NIU undergraduate and graduate students were on hand at the 40th annual Midwest Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory (MCAAAE) held at the Field Museum, Saturday and Sunday Feb. 25 & 26. Anthropology majors Lindsey Komes (Research Rookie), Paige Drauden (URAP), and Ryan Enright, along with graduate students Jessica Blanco, Ashlee Craig, Illy Diaz, Adam Kutryb, Lily Malekfar and Kweku Williams. Student volunteers registered participants and staffed the journal table. Graduate students from the University of Illinois-Chicago Anthropology Department helped at the conference as well, giving NIU students a chance to meet students from other programs. When not manning the tables, students visited the posters by graduate students and researchers from the US, Canada and Peru, and listened to the speakers. Most popular with the NIU students was the presentation *Mummies, Dragon’s Blood, and Tapir Toes: Ethno-medicinal History of an 18th-Century Jesuit Pharmacy in Cuzco* by Brendan J. M. Weaver. Impressed by the enthusiasm of our students, NIU was asked to host the conference in February 2013. Congratulations to our students and thanks for doing a great job.

Graduate students who attended the MCAAAE at the Field Museum—missing from the photo: Lily Malekfar.
Lindsey Komes and Paige Drauden outside the MCAAEE meeting at the Field Museum.