I am excited to share my experiences from the 68th Eric P. Newman Graduate Summer Seminar at the American Numismatic Society (ANS) in New York, which I attended this June and July with the support of the Rob Kroes Travel Grant from NASA.

For eight weeks, I had the incredible opportunity to immerse myself in numismatics, engage in intensive lectures, conduct research, and visit key numismatic sites around New York City. The seminar brought together students from various universities worldwide, each with different interests and expertise, which often led to interesting discussions of the material.

The seminar lectures covered a broad range of topics, including Greek Archaic coinage, Roman Republican and Imperial issues, and the history of American currency. These lectures expanded my knowledge and made me more enthusiastic about the historical significance of currencies.

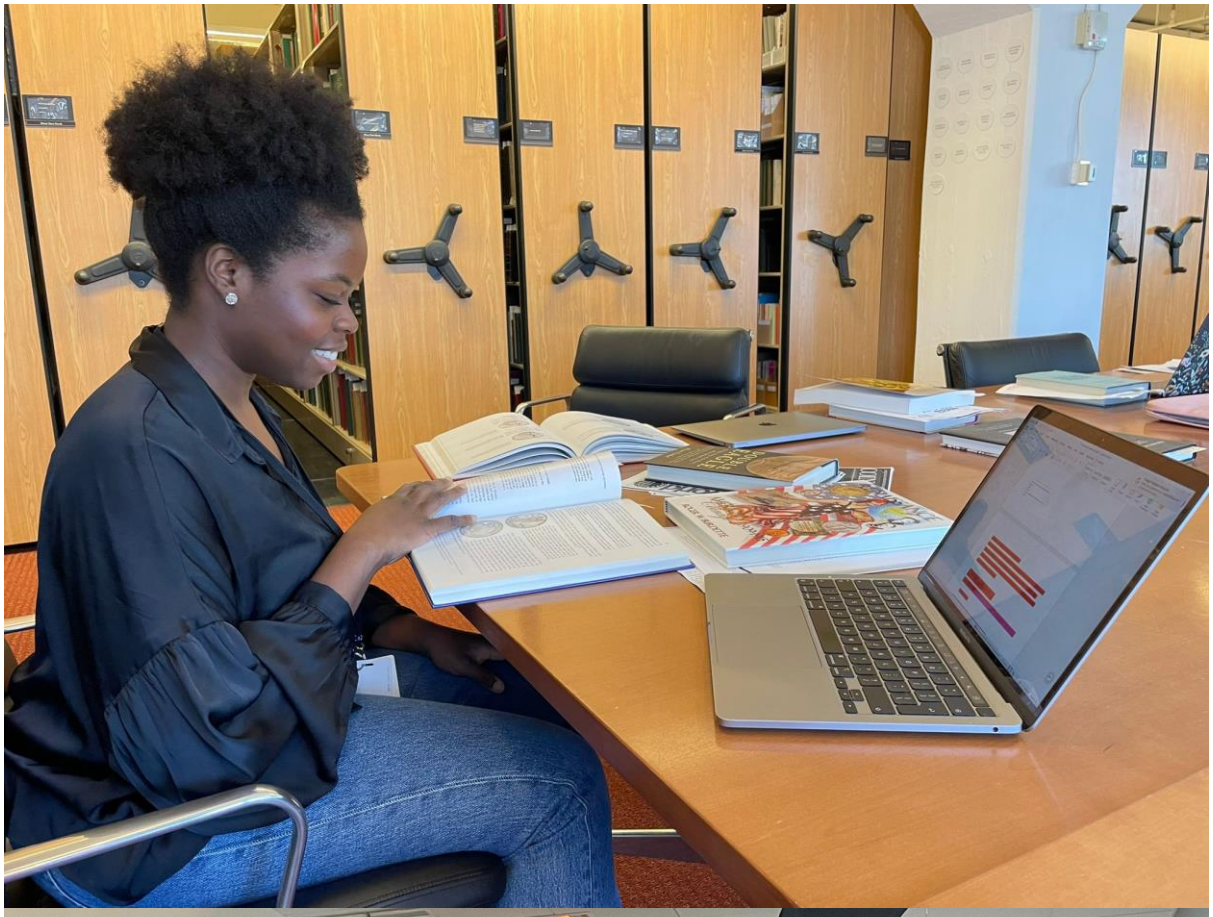
The program also included unique experiences outside the classroom. I particularly enjoyed the Numismatic Walking Tour of Lower Manhattan led by Dr. Peter van Alfen. It was fascinating to see landmarks such as the American Bank Note Company Building and walk around the financial district, learning more about the area's rich history, including its origins as the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam. I also had the chance to attend a meeting of the New York Numismatic Club, which was a great opportunity to engage with numismatists and enthusiasts from different backgrounds.

