



**Society for American Archaeology**

**— Paul Goldberg Award—  
(2018)**

**formerly the Geoarchaeology Interest Group M.A./M.S. Research Award**

**Current Committee Charge:** The committee solicits proposals and selects recipients for the Douglas C. Kellogg Fund for Geoarchaeological Research Award and the Paul Goldberg Award (formerly the Geoarchaeology Interest Group M.A./M.S. Research Award). These awards are presented in support of research with emphasis on the field and/or laboratory parts of this research for graduate students in the earth sciences and archaeology at the Doctoral level and the Master's level, respectively.

**Committee Composition:** Committee composition is one chair and at least four members

**Term Length:** Three years.

**Award Cycle:** N/A

**Committee Chair and End of Term:** Cynthia M. Fadem [2020]

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**Committee Members and Ends of Terms:** Jeffrey A. Homburg, PhD, RPA [2019], Ximena Suarez Villagran [2019], E. Christian Wells [2019], Dr. Teresa A. Wriston, RPA [2019]

**Committee on Awards Chair:** Mark Slaughter [2019]

**Award Description:** The Paul Goldberg Award provides support for thesis research, with emphasis on fieldwork and/or laboratory analyses, for graduate students in the earth sciences and archaeology.

**Who Is Eligible to Submit Nominations or Apply for the Award:** Recipients of the Paul Goldberg Award will be students who are (1) actively pursuing the M.A. or M.S. degree in earth

sciences or archaeology (please indicate which on application); and (2) applying earth science methods to archaeological research.

**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 project and its potential contributions to *American archaeology*, (2) a curriculum vita, and (3) two letters of support, including one from the thesis 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 (Paul Goldberg Award) must be clearly indicated in the proposal title.***

**Nomination/Submission Deadline:** Deadline extended to December 20, 2017

**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**

2017 Heidi Van Etten  
2016 Kendal R. Jackson  
2015 Alexander Delgado  
2014 Brendan S. Fenerty