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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

MATTHEW HARDER

Ph.D. in Art History and Archaeology in the Department of Ancient Mediterranean Studies (AMS) specializing in Roman archaeology

HONORS AND AWARDS:

2018: Awarded the Freie Universität Berlin Research Alumni Fellowship

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

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More about Matt on the next page!
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.

Archaeology is not just digging in the dirt and finding lost treasures. Matt in particular specializes in the geospatial 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)