Strengths of the Archaeology Program: A Student Perspective

The Archaeology faculty in SHESC recently asked its graduate students what they thought were the strengths of the department from a student perspective. This is what they had to say...

1. The faculty is approachable and interested in graduate student success.
2. The faculty has a long and proven record of publishing with graduate students (see the listing of current publications available through the SHESC website).
3. Pursuing a traditional archaeology degree remains a major strength of the department, as evidenced by our large faculty (21 permanent archaeologists) who continue to pursue archaeological fieldwork.
4. Being situated within SHESC provides archaeologists with the facilities and support to conduct interdisciplinary research.
5. Fieldwork and labwork experiences are readily available across the world and in SHESC’s hometown of Phoenix, through our Cultural Resource Management internship program.
6. The research topics our graduate students are studying are highly diverse, which makes participation in seminar discussions more engaging and dynamic.
7. Our archaeology graduate students have won the SAA Dissertation Award in 6 out of the last 15 years.
8. Our recent grads have gone on to jobs at top tier programs, like UCLA, Wisconsin, Stanford, Notre Dame, Washington State, South Florida, Ithaca College, and the University of Denver.
9. Our graduate students have been extremely successful in obtaining grants for graduate research, including many NSF Graduate Research Fellowships and numerous DDIGs in the past five years.
10. You can pursue the research that YOU want to pursue with the support of your committee and other faculty members in SHESC and across the University.

If you have any questions for Archaeology students within SHESC please contact the Archaeology Approach Graduate Student Representative, Andrea Torvinen, at atorvine@asu.edu.

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