During the summer of 2013, Crystal Sheedy used her Christopher DeCormier Memorial Scholarship to conduct preliminary ethnographic fieldwork for her dissertation. Her research focuses on identifying the changes and continuities within work patterns and cultural and linguistic practices of Mayas from the Yucatán Peninsula. She was able to return to Xocén, a Maya village where she conducted her Master’s thesis research, and build stronger rapport with her past participants, as well as expand the number of individuals that are willing to work with her for her dissertation research. In the process of being introduced to new people, she was also able to establish connections in different villages, which she hopes to incorporate into her dissertation research. While in Xocén, she noticed that she was developing a stronger command of Yucatec Maya, and she was able to express her research interests to her past participants, who, in turn, started to help her find and understand events that were of particular importance to her research interests. Additionally, with this stronger command of the language, she was able to begin to record life histories from two of her previous participants, as well as stories from another participant.