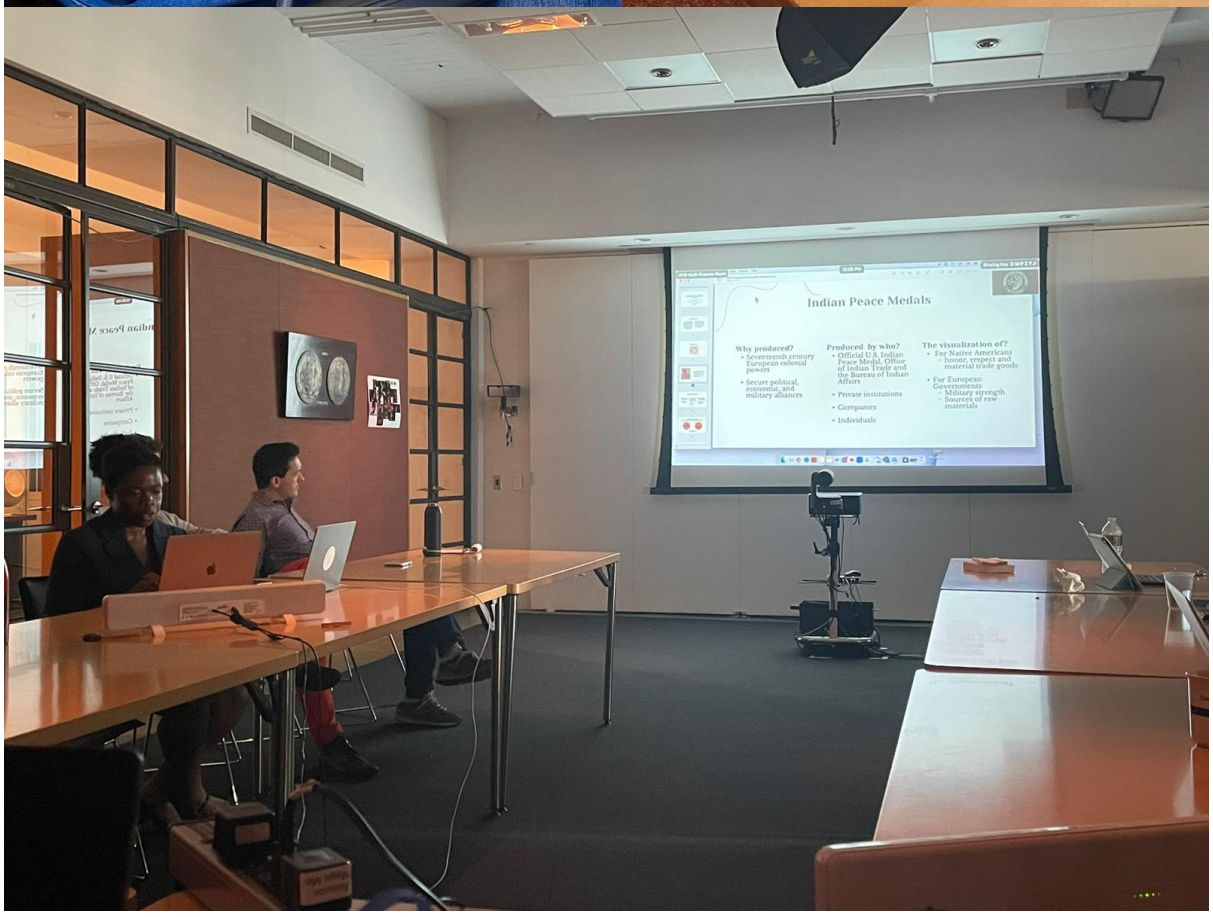
The highlight of the seminar for me was the unique privilege of exploring the American part of ANS's extensive collection, which includes over 800,000 objects dating from the 7th century BCE to today. Initially, my thesis focused on American banknotes and coins, but during my time at ANS, I also developed a fascination for American commemorative coins and medals. These objects can provide a deeper understanding of the United States Federal government and its history with Native Americans.

This experience helped me grow both academically and personally. I am very grateful to the Rob Kroes Travel Grant from NASA for making this possible. I look forward to sharing my findings and insights once I have finished my thesis.




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