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Amanda Demmer Wins 2014 Gerald R. Ford Scholar Award in Honor of Robert M. Teeter

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library is proud to announce that Amanda Demmer has been chosen as the 2014 winner of the Gerald R. Ford Scholar Award in Honor of Robert M. Teeter. Ms. Demmer is a doctoral student in History at the University of New Hampshire and is completing her doctoral dissertation *'The Last Chapter of the Vietnam War': Normalization, Non-governmental Actors and the Politics of Human Rights, 1975-1995*. Her work explores the role of public opinion in the normalization process between the U.S. and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam that ultimately led to the establishment of official diplomatic relations in 1995. She examines how Vietnamese Americans and non-governmental organizations as well as prisoner of war/missing in action and business lobbies placed pressure on policymakers that proved decisive in crafting U.S. policy toward Vietnam.

This annual award of \$5,000 is given to a doctoral student conducting dissertation research and writing on an aspect of the United States political process during the latter part of the 20th century. It was established in 2005 to honor the life and work of Robert Teeter. Mr. Teeter spent over thirty years as a leader in public opinion analysis and campaign strategy, including the 1976 campaign of President Gerald R. Ford. The majority of written materials from Mr. Teeter's career are part of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library collection. This award has been made possible by the generous support of the Teeter family and friends, and his colleagues on the United Parcel Service Board of Directors.

The application deadline for next year's award is March 31, 2015. For more information, please visit the Ford Library's website at: <http://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/library/fsa.asp> or contact the Library at (734) 205-0555 or at ford.library@nara.gov.

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