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TO: Undergraduate Major and Minors in Anthropology

FROM: Jessica Greenberg
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RE: Patricia O'Brien Award in Anthropology

The Patricia O'Brien Award will be presented this spring to the student who submits a superior undergraduate anthropology paper. **Any undergraduate anthropology major or minor may enter.** The award this year includes a prize of \$500 to the winner.

The papers will be judged on the basis of excellence as demonstrated by clear focus, development of ideas, synthesis of literature covered, writing style, originality, and contribution to the field. Papers will be judged by the O'Brien Committee made up representatives of the four sub-disciplines. At the committee's discretion, an outside reviewer may be asked to assist in the evaluation of a particular entry.

Papers must be submitted no later than **3:00pm Tuesday, March 12, 2019.** **Papers must be submitted electronically to Karla Harmon at kharmon@illinois.edu** . The papers must be cleanly typed, and the format should be as appropriate for professional journals such as American Anthropologist, American Antiquity, or American Journal of Physical Anthropology. The paper must be anthropological in subject matter and approach. Senior honor theses, course research papers, fieldwork analyses, and independent projects are all acceptable entries. The paper must have been written or substantially developed while the student has been at the University of Illinois.

The award will be presented to the winner at the Anthropology Spring Banquet on Thursday, May 2nd. The O'Brien Award Committee will announce the winner to the department just prior to this event. The department will display the winner's name on the Patricia O'Brien Award plaque in Room 110 Davenport Hall. The recipient will also receive a formal letter of acknowledgment from the head of the Department.

If you have any questions regarding the competition, do not hesitate to contact me (jrgreenb@illinois.edu). We wish you the best of success if you decide to submit a paper for the competition and strongly encourage you to do so.