

The Institute for Mesoamerican Studies

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THE 20TH ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE ESSAY AWARD IN MESOAMERICAN STUDIES

This award recognizes outstanding undergraduate achievement in the field of Mesoamerican studies, as judged by a written essay.

The Award: The award will be \$100 in 2020, to be used as the awardee sees fit. The winner will be announced in late-April, 2020.

Eligibility: All undergraduate students at the University at Albany are eligible for this award.

Essay Requirements: Unpublished essays on any aspect of Mesoamerican studies are eligible for submission. The essay may be a revised term paper, a senior honors thesis, or any other essay. Co-authored student essays are eligible. Co-authored student-faculty essays are not eligible. Papers submitted for consideration should be under 30 pages in length, double-spaced, and should conform to the style of a major professional journal, such as *American Antiquity* or *American Anthropologist*. Students should consult the style guide of the journal and make sure that bibliographic entries, subheadings, and other elements conform to the correct style. All necessary tables and illustrations must be included, but the illustrations do not need to be in final publishable format.

Procedure for Submission: Three copies of the essay should be submitted to the Institute for Mesoamerican Studies (AS 233) or the IMS mailbox (AS 236), **including a digital copy in PDF to ims@albany.edu** no later than **Friday, March 27, 2020**. Students should arrange to have a faculty member write a letter of reference. A submission cover letter statement should include the following:

Context in which the essay took shape, i.e., the circumstances under which it was conceived and written.

The name of the faculty reference

Criteria for Evaluation: Essays will be judged by a committee of IMS faculty for their professional quality, following standard disciplinary criteria.



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