

## Past Grant Recipients

The Explorers Club Washington Group's, Exploration and Field Research Grants Program, has provided funding for many young explorers. This funding has enabled them to not only do their research but has also helped in securing additional funding from other organizations. If you would like to donate to this tax exempt 501 (c)(3) fund, please contact our treasurer Bruce Blanchard. Grants are available to graduate students who are enrolled in a college or university in the local area (Washington, DC; Virginia; West Virginia; Maryland). Our grant recipients and their project descriptions are listed here for your information. The future of exploration is alive and well!

The 2009 recipients and their projects are:

James W. Bressette, Towson University, Quantifying cascade effects in forests with high white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) densities, Virginia

Daniel Harris, West Virginia University, Tectonic and magmatic evolution of the eastern Teton Mountains, Seward Peninsula, Alaska

Jonathan Moore, Virginia Tech, Breeding behaviors in Prothonotary warblers: is food availability the key?, Virginia

Kier Soderberg, University of Virginia, *Welwitschia mirabilis*: water use strategies of a living fossil in the hyper-arid Namib Desert, Namibia

Brian Thompson, University of Maryland, Discovery of the

microbial biodiversity surrounding the European woodwasp *Sirex noctilio* and its impact on woodwasp fecundity, NE USA and Central Europe

The 2008 recipients and their projects are:

- Elizabeth A. Bollwerk, University of Virginia Anthropology. Placing People With Pipes Middle Atlantic Region, U.S.
- Cally Brandt, University of Maryland-Baltimore County. The Iklaina Archaeological Project Greece.
- Rebecca J. Fox, University of Maryland Horn Point Laboratory. Concentration gradients and fluxes of N<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub> in the vadose and saturated zone of hydric areas of Maryland.
- Catherine Haradon, The George Washington University. Environmental context of Acheulean to Middle Stone Age transition at Cave of Hearths, South Africa.
- Jessica L. Hite, Virginia Commonwealth University. Is Aquatic Productivity affected by a Terrestrial Predator? A study of Across Ecosystem Effects Panama.
- Sarah Tafler Koplik, The Johns Hopkins University. The Johns Hopkins/University of Amsterdam Joint Expedition to Tell Umm el-Marra, Syria.
- Margaret Stanton, Georgetown University. Social networks, early experience and survivorship in bottlenose dolphins Australia.
- Sara Zeigler, University of Maryland College Park. Maintaining Monkey Movement: The Significance of Functional Connectivity Loss on the Extinction Risk of a Territorial, Social Primate Brazil.

The 2007 recipients and their projects are:

- Lelana Avila, University of Virginia Biology. Red Pigmentation in *Thamnophis*, California, Oregon and Washington.
- Anna B. Estes, University of Virginia Environmental Sciences. Elephant population dynamics and habitat change in the Serengeti ecosystem, Tanzania.
- Tyler J. Faith, George Washington University. The Bones of Shompole Conservation Area, Kenya: The Application of Taphonomic Bone Survey as an Ecological Monitoring Technique Kenya.
- Richard S. Maxwell, West Virginia University. Multi-century Tree-ring Reconstruction of Potomac River Stream flow for Water Resource Planning in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area.
- Matthew Pawlowicz, University of Virginia Anthropology. Making Their Place in the Swahili world: An Archaeological Survey of the Mikindani Area Tanzania.
- Peter C. Quantock, University of Maryland Baltimore campus. Spain Archeology: Roman Theater of Clunia Spain.
- Joshua Smith, Virginia Institute of Marine Science. College of William and Mary. Ecology of two closely related stingrays in the coastal lagoon of Virginia.
- Jae-Cheon Sohn, University of Maryland. Biodiversity Inventory of *Yponomeutoidea* moths in Costa Rica.

The 2006 recipients and their projects are:

- Geoffrey Cook. George Mason University. A comparison of bacterial communities from geographically separated white plague type II diseased corals (Bahamas and British West Indies).
- Benjamin Hutchens. American University. Determination of genetic divergence among population of the Madison Cave isopod (*Antrolana lira*) (Virginia).

- Steven Killen. University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Summer archaeology program at tel Beth Shemesh (Israel).
- Silvana Marten-Rodriquez. University of Maryland. Pollen limitation and reproductive assurance in Caribbean Gesneriaceae: are specialist species more vulnerable to reproductive failure than their generalist congeners? (Dominican Republic).
- Virginia Seamster. University of Virginia. Applying stable isotope techniques to a study of the ecology of the cheetah, a rare carnivore (Botswana).
- Lydia Wilson. University of Virginia. A preliminary survey of 19th century fugitive slave sites in Kenya (Kenya).

The 2005 recipients and their projects are:

ECWG Grants benefactors Harvey and Phyllis Schreter with student grant recipient Clair Ryan.

Beatrix Arendt, University of Virginia, Anthropology. In the Footsteps of the Inuit: Archaeology at Labrador, Canada (Canada)

- Meredith Ferdie, University of Virginia, Environmental Sciences. Response of tropical seagrass communities to disturbance in east Africa (Mozambique).
- Amanda Hildt, University of Virginia, Environmental Sciences. Growth and distribution modeling of lowland rainforest trees species in eastern Madagascar (Madagascar).
- Abigail Holeman, University of Virginia, Anthropology. Origins and ancestors at Paquime: Exploring Social organization through the built environment in northern Mexico (Arizona).
- Brian Olsen, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. The selective pressure on two sub-species of swamp sparrow in different marsh landscapes. (Delaware and Maryland).
- Claire Ryan. University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Silchester Insula IX: Roman town life project. (England).
- Elizabeth Waraksa. Johns Hopkins University. Female figurines from the Mut Temple: Comparanda in three British Collections (England).