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**COA Academic Grants Program
Academic Grants Director's Report
May 23, 2011**

The COA Grants Committee consisted of Ellen Strong, Steve Lonhart, and yours truly. The Committee received 36 complete applications in 2011. The applications came from five countries: USA (24), Argentina (6), Brazil (3), Canada (1), Australia (1), Ireland (1). The pool of applicants included 32 students at different degrees of academic standing plus four non-students.

Eleven grants were awarded (see attached spreadsheet). COA awarded a \$15,000.00 for a total of \$58,209.87 requested. Countries of origin of grantees are: United States (9), Brazil (1), and Argentina (1). All but one award were granted to students, seven are PhD candidates and three are MS candidates.

The Walter Sage Memorial Award was not given;

The Paul and Heather Johnson Award went to Rafe Sagarin, University of Arizona, Tucson, USA;

The Clench and Turner Memorial Award (Boston Malacological Society) went to Abigail Cahill of Stony Brook University, New York, USA;

The Jacksonville Shellclub Award went to Julie Zill of University of Florida, Gainesville, USA.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel L. Geiger, Ph.D.
COA Academic Grants Director

LAST NAME	First name	Grad.	Institution	Project Title	Amount
**CAHILL	Abigail	Ph.D.	Stony Brook University, New York	The effects of larval developmental mode on local adaptation to temperature in <i>Crepidula</i>	\$ 575.00
***ZILL	Julie	Ph.D.	University of Florida, Gainesville	Host specificity and density of eulimid parasites (Gastropoda: Prosobranchia) of echinoderm hosts in Moorea, French Polynesia; an integrative study	\$ 1,500.00
JENKINS	Kirsten	Ph.D.	University of Chicago	Variability in the Structure of Marine Molluscan communities over Space and Time: Testing for Natural and Anthropogenic Using Living, Death, and Fossil Assemblages	\$ 1,500.00
PEREZ	Leandro Martin	Ph.D.	Facultad de Ciencias Naturales y Museo, Universidad Nacional de Plata, Argentina	Neogene connections between the Caribbean and South Atlantic suggested by association of brackish bivalves from the Parana formation (Entre Rios, Argentina)	\$ 1,400.00
MCCULLER	Megan	MS	University of New Hampshire, Durham	Two nudibranchs and their interactions against an invasive prey item	\$ 1,375.00
PAULTZ	Stephanie	Ph.D.	Texas Tech University, Lubbock	Individual, population, and community level consequences of contaminant effects on predator-induced defenses	\$ 1,500.00
KIMBERLY	David	Ph.D.	Texas Tech University	Multiple stressors and adaptive potential in the freshwater snail, <i>Physa pomilia: insight into population persistence</i>	\$ 1,500.00
*SAGARIN	Rafe	Adj. Prof.	University of Arizona, Tucson	The Indelible Stain of Human Impacts on <i>Plicopurpura columellaris</i> and <i>Nerita scabricosta</i> Populations in Mexico	\$ 1,500.00
TIEMANN	Jeremy	MS	Illinois Natural History Survey	Effects of lowhead dams on aquatic gastropods	\$ 1,200.00
MIYAHIRA	Igor Christo	Ph.D.	Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Distribution, morphology and systematics of <i>Diplodon Spix, 1827</i> (Bivalvia, Unionoida, Hyriidae) in Rio de Janeiro state, Brazil	\$ 1,500.00
HANSON	Dieta	MS	Cal Poly Pomona, California	The invasion pathway of the Japanese bubble snail, <i>Haminoea japonica</i> (Opisthobranchia: Haminoeidae).	\$ 1,450.00

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