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**PROJECT ABSTRACT:**

This project will continue the cataloging of archaeological objects from UNM Chaco Field School collections. Between 1929 and 1947, collections were made by UNM Field Schools at great houses and small sites in Chaco Canyon. The collections will be organized for easy retrieval for researchers; objects will be labeled and bagged; catalog worksheets will be prepared; objects will be housed in catalog number order; boxes will be inventoried, labeled, and re-shelved; and all catalog worksheet records will be entered into the NPS National Catalog System. The work will be done in the NPS archaeology workroom in the Hibben Center, the NPS will provide all supplies, work standards, quality control oversight, and access to the NPS National Catalog System. This project provides an opportunity for archaeology students (advanced graduate) to gain hands-on experience cataloging Chacoan collections. Students will also gain experience doing work that NPS museum technicians normally do, making them more qualified for future NPS employment.