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### **The Society for American Archaeology Partners with the Institute for Field Research to Deliver Two New Undergraduate Awards**

WASHINGTON, DC — November 6, 2014 — The Institute for Field Research (IFR) and the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) have teamed up to provide two new undergraduate student awards—one for best paper and one for best poster, each with a \$1,000 prize!

“SAA and IFR have focused these awards on undergraduates because our past lies in the hands of future archaeologists,” according to Jeffrey Altschul, SAA’s president. “We hope that these awards increase undergraduate participation in all aspects of archaeology—fieldwork, laboratory analysis, reports, public outreach, public policy, and interaction with descendant communities.”

“We seek to promote the participation of undergraduate students in the discourse of the discipline,” IFR Executive Director Ran Boytner stated. “We wish to encourage students to take an active part in archaeological research and to experience the intellectual challenges and great rewards associated with practicing field archaeology.”

Each paper and poster awardee will receive a \$1000 prize provided by IFR. To further foster undergraduate participation during the Annual Meeting, the IFR will be sponsoring a morning coffee where students will be able to network with archaeologists and learn more about scholarship and fieldwork opportunities.

The submission deadline for the 2015 prizes is March 15, 2015, and all entries will be evaluated based on three overarching criteria: 1) intellectual creativity, 2) originality of topic, and 3) quality of presentation.

For more details on submission guidelines and formatting, see <http://bit.ly/1yFRF4y>. To learn more about the Institute for Field Research, please visit [www.ifrglobal.org](http://www.ifrglobal.org). If you have any additional questions, please contact the IFR Undergraduate Awards Committee chair, Dr. Wes Bernardini, at [wesley\\_bernardini@redlands.edu](mailto:wesley_bernardini@redlands.edu).

#### **About SAA**

*The Society for American Archaeology is an international organization dedicated to the research, interpretation, and protection of the archaeological heritage of the Americas. With more than 7,300 members, the SAA represents professional, student, and avocational archaeologists working in a variety of settings including government agencies, colleges and universities, museums, and the private sector.*

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