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UCLA Students Awarded Honors From the Society of American Archivists

The Society of American Archivists honored two UCLA Department of Information Studies students during its 69th annual meeting in New Orleans from Aug. 14–21. The Harold T. Pinkett Minority Student Award, recognizing and acknowledging minority undergraduate and graduate students who, through scholastic and personal achievement, manifest an interest in becoming professional archivists and active members of the society, was presented to both Jennifer Osorio and Paul Sevilla.

At the same conference, four doctoral and four masters' students from information studies presented an innovative double session, "Pluralizing the Archival Paradigm: The Role of Graduate Education." Ruth Bayhulle, Erica Bennett, Anthony Dunbar, Florante Ibanez, Osorio, Melissa Taitano, Kelvin White and Mary Yogi discussed their research on a range of diversity-related topics in archival studies at UCLA. They also reflected on the role that archival education can play in recruiting and mentoring people into the field from a more diverse range of backgrounds, as well as how archival theory and practice needs to expand in order to be more inclusive of marginalized groups.

Master's student Sybil Roud also participated in the graduate student poster session.

"I am very proud of our students and the extent that they have been honored, attended, and participated in events at the SAA meeting. Their work is breaking new and tremendously important ground in the field, and it is gratifying that it is being recognized," said Anne Gilliland, professor and information studies chair.

The Society of American Archivists is a national professional organization representing more than 4,000 individual and institutional members. Its mission is to serve the educational and informational needs of its members and to provide leadership to ensure the identification, preservation and use of the nation's historical record.