

GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL'S STUDENT OF THE WEEK

A series showcasing the talented graduate and professional students at the
University of Missouri

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HONORS AND AWARDS:

2018: Awarded the Freie
Universität Berlin Research
Alumni Fellowship

2020: Awarded the Etruscan
Foundation Fellowship for
dissertation research in Italy

2020: Awarded a Fulbright to
Italy for dissertation research

More about Matt on the next page!

WHAT IS ONE THING THAT HAS BEEN INVALUABLE TO YOUR STUDIES?

The financial support to travel abroad from AMS has been invaluable for Matt's studies. The department has several funding opportunities to support summer travel so that Matt can participate in his excavations at Gabii and Pompeii. Without this support he would not be able to participate in important archaeological research and publish. Unlike other fields, it is necessary to travel in order to do the type of research that archaeologists do.

Know a fantastic student who should be highlighted? Fill out this MU Engage form: <https://missouri.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/448219>

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WISH PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT YOUR FIELD?

Archaeology is not just digging in the dirt and finding lost treasures. Matt in particular specializes in the geo-spatial data side of archaeology, working on maps and topographical elements of excavations that usually do not get the focus in popular culture.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE:

Graduate student representative for the AMS department (2019-2020)

Graduate student representative for the AMS Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2020-present)

Chair of the events committee for the Heartland Graduate Conferenced organized by AMS graduate students (2018)