GSA: 2018 Student Award Citation
by Renee Clary
Presented to Gustave Lester

Gustave Lester, of Harvard University is the recipient for the inaugural Michele L. Aldrich History and Philosophy of Geology Division Student Research Award. The award was established in memory of Michele by her husband, Mark Aldrich.

Michele Aldrich was a co-founder of this division in 1976, and served as a steadfast participant, mentor, and advisor. She was Chair of the division, and the Secretary-Treasurer and Editor of the division’s newsletter for 8 years. Michele Aldrich was the institutional memory of our division. Her outstanding research was recognized in 1992 with the Mary C. Rabbitt Award, and with Alan Leviton, her longstanding collaborator, she received the Gerald M. and Sue T. Friedman Distinguished Service Award in 2007.

From a strong list of applicants, the History and Philosophy of Geology Division chose Mr. Gustave Lester’s proposal as the recipient of the very first Michele L. Aldrich History and Philosophy of Geology Division Student Research Award.

Gustave proposed to study mining technology and the industrial side of geology. The committee noted that it was the richness of the investigation which set his proposal apart. The Committee also noted that Gustave’s academic record is extremely strong and he continually is involved in noteworthy projects. His research was supervised by Dr. Naomi Oreskes.

Gustave’s project was also in tune with Michele Aldrich’s vision for the evolution of the history of geology. Therefore, we are proud to acknowledge Gustave Lester as the first awardee of the Aldrich Student Research Award, since his research continues Michele’s legacy.

After Gustave received the Aldrich Student Research Award, he then applied for the History and Philosophy of Geology. Gustave is undoubtedly exceptional, because he wrote the outstanding essay for this award, too.

Please help me congratulate Mr. Gustave Lester, recipient of the Michele L. Aldrich History and Philosophy of Geology Division Student Research Award, AND the History and Philosophy of Geology Division Student Award.