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The Northern Illinois University Museum Studies Program is pleased to announce that the 2013 Illinois Association of Museums (IAM) Graduate Student of the Year Award went to NIU Anthropology Student, Ashlee Craig. For the second year in a row an NIU student has been awarded this honor and added to the prestige of NIU’s Interdisciplinary Graduate Museum Studies Certificate Program.

Ms. Craig began working with the NIU Anthropology Museum in 2010 as an undergraduate collections volunteer. The quality of Ashlee’s work was recognized as she was promoted to Museum Supervisor before being hired on as the Anthropology Museum’s Graduate Assistant in 2012. While working as the museum’s Graduate Assistant, Ms. Craig was lead curator for two exhibits on campus: Fast Food Nation 10,000 B.C., displayed at the Holmes Student Center, and Trowels & Fair Trade: Revealing the Underground Railroad and Contemporary Slavery at the Anthropology Museum, which garnered an Award of Superior Achievement from IAM. She also worked as a graphic designer for Rarely Seen Southeast Asia, an exhibition displayed at the Anthropology Museum curated by NIU Emeritus Professor Richard M. Cooler.

Ms. Craig has shown impressive drive and ambition in the Museum Studies program at NIU. She has recently accepted a position as Collections Manager for the Downer’s Grove Historical Museum where she will no doubt continue to excel in her career.

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Pictured:

Ashlee Craig - IAM Museum Studies Graduate Student of the Year