James Shuford

James Shuford was granted the 2012 DeCormier Scholarship for his project: "Networks of Access: The Effects of Mesoamerican Cultural Reproduction on Farmworker Healthcare Access in New York State." James’ award has supported his dissertation research examining healthcare access for migrant farmworkers in the Hudson Valley region of New York. Through participant observation with outreach workers at two migrant health clinics as well as in-depth interviews with farmworkers and clinic staff, James is investigating the structural barriers that isolate farmworkers as well as the ways that farmworkers and clinic workers utilize social and cultural resources in order to meet the healthcare needs of a largely undocumented Mexican migrant population. James presented preliminary findings of his research at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) conference as well as the American Ethnological Society (AES) conference in 2012.