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## Anthropology Students Selected for National Internship Program

The [American Anthropological Association](#) is pleased to announce that it has selected its interns for summer 2013. Through generous member donations, three anthropology students, Jeff Emerson, Jalene Regassa and Rachel Nuzman, will have the opportunity to spend this summer working with AAA as part of the Association's Summer Internship Program. These students will also work with partnering host organizations in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Jeff Emerson is a senior at [Luther College](#), and double majors in anthropology and chemistry. As an AAA summer intern, Jeff will be working with the Underwater Archaeology Branch of the [Naval History & Heritage Command](#), the official history program of the Department of the Navy. NHHC is the official history program of the Department of the Navy. Emerson will be working with the Underwater Archaeology Branch of the NHHC and will be conducting archaeological and historical research, synthesizing field information to prepare policy and case studies, as well as conserving artifacts and assisting with the inventory, management and artifact loan programs.

Jalene Regassa, is a senior at [Colby College](#), and double majors in anthropology and global studies. Jalene will intern with the Smithsonian's [National Museum of African Art](#) and be placed in the museum's curatorial department where her tasks include research on gender theory and object-based work related to a future exhibition on the contributions of, and issues addressed by, African contemporary woman artists. In a recent interview, Regassa states "As an Ethiopia-American, I am very much interested in exploring the ways in which African cultures interact with American cultures and people."

Rachel Nuzman is a senior at [Saint Mary's College of California](#), and double majors in anthropology and english, and minoring in women and gender studies. Nuzman will intern with the [Association for Feminist Anthropology](#), which is celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Nuzman will research an annotated history of the AFA, utilizing the AFA Archives housed at the Smithsonian and other sources, to mark this important anniversary. The finished product will be a useful guidebook for research and scholarship related to the pedagogy and scholarship in feminist anthropology.

Emerson, Nuzman and Regassa will also spend a portion of their time at the AAA offices, where they will be working with the Association's public education program, [RACE: Are We So Different?](#), researching various pieces of Federal legislation and regulatory initiatives and sharing their internship experience with members in Association publications and social media.

The AAA Summer Internship Program is in its third consecutive year. This highly competitive program selects candidates based on their field of anthropological interest, academic strength, and recommendations from their professors. The internship provides professional experience to anthropology students and assists in shaping the foundation of their anthropological careers.

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Founded in 1902, the American Anthropological Association is the world's largest professional organization of anthropologists and others interested in anthropology, with an average annual membership of more than 10,000. The Arlington, VA – based association represents all specialties within anthropology – cultural anthropology, biological (or physical) anthropology, archaeology, linguistics and applied anthropology.