins, Jr.
2011 Teresa Wriston
2010 None
2009 Benjamin Vining
2008 Kurt Rademaker
2007 Katherine A. Adelsberger
2006 Heidi Luchsinger
2005 Ian Buvit
2004 None
2003 Aleksander Borejsza