



Society for American Archaeology

— Paul Goldberg Award—

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

Current Committee Charge: The committee solicits proposals and selects recipients for the Geoarchaeology Interest Group M.A./M.S. Research Award. The award is presented in support of thesis research with emphasis on the field and/or laboratory parts of this research for graduate students at the Master's 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 Douglas C. Kellogg Fund for Geoarchaeological Research).

Term Length: Term length is three years.

Award Cycle: N/A

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

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Committee on Awards Chair: Mark Slaughter [2019]

Board Liaison to Award Committees: Emily S. McClung De Tapia, Ph.D, RPA,

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: January 9, 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

2016 Kendal R. Jackson

Kendal R. Jackson has been selected to receive the 2016 Geoarchaeology Interest Group M.A./M.S. award. Mr. Jackson's impressive ongoing MA thesis project focuses on the analysis of pollen from a series of sediment cores collected from mounds on the Crystal River Site (central Gulf Coast of Florida) and nearby marshes. The work has the potential to provide information about the interrelationships between local vegetation communities, sea level changes, and human occupation of the area. The award will firstly help Mr. Jackson obtain a

radiocarbon date from one of the cores, and secondly, complete the analysis of supplementary surface soil samples.

2015 Alexander Delgado

2014 Brendan S. Fenerty