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The American Geosciences Institute is pleased to announce the latest award recipients of the Deep Carbon Observatory (DCO) Diversity Grants: Daniel Colman, Postdoctoral Researcher at Montana State University; Rosa Zayas, Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Delaware; Omar Harvey, Assistant Professor at Texas Christian University; and Pedro Marengo, Associate Professor at Bryn Mawr College. These scholars were awarded grants to conduct research related to DCO's mission of expanding the field of deep carbon science. Additionally, AGI awarded travel grants to attend DCO-affiliated field experiences. The recipients of the travel grants are Pablo Garcia Del Real; Ph.D. candidate at Stanford University; Moyo Ajayi, Master's of Science candidate at Vanderbilt University; John Paul Balmonte, Ph.D. Candidate at the University of North Carolina, and Heidi Needham; Master's of Science candidate at the University of Hawai'i.

The AGI-DCO Diversity grants provided support to geoscience researchers to become active members of DCO's Science Network. For more information about the recipients' research, please visit: <http://www.americangeosciences.org/workforce/dco-diversity-grant-recipe...>

This was the final round of awards for the current two-year project supported by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. During the course of this project, AGI supported a total of 14 traditionally underrepresented geoscientists to participate in DCO-related research, events, and field experiences. A review of the project and its findings was presented at the 2016 Geological Society of America Annual Meeting.

The Deep Carbon Observatory Diversity Grants program was made possible through support from Alfred P. Sloan Foundation grant G-2014-13790, and was designed to increase participation of traditionally underrepresented geoscientists in the United States within the Deep Carbon Observatory community. The Deep Carbon Observatory is a global research program to transform our understanding of carbon in Earth. DCO is a community of scientists, from biologists to physicists, geoscientists to chemists, and others whose work crosses these disciplinary lines, forging a new, integrative field of deep carbon science.

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