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Announcements

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA (SHSI) announces a grant program for the 2018/2019 academic year. SHSI will award up to ten stipends of \$1,000 each to support original research and interpretive writing related to the history of Iowa or Iowa and the Midwest. Preference will be given to applicants proposing to pursue previously neglected topics or new approaches to or interpretations of previously treated topics. SHSI invites applicants from a variety of backgrounds, including academic and public historians, graduate students, and independent researchers and writers. Applications will be judged on the basis of their potential for producing work appropriate for publication in *The Annals of Iowa*. Grant recipients will be expected to produce an annotated manuscript targeted for *The Annals of Iowa*, SHSI's scholarly journal.

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THE IOWA HISTORY CENTER at Simpson College is pleased to congratulate Dwain Coleman as the 2017 recipient of our prize for the outstanding master's thesis in Iowa history. His award-winning thesis, "Still in the Fight: The Struggle for Community in the Upper Midwest for African American Civil War Veterans," was completed at Iowa State University.

The Center now seeks nominations for the outstanding master's thesis in Iowa history for 2018. Selection will be based on contribution to the knowledge of Iowa history; originality of the subject matter or methodology; use of sources; and written expression. Nominees must have completed their master's degree between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018.

The winner will be announced in the fall of 2018 and will receive a \$1,000 cash prize and an award plaque. Three copies of the thesis and a brief letter of nomination from the thesis advisor, which must include contact information for the nominee, should be submitted to Bill Friedrichs, Director, Iowa History Center, Simpson College, 701 North C Street, Indianola, IA 50125. Application deadline is June 30, 2018.

For further information, contact Linda Sinclair, (515) 961-1528 or linda.sinclair@simpson.edu.

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