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Southern Historical Association announces H. L. Mitchell Award Winner

Athens, GA: The Southern Historical Association is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2020 H. L. Mitchell Award is Jessica Wilkerson, Associate Professor and Stuart & Joyce Robbins Chair of History at West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV, for *To Live Here, You Have to Fight: How Women Led Appalachian Movements for Social Justice* (University of Illinois Press, 2019).

First awarded in 1992, the Mitchell Award is awarded in even-numbered years (for a book published during the preceding two years) in recognition of a distinguished book devoted to the history of the southern working class.

In making its decision, the committee noted that “one of the great strengths of *To Live Here, You Have to Fight* is Wilkerson’s ability to move effortlessly between the everyday lives of her subjects and the social, political, and economic issues of the day. Historians of feminism, the war on poverty, Appalachia, civil rights, and environmental justice will find fresh insights in what one committee member described as an ‘utterly original’ work of scholarship.”

About the SHA: The Southern Historical Association was organized on November 2, 1934 and charged with promoting an "investigative rather than a memorial approach" to southern history. Its objectives are the promotion of interest and research in southern history, the collection and preservation of the South's historical records, and the encouragement of state and local historical societies in the South. As a secondary purpose the Association fosters the teaching and study of all areas of history in the South. The Association holds an annual meeting, usually in the first or second week of November, and publishes *The Journal of Southern History*.

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