

AWRN Graduate Student Research Grants

In fall 2018 the Atlantic World Research Network inaugurated its Graduate Student Research Grants, in a transition **from end-product awards to up-front competitive research grants**. Submissions were open to MA, MFA, and PHD student applicants seeking to defray the costs of travel to collections, conferences, field work sites, artistic and theatrical venues, museums, summer seminars, and specialized summer schools.

AE Sarver, MFA Student in Theatre and Stage Directing, will use her \$500 grant to develop two educational **docudramas** reflecting on the **transatlantic legacies of Amelia Earhart and other women aviators**. Her project promises to bring new insight into the role that women have played in aviation; **Professor Janet Allard** contributed her letter of support.

Chelsea Stewart, MA Student in History and Museum Studies, will use her \$500 grant to support her **travel to Newport, Rhode Island** for the pursuit of **research on the Vernon shipping family** in area archives and sites. Her project promises to bring new insight into the role of northern shipping interests in the transatlantic slave trade; **Professor Linda Rupert** contributed her letter of support.