

RUPPÉ PRIZE IN ARCHAEOLOGY

2009: M.A. Student Competition



The Reynold Ruppé Prize in Archaeology is awarded each year to the best paper in archaeology by a graduate student at Arizona State University.

WHO CAN SUBMIT

- 1) The competition is limited to students currently registered in the M.A. or Ph.D. programs in the School of Human Evolution & Social Change at Arizona State University. Students may not submit more than one paper to a given competition.
- 2) The competition alternates between M.A. and Ph.D. students each year. Out-of-cycle submissions will be held over for the following year if appropriate.
- 3) Faculty may submit for students with the approval of the student, and faculty may submit the papers of multiple students.
- 4) Students in approaches other than archaeology may submit as long as the paper is about, or directly relevant to, archaeology.
- 5) Papers may be co-authored by two ASU students; no paper may have a co-author who is not an ASU student. Co-authored papers must include a statement outlining the contributions of each author.
- 6) Papers must have been written during the 18 months preceding the deadline.
- 7) A given paper can be submitted only once. A student may submit different papers in different years, however.
- 8) Papers being considered for submission for publication are particularly welcome.

FORMAT CRITERIA

- 1) The paper can be no longer than 30 pages of text, excluding references.
- 2) It must be double spaced, 1-inch margins, and use 12 point font (Times New Roman preferred).
- 3) The paper should conform to the style guidelines of a major archaeology journal.
- 4) The first page should be the Ruppé Prize Cover Sheet, available by request from Curtis Marean (curtis.marean@asu.edu); the abstract goes on this page.
- 5) Three printed copies and an electronic copy should be submitted to the committee chair.

DEADLINE

- 1) Deadline is Tuesday, March 31, at noon. Late papers will not be considered.
- 2) Printed papers should be turned in directly to a school secretary, and electronic versions e-mailed to the committee chair (curtis.marean@asu.edu).

SELECTION PROCESS

- 1) Papers are evaluated using the criteria followed in reviewing journal submissions. These criteria include: quality of scholarship; intellectual significance; scope; originality; professionalism; clarity; organization; and writing style.
- 2) The committee will be composed of 3 or 4 faculty members; in 2009 the committee is composed of: Marean (chair), K. Knudson, and M. Smith.
- 3) The committee reserves the right to not award the prize in any particular year.
- 4) The awards will be announced no later than May 1st.

THE PRIZE

- 1) First place—\$500 (divided between co-authors if applicable).
 - 2) Honorable mention (if applicable)—\$250.
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