The Cotlow Fund

Since 1990, the Lewis N. Cotlow Field Research Fund has supported over 200 anthropological research projects by George Washington University students in some 55 countries. It was created by a $150,000 bequest from the estate of Lewis Cotlow (1898-1987), an explorer, author, and filmmaker who attended GW.

Currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students at GW are eligible to apply for an award. Any research topic relevant to anthropology’s four fields is appropriate. Students normally do their field work in the summer and make a presentation at the fall conference.

For a list of Cotlow projects funded to date, sample proposals, and application information, visit the Anthropology Department website (http://departments.columbian.gwu.edu/anthropology/cotlow).

Applications for funding for 2015 are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6; they are submitted electronically to cotlowapplication@gmail.com. Students are strongly urged to consult with one or more Anthropology faculty members in preparing their proposal and to attend one of the workshops on writing proposals that are offered every year.

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Welcome and Opening Remarks: Kristina Short  
M.A. Anthropology, 2011; 2011 Cotlow recipient

Part I  
Chair: Jessica Chandras  
Anthropology Ph.D. program; 2013 Cotlow recipient

Coffee, Coyotes, and Rust: A Crisis of Knowledge and Intermediaries in Guatemala  
Greyson Harris  
Student, Anthropology M.A. program

A bottle of government-provided fungicide distributed in 2013 during the state of emergency caused by coffee rust

The Origin of Carrying: Investigating the Evidence of Carrying in 1.5 Million-Year-Old Footprints from Ileret, Kenya  
Laura Rouse  
Student, B.S. in Biological Anthropology & B.A. in Dance

Expanded excavation of the fossilized footprint site, FwJj 14E, of Area 1A in Ileret, Kenya

REDD: An Agentive Network?  
Raquel Machaqueiro  
Student, Anthropology Ph.D. program

Houses in Naamacha (Mozambique), near the border with Swaziland, an area targeted for forest restoration

Swiss or European? The Paradox of the Exclusion-Inclusion Nexus in a Historically Plural Nation  
Andrés Brillembour

Student, B.A. in International Affairs

New Approaches to Understanding Human Behavioral Evolution from Stone Artifacts: Applying Photogrammetry at Olorgesailie  
Beccy Biermann  
M.A. Anthropology 2014

A ~300,000 year old scraper from Olorgesailie, Kenya
Waste-to-Energy: Learning Political Action in America's Dumping Ground
Chloe Ahmann
Student, Anthropology Ph.D. program

Student activists protest the construction of an incinerator less than a mile from their school in south Baltimore City

Interpretations of Justice in Senegal: A Participatory Photography Research Project
Hannah Fitter
Student, B.A. in International Affairs

Careful with the Camera! Intersections of Memory in Bogotá
Sarah Richardson
Student, Anthropology Ph.D. program

La Plazoleta de los Murales, Bogotá, Colombia

Inside a Hidden Disorder: Illness Narratives about Eating Disorders in Mainland China
Yuting Yin
Student, Anthropology M.A. program, concentration in Medical Anthropology

Therapy group at a Beijing center for the treatment of eating disorders
The Rede, Subjectivity, and Midiativismo: A Study of Mídia Ninja
Sarah Otis
Student, B.A. in Latin American & Hemispheric Studies

Mídia Ninja member Carioca live streams a protest amid police, protesters, and other journalists

Policing the Fluff: Online Authenticity among the Otherkin
Devin Proctor
Student, Anthropology Ph.D. program

The researcher's online persona

End of Part I
Intermission

Part II
Chair: Jessica Chandras
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Returnee, IDP, or Both? Border Crossings and the Curious Case of Gali in Georgia
Gökrem Aydemir
Student, Anthropology Ph.D. program

The Soviet books and figurines that a displaced family in Senaki, Georgia, saved from the 1992–93 war

Colors of Culture and the Mind
Shane Feifer
Student, B.A. in Asian Studies & Anthropology

Ancient city of Pingyao, Shanxi Province, China