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Thank You, MAC

By Susan Gebr, 2010 recipient of the Archie Motley Memorial Scholarship for Minority Students

I am very delighted that MAC awarded me the Archie Motley Memorial Scholarship for Minority Students. I deeply appreciate MAC's efforts to promote diversity in the archives profession, and I also am very honored to receive a scholarship named after a champion of the representation of all people in the archival record and of small archives. My interest in archives began in 1992 as I was learning my ancestral Karuk language. To meet the goals of language documentation and revitalization, my tribe produces a variety of unique and irreplaceable language learning materials, including a dictionary of the Karuk language that I copublished with linguist William Bright, a video pronunciation guide, and the electronic transcriptions of the unpublished field notes of John Peabody Harrington. Over the years, Karuk people have recorded many hours of speech of fluent elders.

In the course of reviving our language, I became concerned about the care and preservation of the materials we were making. While attending training on endangered language documentation at the Max Planck Institute of Psycholinguistics in the Netherlands, I observed that part of the workflow of the linguist was to deposit their work with an archive. This led me to the idea my concerns for Karuk tribal language materials could be addressed through archival studies. Looking back in my fifteen years of work so far with the Karuk Tribe, I now see that all the departments in my tribe and other tribes in northwestern California have information needs that

could be addressed by someone who has understanding both of tribes and the archival profession.

Now in my second year of the Masters in Library and Information Sciences program at San José State University, I am looking forward to starting the archives

specialization coursework this fall. This summer I finished my first archives internship with Humboldt State University, processing a small collection of materials donated by Dr. Thomas Buckley, anthropologist and author of *Standing Ground: Yurok Indian Spirituality 1850–1990*.



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The Archie Motley Memorial Scholarship will allow me to focus on my studies for this year and to take on another tribal-specific archives internship. I also plan to attend the 2011 Annual Meeting in St. Paul. In closing, I again give my sincere thanks for selecting me for the Archie Motley Scholarship.

Between-Meeting Council Actions

Council approved the following motion via E-mail on June 24:

Approve the three recommendations from the Proofreading Committee report of June 8:

1) Armgard Haken be hired on an interim basis while a new ongoing copyeditor is found

2) A wide search be conducted for an ongoing copyeditor
3) The future copyeditor be contracted on a one year basis requiring annual renewal.

Council approved the following motion via E-mail on August 2:

Approve the revised (July 19) version of the MAC Web site retention schedule.