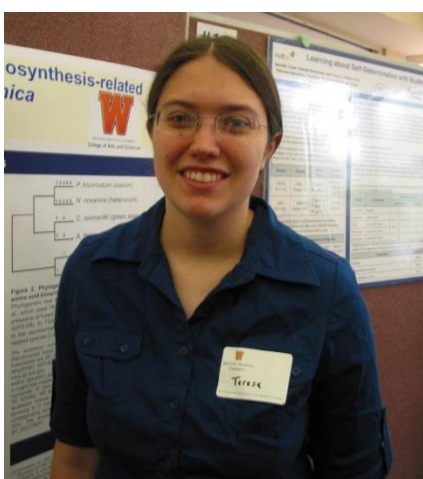




Lora Anderson \$2000

I am a DVM candidate in the College of Veterinary Medicine dual-enrolled in the program in Public Health. My interests are in production animal medicine and how that relates to public health, including food safety, antimicrobial resistance, and disease traceability. I am currently the MSU junior delegate for the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, an international association of veterinarians serving society as leaders in cattle health, welfare, and productivity. One of my favorite roles is my involvement with the Advisory Board for the Michigan 4-H Veterinary Science Program, where I actively engage our upcoming youth and expose

them to all things animal-related. I am most proud of these leadership roles, knowing that they are directly shaping the future of this rich discipline and the future generations of my profession.



Teresa Clark \$2000

As a PhD Candidate in the Plant Biology and Quantitative Biology programs, I use mathematical models to understand how plants use resources such as carbon to produce oils and other metabolites. For one of my projects, I am coordinating a collaboration of ecologists and molecular plant scientists to use molecular methods to test an ecological model of resource trade between plants and symbiotic microbes. My roles include leading the computational analyses, managing our weekly meetings, and giving updates on our progress. Not only does this work address important research questions, but it also demonstrates the capacity of mathematical modeling to unite seemingly separate disciplines (e.g., molecular biology and ecology).



Justin Coles \$2000

In addition to my role as a doctoral student focusing on Urban Education in the College of Education's Curriculum, Instruction, and Teacher Education (CITE) Program, I serve on the Graduate Student Committee of Division G, a sub-division of the American Educational Research Association (AERA). Division G, one of the largest divisions of the professional organization, promotes research on relations between educational processes and the social, political, and economic contexts in which they occur; and advances cross-disciplinary studies. I am currently in my second year as a Co-Chair for the Mentoring Subcommittee, where along with a colleague at The Ohio State University and The University of California, Los Angeles, I plan and execute a yearly Mentoring Pre-Conference

(MPP), which precedes the larger annual conference and attracts graduate students from a myriad of universities, both nationally and internationally. In addition to the MPP, my Co-Chairs and I developed the first ever podcast series for the Division G Graduate Student Committee. I had the pleasure of helping to design and facilitate our first podcast, *(Inter)National Social Justice Issues and the Academy*, which features Michigan State's very own Dr. Chezare Warren and Dr. Loukia Sarroub from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. AERA Division G Graduate Student Officers and Website: <https://aeradivg.wordpress.com/grad-students/>



Laura McGrath \$2000

Laura McGrath is a PhD candidate in the Department of English with research interests in 20th Century American literature and digital humanities. McGrath has organized several panels at her national disciplinary conference, the Modernist Studies Association, that consider new opportunities for modernist scholarship in contemporary literature. Laura has been recognized as a future leader in the Digital Humanities, invited to participate in colloquia at Stanford University and the University of Chicago. During her tenure as the Project Manager for the Digital Humanities and Literary Cognition Lab in the Department of English, McGrath co-wrote and won an ACLS Digital Innovation Grant. As a CHI Fellow, she is working to combine modernism and DH through a large-scale text analysis of the Armed Services Editions, books sent to servicemen during WWII to “fight the war on

ideas,” collaborating with scholars across the country. In 2015-2016, McGrath will serve as the Mellon Fellow for the Digital Liberal Arts at Hope College.



Joshua Palkki \$2000

I am PhD candidate in the MSU College of Music working toward a degree in music education with a cognate in choral conducting. I have been a leading voice in bringing issues of gender and sexuality into the choral and music education discourses. My work on gender and sexuality issues in choral music has been prominent in American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and National Association for Music Education (NAfME) publications and events. Last year I co-presented a session with composer Paul Caldwell in which we presented data from a large-scale survey study of LGBTQ collegiate singers regarding their secondary choral experiences; this is the first time LGBTQ issues had been openly discussed as a session topic at an ACDA national conference. More recently, my article entitled “Gender Trouble: Males, adolescence, and masculinity in the choral context” was the cover article in the November 2015 *Choral Journal*, the flagship periodical of ACDA.



Katie Rollert \$2000

Kate Rollert is a PhD candidate in the department of Educational Policy. She has served and advocated for graduate students in various leadership positions and educational contexts. She is most proud of her work through the American Educational Research Association, where she currently serves as Chair Elect. Kate is responsible for defending the rights of graduate students and is committed to providing opportunities that foster growth, development, and advancement.

Travis Johnson \$2000