

April 2015 Acknowledgements
College of Liberal Arts

Congratulations:

Andy Speers, a Prehistory Research Project post-doc in Anthropology is featured in an article from Mammoth Trumpet for his work on pioneering the use of laser ablation inductively-coupled plasma mass spectrometry to source chert. Andy was also recently hired in a tenure-track position at in the Department of Anthropology at Idaho State University and will be leaving Texas State this summer.

Joseph A. Kotarba (SOC) traveled to Sweden on a Fullbright Specialist Award to work with Dr. Vessela Misheva, Professor of Sociology at Uppsala University, on a comparative study of aging adult popular music fans.

Spanish major and ROTC cadet, Walter Brinker is one of only 15 students nationally to be honored with the prestigious George C. Marshall Award. Walter was recognized during the George C. Marshall Awards and Leadership Seminar on March 30 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

http://www.txstate.edu/news/news_releases/news_archive/2015/April-2015/ROTC040615.html

The following students in Texas State's graduate public history program have received national internships: **Michael Naumann** (Colonial National Historic Park, National Park Service); **Heather Haley** (Edward W. Pell Graduate Fellow of Education, Fort Ticonderoga); **Jon Watson** (Intern, Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society); **Ethan Raath** (Visit Madison Intern, Madison Advanced Internship Network).

Sarah Himes a recent Anthropology graduate has been awarded a National Science Foundation International Research Experience for Students position for this summer's Koobi Fora Field School in the Turkana Basin of Kenya.

In the News:

Steve Black (ANTH) is currently featured in the "Discover Texas State" section of the University's website for his work uncovering centuries-old information about the conditions that shaped the Lower Pecos Canyon Lands.

txstate.edu/discover

Anthropology (archeology) student **Amanda Castaneda**, English alumna **Sydney Granger**, and International Studies alumna **Chrissy Omo** (also a participant in Texas State's study abroad program in Florence, Italy, are all currently featured in "Be a Bobcat" on the University's homepage.

External Venues

Thomas Doyle's (POSI) article "The Iranian Nuclear Controversy is also About Saving Face" was featured in the *Washington Post's* blog the "Monkey Cage" (4/12).

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2015/04/12/the-iranian-nuclear-controversy-is-also-about-saving-face/>.

Anthropology alumna Jill Pruetz was featured in the *New York Times* discussing how female chimpanzees from her study site in Fongoli, Senegal, hunt with tools (4/15).

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/15/science/hunting-chimps-offer-new-view-on-evolution.html>

Grants

Daniel Wescott (ANTH), along with Rodney Rohde from Health Professions and Ken Mix from Agriculture were awarded the 2015 Multidisciplinary Internal Research Grant (MIRG) for their proposal entitled “Threshold Events on the Necrobiome Associated with Human Decomposition in a Subtropic Ecosystem.”