Awards and Scholarships

Louisa Bowen Memorial Scholarship for Graduate Students in Archival Administration

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The Louisa Bowen Memorial Scholarship for Graduate Students in Archival Administration is dedicated to providing financial assistance to a resident or full-time student of the MAC region who is pursuing graduate education in archival administration. The 2021 Louisa Bowen Memorial scholarship was awarded to Karis Blaker, a first-year master's student at both Loyola University Chicago, where she studies public history, and at Dominican University, where she is simultaneously pursuing a master of library and information science with a focus in archival resources

and services. While an undergraduate at the University of Michigan majoring in English and women's studies, she was a library assistant at the Donald Hall Collection in the Department of Film, Television, and Media. That work motivated her to pursue a career in archives and librarianship. Blaker has a passion for studying and preserving the lives and stories of remarkable women. She feels a deep desire and serious calling to accurately remember women's achievements and the obstacles they have overcome. Congratulations Karis!



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