



ABIGAIL SELDIN, C'09, G'09, AND MENTOR ROBERT PREUCEL, PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND GREGORY ANNENBERG WEINGARTEN CURATOR OF NORTH AMERICA AT THE PENN MUSEUM, IN NATIVE AMERICAN STORAGE WITHIN THE MAINWARING WING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

# HISTORY STARTS HERE

As a freshman arriving at Penn, Abigail Seldin, C'09, G'09, brought not only her boxes but her fascination with anthropology and her budding interest in research. Both led her to the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (CURF), one of Penn's five innovative learning hubs that unite students from all schools and disciplines in communities of shared passion and purpose. At CURF, the opportunity to pursue original research is what binds undergraduates – and challenges them to reach new heights.

Providing Abigail with faculty guides and mentors, a community of similarly dedicated student researchers, and targeted research funding, CURF opened doors she could barely have imagined – including the opportunity to co-curate a groundbreaking Native American exhibit based on her research. Four years later, what began as a passion has become a life pursuit, and today, as Abigail applies to the world's most prestigious graduate fellowships, CURF is guiding her every step of the way.

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