2015 Diversity Field School Competition
Sponsored by the Gender and Minority Affairs Committee (GMAC)

The Gender and Minority Affairs Committee (GMAC) is proud to announce the second annual 2015 GMAC Diversity Field School Competition. We invite all SHA members and conference attendees to participate in this prestigious event.

As the field of historical archaeology continues to expand, it is becoming increasingly important to develop archaeological practices that foster diversity in research objectives, perspectives, and participation. GMAC recognizes that diversity is multi-dimensional and thus “inclusive of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, abilities, and socio-economic background.” In an effort to recognize those who have shown a commitment to diversity in historical archaeology, GMAC encourages submissions from principal investigators, directors, managers, students or any other SHA member who is running or has recently run a field school that demonstrates diversity in the broadest sense of the term.

The submission guidelines are outlined below and the deadline for submission is December 20, 2014. All entries and inquiries should be directed to the Chair of the GMAC Field School Competition Committee, Mia Carey, and submitted electronically at GMACdiversityfieldschool@gmail.com

Awardees will be announced at the 48th Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology held in Seattle, Washington January 6 to 11, 2014 and presented with a certificate. First, second, and third place winners will be given special acknowledgement on the SHA website. In addition, first place winners will be featured on the GMAC webpages and will have an opportunity to post a photo(s), a description of the field school, and any registration materials. Materials will be posted for one year from the time that awardees are announced at the conference.

Eligibility:

- The entrant must be a current SHA member and/or conference participant.

- The field school must have been conducted within the period between January 2012 - January 2014.

Submission Requirements:

- A complete application form, including an essay (500 words) that details how the field school contributes to diversity in the scholarship or tangible products of historical archaeology, the membership of the Society for Historical Archaeology, and/or amongst the practitioners of our profession.
A brief summary of the field school, the research objectives or main questions, and the scope of the field school (i.e., the size of the field school, the duration of the field school, and a typical schedule).

Any information that you intend to post on the GMAC website should you be awarded first place (e.g., registration form).

One to three high-resolution digital photos¹ – complete with title and caption – that represent field school diversity according to one or more of the dimensions outlined in GMAC’s definition.² Please submit no more than three photos.

Submissions will be judged based on:

- The composition and quality of the media materials (e.g., photos, pamphlets, and/or any web content), and how well they represent the diversity of the field school or the potential of the field school to increase diversity

- The commitment to diversity as expressed through the narrative essay. The potential of the field school to inspire others to develop similar programs or to otherwise increase diversity in historical archaeology.

For more information please contact Mia Carey, Chair of the GMAC Field School Competition Committee, at: GMACdiversityfieldschool@gmail.com

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¹ The image should be in its original form and not digitally altered. By submitting a photo you give GMAC permission to reproduce any entry for the promotional purposes only. No reproduction fee will be paid. No entry will be sold, but request for purchase will be referred to the entrant. Additionally consent of all parties featured in the image is implied.

² “Diversity is inclusive of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, abilities, and socio-economic background.”