

Cassandra Darling 2016 Scholarship Awards



Cassandra Darling, working toward a Dual Master's Degree in History of Science, Technology and Medicine and Library Information Studies, has been awarded three scholarships for her performance in her work in library information studies.

Cassandra has been named the 2016 recipient of the Harriet Harvey Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established in honor of Harriet Harvey, professor of zoology and former chairman of the department at The University of Oklahoma. She was known as a dedicated researcher and an extraordinarily gifted teacher. After her death in 1962, friends, students and faculty formed a fundraising group to establish an endowment in her memory. The fundraising effort was led by the late George M. Sutton, internationally known ornithologist and artist, who auctioned several of his paintings to benefit the fund. The recipient of the Harriet Harvey Memorial Scholarship award of \$500 is selected on the basis of demonstrated high scholastic ability and standards of personal conduct. Cassandra was nominated by Dr. Susan Burke, Professor of Library and Information Studies.

Cassandra has also been selected by School of Library and Information Science faculty to receive the School's 2016 Clarice Marie Springer Hollingsworth Scholarship (\$1,000) and the Roberta Rhodes Allen Scholarship (\$500). LIS students are selected based on their commitment to the program and their performance. On April 21, Cassandra was recognized at the College of Arts and Sciences Student Awards Ceremony as the recipient of the Clarice Marie Springer Hollingsworth Scholarship.

Cassandra Darling earned a BS in Mathematics from Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SOSU). After graduation, she spent many years extolling the beauty of mathematics to high school students. A favorite assignment was having her geometry students read Edwin Abbott's *Flatland*. In 2014, she started working on a master's degree in Library and Information Science with the goal of being a special collections librarian. During her second semester she learned about the option of working on a dual degree with Library and Information Science and History of Science. She was accepted into the History of Science program in the spring of 2015. Inspired by her work with *Flatland*, she is interested in investigating the connections between spirituality and mathematics throughout history. Cassandra is currently serving as a graduate assistant in the Western History Collections, where she is often found wondering the stacks dreaming of the mathematical manuscript and print collection she will one day gleefully rule over with the laws of Ranganathan.